



# Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter



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## This Week

It's been another busy week! On Monday we enjoyed a lively celebration of European Day of Languages. Thank you to Miss Adams for organising. It was brilliant to see pupils celebrating different languages and cultures with enthusiasm and curiosity.

On Wednesday some members of Year 6 took part in the cross-country race at Stockland. All our runners gave superb effort and each finished in the top thirty out of 65 competitors. A special shout-out to Leo for an outstanding performance, finishing 3rd. Thank you to Miss Moxon and Mr Marriott for making this possible.

Film Night was a great success with over 40 children attending and thoroughly enjoying the film. Thank you to everyone who came along and to the PTFA for providing refreshments. Extra thanks to Mrs Russell and Miss Langley for leading the event.

PTFA have begun their preparations for the year ahead – on Thursday we held a meeting to plan upcoming events. The PTFA is currently a very small group and they do so much for our children and school life; without more support their work is at risk. If you can spare any time at all to help – whether attending meetings, supporting an event, or offering practical help – please email the office or speak to Mrs Hulbert. Even small contributions make a big difference.

On Thursday, after school, we ran our first OPAL stay-and-play session. It was lovely to see so many children showing their grown-ups their favourite play spaces and exploring the new equipment together. These sessions are a wonderful way to build home-school connections and demonstrate the imaginative, cooperative play our pupils enjoy.

Friday's Star Assembly was led by Falcons and was full of energy and collaboration. Well done to Falcons for a brilliant assembly – the teamwork on show was lovely to see and the children shared their learning with confidence and pride.

Next Friday we hold our Harvest Festival at the Minster Church. Please join us at 9am to walk down to church. We are collecting food donations for the Foodbank. It is also Hello Yellow day - raising awareness of World Mental Health Day. Please feel free to wear yellow accessories for the day.



## Next Week ...

**Breakfast Club and After School Stay and Play club run daily - MUST BE PREBOOKED AND PAID FOR BEFORE THE DAY**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

Eagles Swimming

Supporting your child's big emotions - 2.30pm  
(See Mrs Elsworth / email office to book)

**Thursday**

Guitar lessons

**Friday**

Harvest Festival 9am - please join us at the front of school to walk to church

Hello Yellow Day - please wear yellow accessories

**This Year's Whole School Attendance**

95.2%

**Winning Year Group**

Year 2 95.8%

**Attendance Matters**



**Our Core Value this half term is:**

**Kindness**

We have had such a busy and exciting time learning all about our families and the people and pets who live with us. The children have enjoyed talking about who lives in their homes, whether they have brothers or sisters, and sharing stories about any pets they have. We have also been exploring emotions and learning to recognise and sort them into the correct sections: happy, sad and angry. It has been lovely to see the children developing their understanding of different feelings and talking about how they might feel.

**Hedgehogs and Squirrels**

We have had another wonderful week in Squirrels and Hedgehogs. We have been using all the resources to embed our learning on our numbers to 20 to and how to use our less than and more than symbols. In Computing we have been learning about all the parts of a computer and have been practising using a touch pad to move items across the screen.



Robins have had another busy and brilliant week! We have had a real focus on mark making, giving the children lots of opportunities to develop their handwriting and letter formation. There are activities available throughout the classroom to support this, alongside our daily fine motor challenges and handwriting lessons. Robins also took part in their first sponsored obstacle course in the sunshine! The children listened carefully and paid great attention as they worked their way around the course. We are so proud of how well they are continuing to settle, learn and grow in confidence each week.

**Foxes, Otters and Badgers**

Year 3/4 have made a fantastic start to our new Science topic, Living Things and Their Habitats! We began by exploring how animals can be classified into groups. The children investigated mammals, fish, amphibians, birds and reptiles, looking closely at their different characteristics. We also explored insects and discovered that, unlike the five groups above, insects are invertebrates because they do not have a backbone. The children enjoyed sorting and classifying animals using their features and are already developing some fantastic scientific vocabulary!

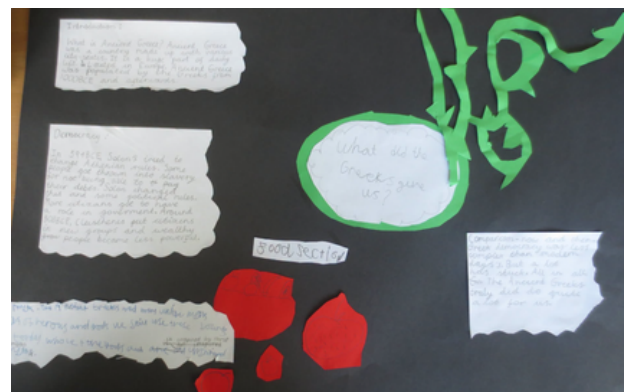


We're looking forward to learning more about habitats, classification, food chains and how living things depend on their environments.

**Falcons, Hawks and Eagles**

What have the Ancient Greeks ever done for us? Our Year 5/6 pupils have been finding out exactly that this week! Working in small groups, they researched an aspect of Ancient Greek life and explored the ways in which their ideas, inventions and influence can still be seen in our lives today. Each group then had to turn their learning into either a Google Slides presentation or a poster before taking the brave step of presenting their work to the rest of the class.

We were incredibly impressed by the knowledge, creativity teamwork and bravery. This was our first History Showcase, and Year 5/6 absolutely rose to the challenge. We loved seeing everyone develop their confidence while showing just how much they have already learnt about the Ancient Greeks. Well done, Year 5/6 – what a fantastic first showcase!





# The Year Ahead

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## 2026/27 PLANNER

### SEPTEMBER

**Monday 7th:** Children return to school  
**Wednesday 16th** - Coffee with the Head - hall 9am  
**Thursday 17th** - SEND Coffee Morning - hall 9am  
**Monday 14th** - Recycling week  
**Tuesday 15th** - Flu vaccinations / Phonics workshop in the hall 3pm  
**Wednesday 16th** - SEND PLP meetings (hall)  
**Monday 21st** - Carnival Day  
**Wednesday 23rd** - Maths workshop in the hall 3pm  
**Friday 25th** - Eagles Class Assembly 3pm  
**Friday 25th** - Sponsored obstacle course  
**Monday 28th** - European Day of Languages  
**Wednesday 30th** - Film night :3.30 - 5.30pm

### OCTOBER

**Thursday 1st** - National Poetry Day / - Stay and Play Family OPAL session 3.15 - 4pm  
**Friday 2nd** - Falcons Class Assembly  
**Friday 9th** - Harvest Festival / Hello Yellow day - wear yellow accessories with uniform  
**Tuesday 13th / Thursday 15th** - Parents Evening 4-6pm  
**Wednesday 14th** - PTFA AGM  
**Monday - Friday 19th - 23rd** - Bikeability  
**Wednesday 21st** - Disco  
**Thursday 22nd** - Non school uniform day  
**Friday 23rd** - INSET school closed  
**Monday 26th Friday 30th** - Half Term

### NOVEMBER

**Monday 2nd** - Children return to school  
**Friday 6th** - Otters Class Assembly 3pm  
**Monday 9th** - Opal Award and Stay and Play Family OPAL session 3.15pm  
**Wednesday 11th** - Armistice Service  
**Thursday 12th** - Individual Photos  
**Friday 20th** - Children in Need non uniform day - wear spots  
**Monday 16th** - Odd socks day - wear odd socks to school today (Anti-bullying week launch)  
**Friday 20th** - Hawks Class Assembly 3pm  
**Thursday 26th** - Thanksgiving  
**Friday 27th** - Non-School Uniform Day and Decorate for Christmas 3.30pm (bring children to join in the fun!)

### DECEMBER

**Monday 30th** - Christmas Fayre 3.30-4.30pm  
**Tuesday 1st/ Wednesday 2nd / Thursday 3rd** - Christmas Craft  
**Friday 4th** - Badgers Class Assembly  
**Tuesday 8th** - Little Acorns Nativity 3pm  
**Thursday 10th** - Reception Nativity 3pm  
**Monday 14th** - Christmas DT Day  
**Tuesday 15th** - KS1 Christmas Show 2.30pm and 5pm  
**Wednesday 16th** - Christmas Lunch and KS2 Carols Around the Tree 3pm  
**Thursday 17th** - Christmas Discos  
**Friday 18th** - Christmas Service 9.30am / Christmas parties  
**Monday 21st - Friday 1st Jan** - Christmas Holidays

### JANUARY

**Monday 4th** - INSET day  
**Tuesday 5th** - Children return to school  
**Tuesday 12th** - SEND PLP meetings (hall)  
**Friday 15th** - Foxes Class Assembly 3pm  
**Monday 18th** - World Religion Day  
**Tuesday 19th** - Acceleration plan meetings (hall) - invited parents only  
**Wednesday 20th** - Film Night - 3.30 - 5.30pm  
**Friday 22nd** - M and M Pantomime  
**Thursday 28th** - KS2 Spring Concert 2.50pm

### FEBRUARY

**Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th** - Parents Evening 4-6pm  
**Friday 5th** - NSPCC Number Day  
**Tuesday 9th** - Safer Internet Day / Pancake races  
**Wednesday 10th** - Disco  
**Friday 12th** - Non-Uniform Day  
**Monday 15th - Friday 19th** - Half Term  
**Monday 22nd** - Children return to school

### MARCH

**Thursday 4th** - World Book Day  
**Friday 5th** - Robins class assembly 3pm  
**Monday 1st / Tuesday 2nd** - Mothers Day Crafts  
**Monday 8th - 12th** - Science Week  
**Wednesday 10th** - Eid  
**Thursday 11th** - Stay and Play Family OPAL session 3.15 - 4pm  
**Friday 19th** - Red Nose Day / Spring Family Bingo 3.30 - 6pm  
**Monday 22nd** - Sponsored Run  
**Wednesday 24th** - Y3/4 Show 2pm and 5pm  
**Thursday 25th** - Easter Service 9.30am / Easter Egg hunt / Easter bonnet parade 3.15pm

### APRIL

**Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April** - Easter Holidays  
**Monday 12th April** - Children return to school  
**Friday 16th** - Squirrels Class Assembly  
**Tuesday 20th** - SEND PLP meetings (hall)  
**Thursday 22nd** - Earth Day  
**Tuesday 27th** - Acceleration plan meetings (hall) - invited parents only  
**Friday 30th** - May Day Fete - parents from 2pm

### MAY

**Monday 3rd May** - Bank Holiday - school closed  
**Tuesday 4th May** - Inter House Sport Festival  
**Monday 11th - Thursday 14th** - Y6 SATS  
**Monday 17th - Friday 21st** - Walk to School Week  
**Wednesday 19th** - Numeracy Day  
**Monday 24th** - Non School uniform day  
**Wednesday 26th** - Disco  
**Thursday 27th** - Class Photos  
**Friday 28th** - Sports Day

### JUNE

**Monday 31st May - 5th June** - Half Term  
**Monday 7th** - INSET day  
**Tuesday 8th** - Children return to school / School Disco  
**Friday 11th** - International Day of Play - Stay and Play Family OPAL session 3.15 - 4pm  
**Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th** - Fathers' Day Craft  
**Monday 21st** - World Refugee Day  
**Tuesday 22nd** - Y5 STEM day at Axe Valley  
**Friday 25th** - Y6 Fiver Challenge / Summer Fete 3 - 4.15pm

### JULY

**Wednesday 30th** - Axe Valley Transition Day Y6  
**Friday 2nd July** - Axminster's Got Talent  
**Monday 5th** - Art Day and Art Exhibition  
**Wednesday 14th** - Transition Day and Meet the Teacher 3.30pm  
**Thursday 15th** - Y5/6 Show 2pm and 5pm  
**Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st** - Y6 Residential  
**Thursday 22nd** - Whole school Awards Service  
**Friday 23rd** - Y6 Leavers Service (hall) 9am

We will endeavour to keep all dates as scheduled, but please note there may be changes if necessary, i.e. if events rely upon good weather. We will alert you to this as early as possible if any alterations are required.

## Safeguarding Information



Mrs Hulbert  
DSL



Mrs Elsworth  
Deputy DSL

Our safeguarding and child protection information, including our policy, can be found [here](#) on our website.

# School Noticeboard

## Stay and Play After School Club

We are now booking spaces for After School Stay & Play via the Clubs section of your ParentPay account for children in Reception - Year 6, or by speaking to Nursery staff for Little Acorns. Places MUST be booked and paid for online. If you are not registered for these clubs please email the office to arrange this.

These are limited and are offered on a first come, first served basis.

## School Lunches

Please make sure you have booked your child's lunches via ParentPay by Thursday evening each week, even if your child is in KS1. Meal choices cannot be guaranteed if they are not booked in advance

## Lost Property

Please have a look at the lost property in the boxes at the front of school. We would love to reunite people with their things. Please could you check that your children's things are labelled with a permanent marker or label so that we can return things easily.

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