



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

It has been another busy and joyful week at school, full of opportunities to learn, celebrate and work together. On Tuesday, we had a wonderful time playing tag rugby with St Mary's. The pupils from both schools showed great sportsmanship throughout, encouraging one another and playing with enthusiasm and respect. We are very proud of the way they represented their schools.

It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers to parents' evening. These conversations are a valuable chance to celebrate your children's amazing achievements and talk together about how we can help them continue to grow. Thank you for making the time to come in and for working in partnership with us to enable your child to thrive.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to meet our potential new Reception starters for September. There is always a special excitement at the beginning of a child's main school journey, and we look forward to getting to know our new families as they prepare for this next step.

Our eco journey continues to gather momentum. On Friday, Neil visited to talk to us about our new eco-friendly stationery. Clare and Little Green Change are also continuing to support the school with our clothing rails and the new dead hedge. These projects are helping us make thoughtful choices about sustainability while increasing biodiversity across our school site. Thank you to everyone helping us make a positive difference.

This week we also held our PTFA AGM. The PTFA makes a huge difference to our school and to the opportunities we can offer our pupils. We said a very fond farewell to Mrs Beviss, who has steered the PTFA to great success over the last few years, raising thousands of pounds for the school. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Beviss and the whole of Team Beviss for all the time, energy and care you have given. We will miss you!

Next week, the PTFA disco is taking place. Please make sure that payment and completed forms are returned by Monday morning. A reminder that Friday is an INSET day, so the last day of this half-term will be Thursday 22 October. We hope you all enjoy a restful break together.

Next Week ...

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

Bikeability -all week

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Eagles Swimming

Disco Nursery 2-3

KS1 3.30 - 4.30

KS2 4.45 - 5.45

Thursday

Guitar lessons

Non Uniform Day

Friday

No School

This Year's Whole School Attendance

95.3%

Winning Year Group

Year 5 97.7%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Kindness

This week, our Little Acorns have been using a variety of creative resources to make people, whether it's themselves or someone special they know. It's been wonderful to see their imaginations shine through and all the different ideas they've come up with! We've also been exploring who lives in our homes, using stones and wooden people to represent the number of people in each family. The children have loved choosing and counting their little figures to represent their own families. Our counting train has been a big hit this week! The children have been busy matching the correct number of blocks to each carriage, developing their counting skills in a fun and hands-on way.



In Robins this week, we have been focusing on developing our fine motor skills, strengthening our little writers' hands and getting them ready for the exciting start of Drawing Club after half term! We have also had lots of dinosaur adventures for our many dinosaur lovers! The children have been using their imaginations to create stories with their classmates, developing their communication and language skills, sharing ideas and learning from one another. Of course, we managed to squeeze in some maths for good measure too! It has been a wonderful week of learning through play, with lots of creativity, teamwork and happy little learners!

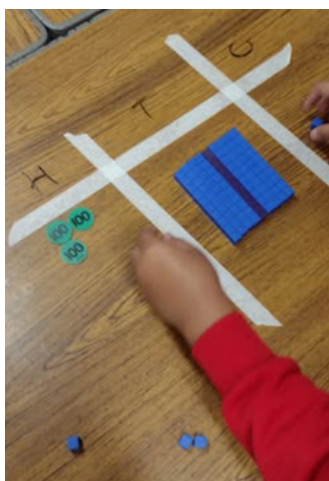
Foxes, Otters and Badgers

Badgers, Foxes and Otters have been busy learning about subtraction with exchanges! Using manipulatives helped us see how exchanging works, strengthening our understanding of place value and building confidence with column subtraction. We even got to write our calculations on the tables—it was great fun! This supports our Year 3 and 4 curriculum, developing subtraction skills with numbers up to three digits in Year 3 and four digits in Year 4.



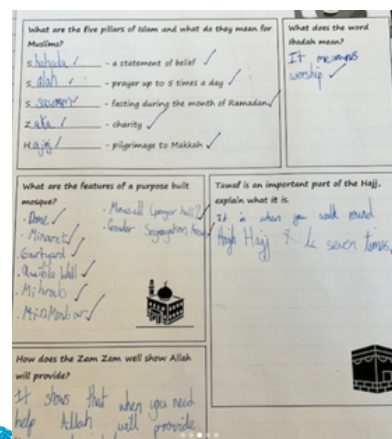
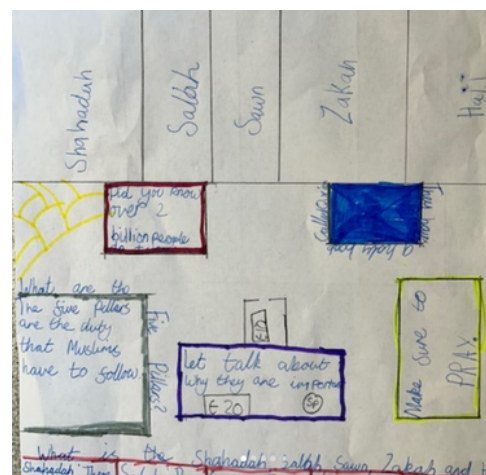
Hedgehogs and Squirrels

In Hedgehogs and Squirrels we have been working hard on our number bond and adding skills. Year 2 also got the chance to plant bulbs with Little Green Change this week so standby for the spring to see our gardening come to life.



Falcons, Hawks and Eagles

Years 5 and 6 have completed their unit on 'What is it like to be a Muslim in Britain?' The children have studied the Five Pillars of Islam and how they are incorporated in daily life. Watching videos and reading articles have given the children an insight into the meanings behind the Islam beliefs and how they contribute to the community. Look at their wonderful work in their books.





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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