



Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

This week we were delighted to welcome Deedee Redford and her friends, who performed a classical trio for us. The music was dynamic and uplifting, and it was a real treat for pupils and staff to enjoy a live performance together. We wish Deedee every success at her concert next week.

Our cross-country teams have also been busy this week, taking part in an event at Clyton on Tuesday and returning to Stockland on Wednesday. We are proud of the enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship our pupils showed at both events. They were wonderful ambassadors for the school.

On Wednesday, we welcomed the Year 3 /4 teachers from Gatehouse to work with us on a maths project. It was a valuable opportunity for pupils and staff to learn alongside one another, share good practice and celebrate the fantastic learning taking place. It's always lovely to hear how impressed visitors are with our children and their learning.

We held our PTFA disco on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many children enjoying an end of term celebration. Thank you for everyone's understanding about the need to have deadlines for these events to give us the time to put the lists of children together for teaching staff. This ensures that we have a clear understanding of where children are expected to be. All information is going out via Arbor - if you know of someone who is not getting school information, this will be due to them not accessing Arbor. Please do direct them to the school office who will be happy to assist. Huge thanks to our PTFA team for making these opportunities possible for our children. Please do ensure that you are communicating with them in a positive manner - our PTFA are all volunteers and it is important that communication is positive and constructive.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our sponsored obstacle race. We raised £1000! Well done to our top fundraisers - Evelyn T, Charlie K, Blake and Octavia and to Badgers for being the top class! We hope you enjoy your thank you gifts!

Year 6 parents and carers need to have applied for their child's secondary school place by 31st October. Failure to meet this deadline may result in your child not getting a place in your preferred school.

There is no school on Friday 23 October. Teaching staff will be working together on professional learning to support the continued development of teaching and learning across the school.

Thank you to our pupils, families and staff for making this such a positive half-term. We wish everyone a very happy and restful break, and look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 2 November.

Week after Half Term...

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

Thursday

Guitar lessons

Friday

Otters Class Assembly
2.50pm

Otters parents are invited to join us in the hall

This Year's Whole School Attendance

95.3%

Winning Year Group

Year 5 96.6%

Attendance Matters



Our Core Value this half term is:

Kindness

The children have been having a wonderful time exploring lots of fun activities this week! The children have been busy making their very own Halloween chocolate apples, having lots of fun drizzling and sprinkling milk and white chocolate, before adding lots of spooky Halloween sprinkles! Outdoors, the children have been using their wonderful imaginations to create their own autumn potions, exploring natural materials and enjoying lots of creative, imaginative play! We have also been developing our counting skills by using beads to count out the correct number to match our Numicon pieces.



Robins have been getting into the Halloween spirit with lots of spooky fun and fantastic learning through play! Outside, we have been busy mixing magical potions and serving up their creations at a rather spooky tea party! We have also been autumn nature spies, exploring all the wonderful colours, textures and treasures that this time of year has to offer. Back in the classroom, we have been rescuing spiders using giant tweezers, strengthening our little fingers to aid our writing and creating spooky stories with our friends, using our imaginations and sharing some fantastic ideas.



Hedgehogs and Squirrels

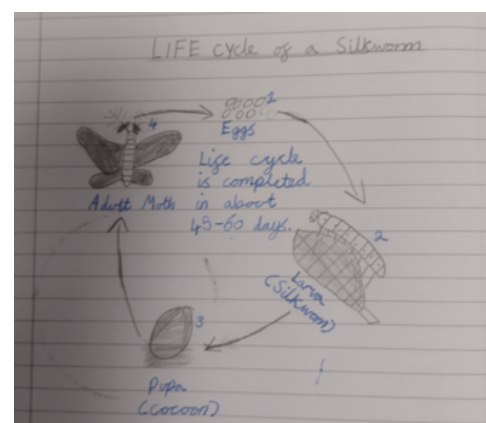
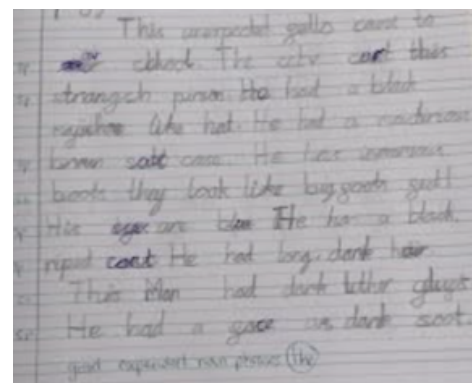
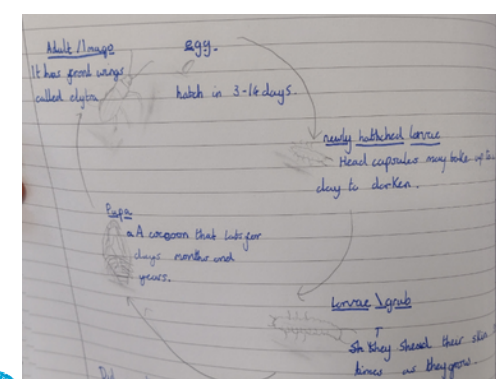
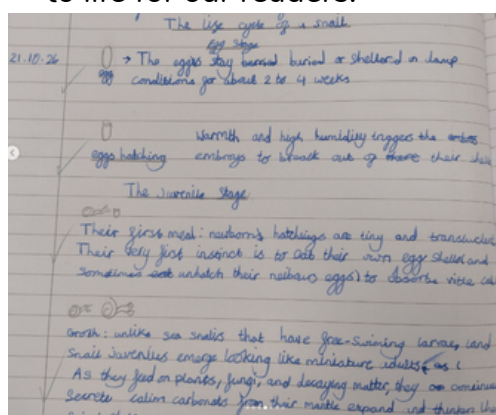
In Science, we have labelled parts of the human body and then written our final piece about a chosen animal.

In Drawing Club, we have written about a mystery visitor that CCTV caught in our school over the weekend. Some of us think it may have been a wizard or a cat, others think that it was a person.



Foxes, Otters and Badgers

Our writing in Y3/4 began with an exciting hook: CCTV footage showed a mysterious person walking around the school, leaving various items in the library! The children became detectives, examining the clues and gathering ideas for their character descriptions. This gave us a brilliant reason to choose precise adjectives and descriptive details to bring the mysterious visitor to life for our readers.



Falcons, Hawks and Eagles

The children in Eagles, Falcons and Hawks have really enjoyed learning all about living things and how to classify them. This week, they have looked at life cycles and explored the world of metamorphosis. Mrs Russell even showed them a fab new song about vertebrates and invertebrates which will be in our heads all over half term!



The Year Ahead

Axminster Community Primary Academy

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 Arbor 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.

Events

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School Lunches

Please make sure you have booked your child's lunches via Arbor in advance even if your child is in KS1 or entitled to a free school meal.

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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