# Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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## This Week

It has been a busy and memorable week at school, with opportunities to reflect, celebrate and recognise the progress our pupils are making. Year 6 marked Armistice Day with a thoughtful visit to Minster Church. It was a special opportunity for the children to remember those who have served and sacrificed. Mille read beautifully during the service, and we were very proud of her contribution. Thursday was photograph day—a familiar and much-loved moment in the school calendar. Looking at the children together reminds us just how much they have grown and changed over the past year. We look forward to seeing the finished photographs. On Friday, we celebrated Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and helped make the day such a success. The children looked wonderful in their spotty clothes, and we are grateful for your generosity and support.

Our curriculum maps are now available on the school website. They offer a useful overview of what pupils will be learning across the year and the knowledge and skills they will be developing. We are delighted with the progress Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are making in phonics. It has been lovely to see their growing fluency and confidence, alongside their improving recognition of sounds. Thank you for supporting learning at home by practising the sounds sent home. A few minutes of regular practice can make a real difference and help pupils feel confident when reading.

Next week we are celebrating Anti-bullying week. This year, Anti-Bullying Week has the theme 'Break the Silence'. The campaign encourages everyone to speak up about bullying, support one another and create a culture where every child feels safe, valued and included. At home, we encourage families to talk openly with children about bullying, discuss the importance of kindness and remind them that they should always speak to a trusted adult if they are worried or experiencing bullying. We invite all children to come to school wearing their brightest and most colourful odd socks on Monday 16th November to celebrate our differences and show that it is okay to be unique! Together, we can help break the silence and make a difference.

We are in need of spare clothes and pants for age 2-5. If you have any that you could donate, please bring to nursery or the office. Thank you!

## Next Week ...

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

**Monday**
**Odd socks day (wear odd socks to school)** - Anti-bullying week
Rocksteady

**Tuesday**
Year 1/ 2 Axminster Walk

**Wednesday**
Eagles Swimming

**PTFA Glow in the Dark Dodgeball** - book online with Sporty Stars

**Thursday**

Guitar lessons

**Friday**

**Hawks Class assembly** - Hawks parents are invited to come to the hall at 2.45 to watch.

**This Year's Whole School Attendance**
95.1%

**Winning Year Group**
Year 1 98.53%

Attendance Matters
Every Day Counts....

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

**Kindness**

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# Our Learning this Week...

## Little Acorns

To celebrate Nursery Rhyme Week, the children have been busy colouring in their nursery rhyme sheets and we have been incorporating nursery rhymes into our continuous provision. We have a fantastic Humpty Dumpty tuff tray, which the children have absolutely loved! They have been singing along to the familiar rhyme and sequencing what happens next in the story.





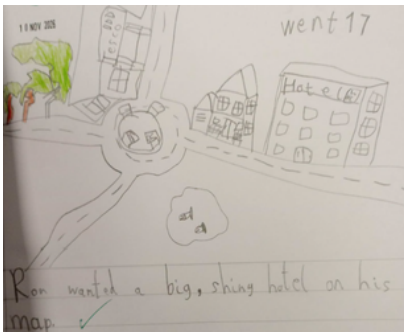
We are in need of more spare clothes - if your child has brought any home / you have any spare, please could you bring to nursery? Thank you

## Robins

Inspired by We're Going on a Bear Hunt, our little explorers have been busy building bridges to cross the river, experimenting with different construction materials, testing their designs and comparing and measuring to make sure Bear could get across safely! We've also been busy sequencing story cards, putting the events in the correct order, and retelling the story with our friends using dolls and props. The children have loved bringing the adventure to life! We made our very own bear hunt maps, developing our cutting and sticking skills along the way, and created some wonderful bear footprint pictures using stamps and lots of different coloured inks.

## Hedgehogs and Squirrels

Squirrels and Hedgehogs have had another wonderful week! We have been writing stories about a map maker and learning all about physical and human features on maps. In Maths we have started to learn about different shapes. Of course, every spare moment is spent rehearsing for our nativity. Please check book bags so you know who your child is in the show. Next week we hope to go on a walk around Axminster but we do need a few more volunteers for this to go ahead. If you can help, please let a member of the Year 1/2 team know.

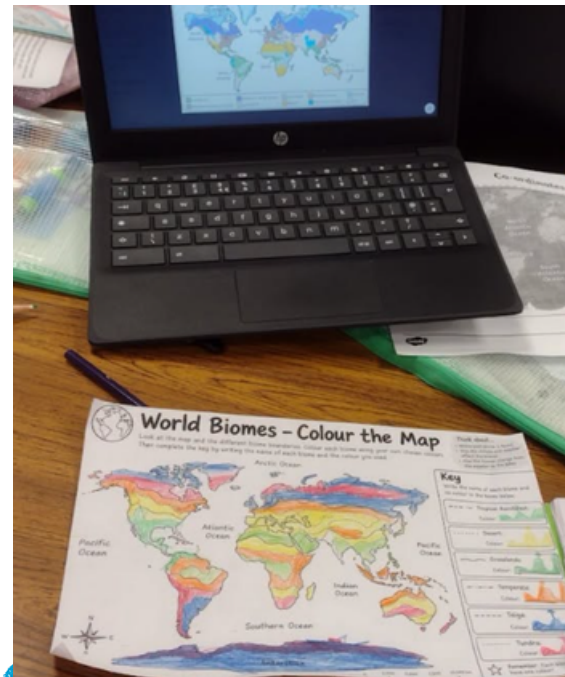



## Foxes, Otters and Badgers

Foxes, Badgers and Otters have really enjoed reading Seal Surfer and using it as inspiration for their own short stories. It's been lovely to see how each class has taken ideas from the same book and made them their own!

## Falcons, Hawks and Eagles

We've been developing our map skills by exploring lines of longitude and latitude, discovering how they help us locate places across the globe and understand how location influences the climate of different regions. We've also been investigating the Earth's tectonic plates, learning how their movement shapes our planet's surface and creates different landforms, such as mountains and volcanoes. We've been exploring how these physical features can influence the climate, habitats and characteristics of the surrounding biomes. Armed with maps, atlases and globes, the children have been busy identifying the world's different biomes and investigating what makes each one unique. From hot, humid tropical rainforests to freezing tundras, we've enjoyed some fantastic discussions about the climates, plants, animals and landscapes found in these fascinating environments.



# 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
**Wednesday 11th** - Armistice Service
**Thursday 12th** - Individual Photos
**Friday 13th** - 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.



## Events

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# 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.

## 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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SCHOOL GAMES SILVER 2025/26

Opal Platinum Award 2026 - 2028

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