Axminster Community Primary Academy Newsletter

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This Week

This week we were proud to mark Anti-Bullying Week through this year's important theme, "Break the Silence." We launched the week with our popular Odd Socks Day, where children and staff arrived wearing a fantastic assortment of colourful, mismatched socks. The day served as a powerful reminder that our differences should be celebrated and that everyone has something unique to offer. Throughout the week, children explored the importance of speaking up when something doesn't feel right, showing kindness to others, and ensuring that everyone feels safe, valued and included. Mrs Elsworth led a thoughtful and engaging assembly encouraging children to recognise and celebrate their individual uniqueness. The children reflected on how our unique features make our community stronger and how showing respect and understanding towards others helps us create a positive and welcoming school environment. It was wonderful to hear children discussing ways they can support one another and help ensure nobody feels left out.

Wednesday evening brought plenty of excitement as pupils took part in our Glow in the Dark Dodgeball event. The hall was transformed into a glowing arena and it was fantastic to see so many children joining in with enthusiasm, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship.

Our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils also enjoyed putting their learning into practice with a walk into Axminster. As part of their geography learning, the children explored features of our local town and made real-life connections to their classroom studies.

We are also delighted to have launched our new Year 6 Axminster Spirit Award. This encourages our oldest pupils to put our core values into action and make a positive difference within our community. Children are challenged to demonstrate active citizenship, participate in both a sporting and non-sporting hobby, and take meaningful action to support and improve the environment. Through the award, we hope our Year 6 pupils will develop valuable life skills, strengthen their sense of responsibility and recognise the positive impact they can have on others. To support children , Mrs Hulbert will be running regular Axminster Spirit drop-in sessions, providing guidance, encouragement and practical support. We are excited to see the projects, ideas and achievements that emerge as our Year 6 pupils embrace this opportunity to embody our school values and become positive role models within our community and look forward to sharing these with you at our end of year Awards evening.

Next Friday is our eagerly-anticpated 'Decorate for Christmas' evening - please come to the hall at 3.30 and join us to put up the decorations around school. Christmas jumpers are an optional-extra but very much encouraged!

Next Week ...

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

Monday
Rocksteady

Tuesday

Wednesday
Eagles Swimming

Thursday
Guitar lessons

Friday
Decorate for Christmas - come and join us at 3.30pm to decorate the school. Parents and children warmly welcomed - Christmas jumpers optional!

This Year's Whole School Attendance
94.8%

Winning Year Group
Year 2 95.6%

Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts....

Our Core Value this half term is:

Kindness

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Our Learning this Week...

Little Acorns

We have been focusing on the much-loved story of The Three Little Pigs. The children have really enjoyed retelling the story to us adults and getting creative by building their very own houses using straw, sticks and bricks! In maths, we have been exploring patterns using natural resources such as pinecones and leaves, alongside a variety of colourful objects. The children have been enjoying creating, spotting and continuing their own patterns.





Robins

Our Bear Rescue Centre was a hive of activity as the children worked together to solve the mystery of the missing bear! There were lots of questions being asked, clues being shared and locations being described as our little detectives tried to track him down. The phones were red hot! Meanwhile, business was booming at the Grizzly Grocery Store! Customers placed their orders using number cards, while our busy shopkeepers carefully counted the correct number of items into their shopping baskets. The customers then had the important job of checking their shopping to make sure everything added up! Lots of fantastic counting, number recognition and communication along the way!

Hedgehogs and Squirrels

This week in Hedgehogs and Squirrels we have explored how to use the paint app on the computer. In dough gym, we had the challenge of making Pudsey Bear for Children in Need. In Maths we have been exploring 2D shapes and learning about how to classify them using the amount of sides and vertex to help them. On Monday, we all either wore or made odd socks to celebrate the start of anti-bullying week and learnt about the theme this year 'BREAK THE SILENCE'. We enjoyed explored Axminster and looked at all the things we could include on a map of the town. It was a bit rainy at times but we saw lots of human and physical features. Thank you to our helpers!



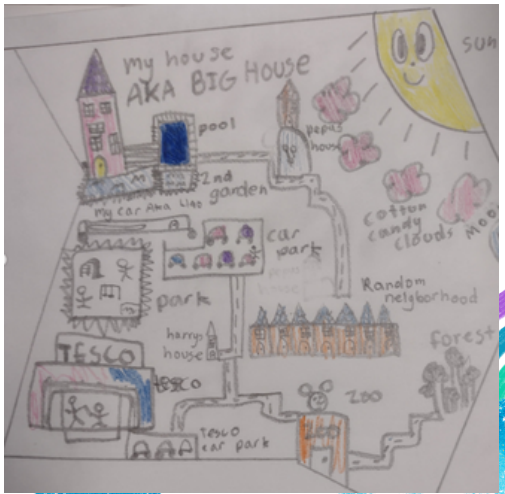


Foxes, Otters and Badgers

Our Extreme Earth geography topic has come to an end, and Badgers, Foxes and Otters have had great fun exploring our amazing planet! We've located the Northern and Southern Hemispheres and the Equator, explored different biomes and investigated tectonic plates. Using biscuits to model how plates move helped us understand how earthquakes happen and volcanoes form! 🍪
To bring our learning together, we created maps of our school grounds, applying our geographical knowledge and mapping skills as part of our Axminster 6 curriculum. 🗺️
Well done to all three classes for their curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the topic!

Falcons, Hawks and Eagles

In Art lessons, the children in Years 5 and 6 have been studying typography and maps. Their task was to create their own 'City of Life'. They had to include boundaries and certain spaces for the different aspects of their life, including emotions. Looking at the range of the cities, the artists have totally 'summed up' their own lives. How brilliant are they?



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
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.



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.

Events

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SCHOOL GAMES SILVER 2025/26

Opal Platinum Award 2026 - 2028

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