



## Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday I sent a detailed letter to parents/carers regarding staffing changes for the next academic year and arrangements in place to ensure that the children have a smooth transition to their new classes, ready for September. While this is an exciting time for many children, we know that it can be an anxious time for others. Please be assured that we will provide additional support wherever needed. A copy of this letter can be accessed via the school website by clicking on the 'Parents' tab and selecting 'Information for Parents.'

This week you should also have received a copy of your child's curriculum overview for this term. Again, a copy can be accessed via the school website, selecting 'Children'/Class Pages.

We wish lots of luck to all the children performing in the West Wilts KS1 Dance Festival at Bath Forum next week. Thank you to Mrs Brooks and Miss Stephens for all their hard work organising and rehearsing the children for this event.

Finally, please note that our SENCO, Mrs Lilley, has recently been advised at short notice that she requires medical treatment. As a result, she will be absent until the start of September. We send her our very best wishes for a speedy recovery. In Mrs Lilley's absence, Mr George and I will be managing our SEND provision and ensuring that children's needs are met.

I wish you and your families an enjoyable weekend.

*Low Rhodes*  
Headteacher

## Menu change – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to change the menu for the above date.

The meal for both Main and Vegetarian options will be:

***Cheese and Tomato Pizza with wedges and peas, with fruit and yogurt for pudding***

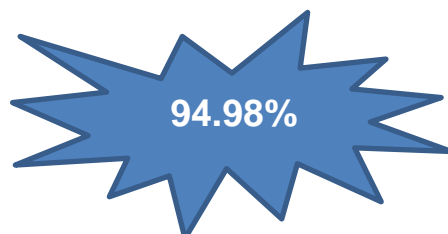
If your child was already booked in for a cooked meal, they will automatically receive this alternative meal instead. If you would like to cancel your child's meal for Tuesday and receive a credit, please contact the School Office by email to [admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk)

## Paxcroft 'Top Table' to celebrate respect and positive behaviour at lunchtime ...

Congratulations to **Elliot R, Daisy McM, Isla H and Jack E** who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.

## Attendance ...

This week's whole school attendance ...



## Celebrating Achievements

Congratulations to Kayden who attended his football presentation at the weekend and was awarded Trowbridge Wanderers U11 'Manager's Player of the year'. Well done, Kayden!



Well done to Ethan who received St Andrews U9 Imperials 'Most Improved Player' at the end of season football presentation. Congratulations, Ethan!



Congratulations to Joshua who won 'Supporters Player of the Year for St Andrews Under 9's, at the end of year awards. Fantastic, Joshua!



If your child has achieved something special outside school, we would love to celebrate their achievements.

Please send details FAO Mrs Aland to [admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk) and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post.

## Youth Parliament news...

Date for your diary: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Heroes and Villains Fun Run/Donations of soft animal toys needed please!



## Teacher Development Days for the next academic year

Friday 1st September  
Monday 4th September  
Thursday 4th January 2024  
Friday 5th January 2024  
Monday 10th June 2024

## Our learning this week...

### Wren & Robin

We have had a lot of fun this week! We have been learning all about lions and creating our own fact files about them. We have learnt to sing 'Daddy's taking us to the zoo tomorrow' in music. We have been up on the field taking part in some egg and spoon races to get ready for sports day. We have also started to learn the Pat-a-Cake Polka, which is a country dance. We are going to be performing this at the Summer Fayre in July. There has been a lot of independent writing going on this week which is wonderful to see! In Maths we have been working on counting to 20 and in our topic sessions we have learnt about animal habitats.

## Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

In Year 1/2 this week we have been focusing on writing story openers and looking at these in relation to our two class texts; James and the Giant Peach and Dogger. In Computing, we have been exploring Tally Charts and Pictograms and have learned how to interpret data and create our own Pictograms. During R.E. Day, we have been learning about Islam and we wrote questions for some incredible Year 3/4 children, who very kindly shared their experiences following the Muslim faith.



## Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

What a warm and wonderful week! This week we have started to get our teeth into our new English learning about poems. We have started familiarising ourselves with different poetry techniques and analysed T.S Eliot's Macavity: The Mystery Cat. In Maths, we have been completing assessments and learning about measurement. We also had our R.E day on Wednesday and developed our understanding of different religions, as well as learned all about the different places that people go to worship. We had thought-provoking discussions and really saw great levels of respect throughout the day. We have also been especially proud of children within the phase who have shared their experiences and beliefs!

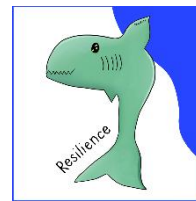
## Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

It has been a busy (and hot!) week in Year 5/6 this week. We have begun our topic based around Ancient Greece, where we have been looking at how the size of Greece has changed between then and now. We have learnt about important dates from this period of history and have been able to plot these on a timeline. In writing, we have been continuing to look at Greek Myths and learn about their tone and structure. We enjoyed reading the story about Perseus and Medusa and have been able to retell the story in our own words. Year 5, have been busy completing end of year assessments this week and have worked hard on these (especially in this heat). We have been continuing to rehearse for our production of Aladdin and we are starting to see some great acting on stage. We will be holding a bake sale next Wednesday to support raising money for the production. Please bring in a cake (or 2!), if you can, to support.

## Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Wren		Caleb W – Independence Louis W – Independence
Robin		Heidi C – Resilience Luna L – Independence
Woodpecker	Eadie K-T – Kindness	Kaia B – Resilience
Kingfisher	Hope C – Respect	Ace H – Positivity
Nightingale	Grace M – Positivity	William F – Independence
Skylark	Riley – Respect	Joseph – Resilience
Housemartin	Ted M – Kindness & Respect	Serine M – Positivity
Swift	Ethan S – Respect	Abtulah O – Positivity
Osprey	Klaudia P – Respect	Sara R – Independence
Falcon		Finley C – Resilience Aaron J – Resilience



*Kestrel*

Toby F – Resilience  
Nikola W – Independence

## *Paxcroft Citizen Cups*



**Samuel W – All Values**

**Dexter M – Kindness**



## *Diary dates for Summer Term 2023*

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reception Starting Sept 2023 Transition – Group 1 (1.30 – 3pm)
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Dance Festival
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Cake Sale (3.15pm from the School Hall)
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Reception Starting Sept 2023 Transition – Group 2 (1.30 – 3pm)
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Heroes and Villains Fun Run
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reception Starting Sept 2023 Transition – Group 2 (1.30 – 3pm)
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 5 Taster Day at Clarendon
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reception Starting Sept 2023 Transition – Group 1 (1.30 – 3pm)
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y6 Junior Good Citizen trip (No swimming today)
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Non School Uniform (Sweet Donation)
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 transition day to secondary schools (JoG & Clarendon)
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Move Up Day – more information to follow
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 5 Taster Day at John Of Gaunt
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 transition day to secondary schools (St Augustine's)
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports Day
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reserve Sports Day (in case of bad weather)
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Move Up Day 2
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS1 Trip to Bristol Aquarium – more information to follow
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Production Afternoon Performance (1.45pm)
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Production Evening Performance (6pm)

<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Production Evening Performance (6pm)
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Y6 Cricket Tournament
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Non School Uniform (Bottle Donation)
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Paxcroft Summer Fayre (11am – 2pm)
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Leavers Assembly (9.15am)
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Leavers Party (5.30 – 7.30pm)
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School Summer Holidays Begin

## *Letters & Communications issued this week*

<b>Item</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>For</b>
Covid Vaccine	Whole School	Information
Cake Sale	Whole School	Information
Ice Creams and Cake Sale	Whole School	Information
SEN Provision	Selected	Information
Curriculum Letter Term 6	Reception Classes	Information
Y3/4 Curriculum Letter	Y3/4	Information
Y5/6 Curriculum Letter	Y5/6	Information
Y1/2 Curriculum Letter	Y1/2	Information
Coffee Morning at St Laurence	Y5/6	Information
Forest School at JOG	Selected	Information
REMINDER – Class and Leavers Photos	Whole School	Information
Staffing update for September 2023	Whole School	Information