



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's certainly been a busy end to a short term.

With Year 6 children having completed their SATs last week, children this week in other year groups have also been working hard on assessments which teachers use to help identify gaps in knowledge or understanding and to track children's progress. Some classes have started practising for our Sports Day (Friday 20th June), and our Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Bath City Farm on Tuesday. A big thank you to all staff and parent volunteers involved for their time and hard work-such a lovely experience for the children.

This week Mr George and I met with colleagues from Equa Mead Learning Trust and the DfE. I can confirm that the academisation process is currently on track for the school to join the trust on 1st September. Our school term dates for the next academic year will continue to follow Wiltshire school term dates and please see below in this newsletter for Teacher development (TD) days for the next academic year.

A reminder that Monday 2nd June is our final TD Day of this academic year, so we look forward to welcoming the children back to school after the half term break on Tuesday 3rd June. Year 6 head off for their residential visit to Mill on the Brue Activity Centre on Wednesday 4th June.

I hope you have an enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

Mrs Lou Rhodes

Headteacher

Teacher Development Dates 2025/2026.....

Monday 1 st September	Monday 5 th January
Tuesday 2 nd September	Monday 23 rd February
Monday 3 rd November	Monday 15 th June



Outside Achievements...

We are proud of all the children at Paxcroft, and want to celebrate their successes inside and outside the classroom. We mark their successes at school in a range of ways, including certificates to celebrate children who are demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen and Learning Values, the 'Book of Brilliance' for excellent individual pieces of work, our Citizen Value cups, house points and class rewards that are earned collectively over the term and rewarded with a class treat. If your child has achieved something special outside school, we would love to celebrate those achievements too. Please send details FAO Mrs Aland to admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post.

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



Congratulations to Poppy O, Teddy C, Evelyn McC and Kareem B who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.



Times Tables Rockstars Leader board...

Apologies for the disruption to the leaderboard over the past couple of weeks, unfortunately maintenance to the TTRS website meant that we were unable to provide accurate information. However, we now welcome Year 1 to the leaderboard! A reminder that Year 1 and 2 will be placed on the leaderboard, with the most correct answers in their Garage mode rather than studio speed. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be placed on the board based on their studio speed recorded within the past 7 days. We will also be celebrating children in assembly, for the top three and most minutes played in each year group.

We recommend that all children play TTRS in Garage mode for at least 3 minutes a day and then free play as much as they like in Studio or any of the other modes. This enables the algorithm to register which times tables that the children need to practice.

Congratulations to everyone who has made it into the top three on the leaderboard this week 😊
Miss Beaven

	Y6	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Y1	Teacher	Class
	Kiera R	Gabriel W-N	Terrell S	Dexter H	Thea H	Toluwalase O-A	Miss Smith	Housemartin
	Holly C	Kareem B	Oliver K	Arabella J	Rory S	Benjamin M	Mrs Sager	Swift
	Lawrence F		William F	Frankie J	Maja K	Archie C	Miss Granger	Skylark

Our Learning this week...

Owls

What an eventful week we have had! We gave Miss Stephens a big good-bye at the end of last week as she left on maternity leave. The children are now eagerly awaiting any baby news. We wish her and her family the very best. On Tuesday we went on our annual class trip to Bath City Farm. Whilst we were there, we helped feed the animals. Pigs, goats, chickens, ducks and alpacas. We played in the mud kitchen, went bug hunting and much more besides. We were so proud of the children and their behaviour. Our thanks go to our parent helpers – we couldn't have done it without you. Our literacy and maths work continues around our topic of 'Down on the Farm', with more exploration of stories and rhymes and we are working hard at strengthening our number bonds to 5 in maths. We hope you all have a wonderful half term.



Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

The children have had a very busy and productive week, completing their in-class assessments alongside their learning. In English, the children explored the inspiring life of astronaut Mae Jemison and wrote biographies about her based on their research. In Science, the children learnt about microhabitats and what features make them suitable homes for minibeasts. Each class ventured outdoors to design and build ideal microhabitats for minibeasts, using natural materials to make them as inviting as possible. Next term, the children will return to these microhabitats to observe any changes

and collect data by recording the minibeasts they discover living there. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break!

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

A short but very busy term in Year 3/4. In maths, we have completed our unit on time. All children are doing very well on TT Rockstars and really trying to turn their heat maps green and the Year 4s have been practising for their times tables check which will be during the second week of June. Please could they continue to use TT Rockstars at home to help them with the check. In English, the children have been free writing – working as a class to support each other with ideas for stories and descriptive writing and then adding their own ideas to create a piece of independent writing. In PE we have practised for our Sports Day races and all the children did a fantastic job of supporting each other. We hope you all stay safe and have a lovely break.

Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This week in Year 5/6, Year 5 have been completing their end of year assessments. We would like to praise them for working hard and trying their best. In English, we have been completing biographies about famous space explorers and astronomers including, Mae Jemison and Tim Peake. Additionally, Year 6 have been writing a guide on how to be an astronaut. In Maths, we have been recapping ratio and practising our reasoning skills using learning by questions. We have been continuing our Science topic of Space, by looking at how and why day and night occur. We would like to thank the children for all their hard work this term and wish them a happy half term!

Celebrations...



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Owls		Hugo E – All Values Elise Belle SW – All Values
Woodpecker	Rory S – Kindness Esme T – Kindness	
Kingfisher	Sadie TG – Kindness & Respect	Miles A – Positivity & Independence
Nightingale		Logan D – Resilience Jayden-Daniel L – Resilience
Swift	Oliver K – All Values	Ireoluwa OA – Positivity
Housemartin	Sofia V – All Values	Terrell S – Positivity
Skylark	Joan UA – Kindness	Dexter H – Positivity
Osprey	Edward K – Kindness	Harry D – Resilience
Falcon		Henry W – Positivity Lilly M – Independence & Resilience
Kestrel	Arthur C – All Values	Kiera R – Positivity





Paxcroft Citizen Cups



George H – All Values

Rosa N – All Values

Diary dates from January 2025

Monday 2nd June	Teacher Development Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 3rd June	First Day of Term 6
Wednesday 4th June – Friday 6th June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Mill on the Brue
Monday 9th June	Year 3/4 Ancient Egyptians Workshop
Tuesday 10th June	Reception 2025 Parent meeting, 9am and 6pm
Thursday 12th June	Year 6 Junior Good Citizen trip
Thursday 12th June	Year 5 swimming – more information to follow
Friday 13th June	Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate Donation (Summer Fayre)
Monday 16th June	Reception 2025 1 st transition session, 9.30 – 11am
Wednesday 18th June	PSA Meeting, 6pm
Thursday 19th June	Y6 swimming begins – more information to follow
Friday 20th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 24th June	Reception 2025 2 nd transition session, 1.30 – 3pm
Wednesday 25th June	Y5 Taster Day to John of Gaunt – more information to follow
Friday 27th June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 27th June	Non-Uniform Day for Bottle Donation (Summer Fayre)
Tuesday 1st July	Move up day – more information to follow

Tuesday 1st July	Y6 Transition Day to Clarendon and John of Gaunt
Tuesday 1st July	Reception 2025 3 rd transition session, 9.15 – 10.45am
Wednesday 2nd July	Y5 Taster Day to Clarendon – more information to follow
Saturday 5th July	PSA Summer Fayre, 11am – 3pm
Monday 7th July	Girls Football Festival at John of Gaunt School
Wednesday 9th July	PSA Meeting, 6pm
Tuesday 15th July	Year 5/6 End of Year Production, 6pm - more information to follow
Wednesday 16th July	Year 5/6 End of Year Production, 1.45pm
Thursday 17th July	Year 5/6 End of Year Production, 6pm
Thursday 17th July	Y6 swimming – last session
Friday 18th July	KS1 Trip to Steam Museum
Monday 21st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly, 9am - 10am
Tuesday 22nd July	Y6 Leavers BBQ, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

SUN SAFETY

We know children love spending time outdoors, whether in the garden, park or beach, however, their skin is more delicate than an adults and can easily be damaged by the sun, even when it doesn't seem strong.

- Use a sunscreen with a minimum SPF 30 and at least a stars for UVA protection.
- Wear sunglasses, ideally with wrap around lenses or wide arms, which carry CE and British Standard marks.
- Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or sweating.
- No sunscreen offers 100% protection so cover up with loose close weave clothing (such as cotton) and a wide brimmed hat to protect the neck, ears and face.
- Seek shade between 11am - 3pm when the sun is at its strongest. Always keep babies and toddlers in the shade if you can.
- Generously apply sunscreen to the whole body 15 to 20 minutes before going out.

By following these simple tips your child will be able to play safe and enjoy the sun. Remember parents, set your child a good example by also following this advice, and the whole family can have a happy sun safe summer.

For more information about the British Skin Foundation see www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk
@BSFcharity

Wiltshire Wildlife

May Half Term

Incredible Insects Family Event

Enjoy a morning of insect themed activities and challenges with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's Incredible Insects Family Event in May Half Term! Our enthusiastic learning team will lead a range of activities, suitable for all ages. Get up close to the micro world and prepare to be amazed!

When and Where
Green Lane Wood, Trowbridge - Thursday 29th May
The session will take place at the Harbour Garden, which is next to the main footpath running alongside the woods. It is best to park by Castle Mead School if you don't live locally, and follow the footpath by the park past the large ponds. It is about a 10 minute walk.

What3Words: ideal sandbags,barstool

Time: 10am - 12pm
Cost: Child: £5 (under 2s free); Adults: Free

Booking essential - visit: wiltshirewildlife.org/events

MIGHTY GIRLS

Self Defence half day workshop

WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY
TROWBRIDGE
1.30PM - 4.30PM. AGE 11-18
COST £25

Mighty Girls & Helen from Systema bring you:

- Practical self-defence techniques
- A focus on movement, breath work, relaxation, and posture
- Enhance self-awareness & resilience
- Help equip you to handle various situations effectively

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