



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your generous donations for our Summer Fayre. We hope you will support this event on Saturday 5th July, 11am-3pm, to help us raise funds to support and enrich the children's learning and experiences at school. Thank you to the PSA for all their hard work organising this event. If you are able to spare an hour to help, we always need volunteers! Please contact the school office.

This week we welcomed children who will be joining our Reception class in September, together with their parents/carers. Starting school is such an important milestone for children and their families. We look forward to supporting our new Owls class and watching them flourish as they journey through Paxcroft.

On Monday our Year 3/4 children transformed into mummies and pharaohs (thank you for supporting with the wonderful dressing up costumes!). The children thoroughly enjoyed their Ancient Egyptians workshop led by Lauren from Portals to the Past. This included learning all about mummification and what the Ancient Egyptians used canopic jars for!

I have sent you a letter this week with information about your child's end of year progress and attainment report and details of the transition process as your child moves to their new class.

A reminder that Sports Day is next Friday (20th June), weather permitting. Details of this have been shared with you.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Lou Rhodes
Headteacher

Summer Fayre...

The excitement is building here at Paxcroft for our Summer Fayre which is taking place on **Saturday 5th July**. There is lots of organisation going on behind the scenes to ensure the event is enjoyable for everyone.

We would like to remind Year 5/6 children that there is still time to sign up to help on a stall. Please sign up here: [Year 5/6 Fayre sign-up](#)

If there are any parents or carers that can offer an hour of their time on the day itself to help run a stall, we would be really grateful; please just pop into the school office or send an email for more information.



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 Anastasia O, Raheem B, Boril D and Esmee J who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.



Our Learning this week...

Owls

This week in Owls we have been exploring the book 'Splash, Anna Hibiscus'. We have met our main character Anna and have looked at her and her family playing on the beach. We have written what we think they might be saying in the scene and we have described what they are all doing. Our independent writing has been a focus this week with the children writing descriptions of sea creatures. We have been flexing our creative skills to create octopus, crabs and sea turtles which now decorate our classroom. Maths work on number bonds continues as we turn our attention to numbers 11-20. Owls have wowed us with their amazing running and teamwork as we prepare for sports day.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

Year 1/2 have had a jam-packed week! In English, the children have been developing their skills in instructional writing. Using the story of *Mini Rabbit* as inspiration, they explored the characters upcoming adventure and thoughtfully considered the potential dangers he might face. This led to meaningful discussions about risk management and the distinction between confidence and recklessness. The children then applied their learning by composing a clear and informative set of instructions on how to cross the road safely. In Maths, the focus has remained on fractions. The children learnt to recognise and find a quarter of shapes and quantities. In Geography, the children have been learning about the countries and capital cities within the United Kingdom and plotting them on a map.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

What a brilliant week we have had in Year 3/4. Our Ancient Egyptian workshop delighted the children. They discovered how to play Tutankhamun's favourite game, decode hieroglyphs and measure in fingers, palms and cubits. During the afternoon session, alongside hearing stories about the Pharaohs, the children discovered how to mummify a body and how to extract the organs. The Year 4s have taken their official times table check and we are very proud of all their hard work. Please continue to practise using TTRockstars to keep the knowledge embedded and be able to recall the facts at speed. We have started looking at our new class book "What's it like to be a Bird?" and the children have already learnt some interesting facts and started to imagine how it feels to fly.



Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This week in Year 5/6, we have been exploring the text *Macbeth* by looking into the major themes. We were intrigued by the Witches prophecies and how they seemed to come true. We have re-enacted some key scenes and created a comic strip. In Maths, we have been consolidating some key aspects of arithmetic and measure, while Year 6 have started designing a maths project on a music festival. Year 6 enjoyed their trip to Junior Good Citizen, where they learnt about crimes prevalent in society and how to keep themselves safe. We have been practising songs for our upcoming production: *Who's your Mummy?* (based on ancient Egyptians), and children have now completed their auditions. They will be informed of their part on Monday.

Times Tables Rockstars Leader board...

Term 6 is already off to a flying start with many children coming to show me their TTRS achievements - go everyone! A reminder that Year 1 and 2 will be placed on the leaderboard through 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, 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 😊

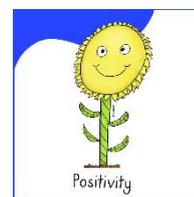
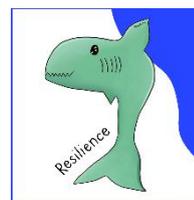
A huge shout out to Terrell in Year 4 who has made it to the top of the school leaderboard with an incredible studio speed of 0.72 seconds!

	Y6	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Y1	Teachers	Class
	Shai A	Gabriel WN	Terrell S	Dexter H	George D	Toluwalase OA	Miss Smith	Swift
	Kiera R	Jake C	George G	Arabella J	Olaf R	Benjamin M	Mrs Sager	Skylark
	Holly C	Kareem B	Oliver K	Kason Mc	Thea H	Albi D	Miss Granger	Housemartin

Celebrations...



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Owls	Rauri S – All Values	Leo S – All Values
Woodpecker		Archie C – Resilience Logan T – Positivity
Kingfisher		Daniel R – Positivity Ciara R – Positivity
Nightingale	The Whole Class – All Values	
Swift	Hector S – Kindness & Respect	William F – Resilience & Positivity Hollie Mc – Positivity & Resilience
Housemartin	Laylen B – Honesty & Respect	Hunter D – All values



<i>Skylark</i>	Seren A – Kindness	Agamjot S – Positivity
<i>Osprey</i>	Evie S – All Values	Seth I – All Values
<i>Falcon</i>	Billy N – All Values	Gabriel W – Positivity
<i>Kestrel</i>		Malachy R – Positivity Eli C – Positivity



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Matilda BH – All Values

Iga T – All Values

Diary dates from January 2025

Monday 16th June	Reception 2025 1 st transition session, 9.30 – 11am including Uniform Sale on the playground
Tuesday 17th June	Year 5/6 Girls Football
Wednesday 18th June	PSA Meeting, 6pm
Thursday 19th June	Y6 swimming begins
Friday 20th June	Sports Day
Monday 23rd June	KS1 Outdoor Learning Day
Monday 23rd June	Year 4/5 Bath Rugby Partnership
Tuesday 24th June	Year 5/6 Active Trowbridge Girls Football
Tuesday 24th June	Reception 2025 2 nd transition session, 1.30 – 3pm including Uniform Sale on the playground
Wednesday 25th June	Y5 Taster Day to John of Gaunt
Friday 27th June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 27th June	Non-Uniform Day for Bottle Donation (Summer Fayre)

Monday 30th June	Year 3/4 Outdoor Learning Day
Tuesday 1st July	Move up day – more information to follow
Tuesday 1st July	Y6 Transition Day to Clarendon, John of Gaunt and St Augustine's
Tuesday 1st July	Reception 2025 3 rd transition session, 9.15 – 10.45am
Wednesday 2nd July	Y5 Taster Day to Clarendon
Thursday 3rd July	Y6 Induction Day – St Laurence School
Thursday 3rd July	Move up transition morning – more information follow
Saturday 5th July	PSA Summer Fayre, 11am – 3pm
Monday 7th July	Girls Football Festival at John of Gaunt School
Monday 7th July	Year 4/5 Bath Rugby partnership
Tuesday 8th July	Multi Sports Day 1
Wednesday 9th July	Multi Sports Day 2
Wednesday 9th July	PSA Meeting, 6pm
Thursday 10th July	Y6 Induction Day – St Laurence School
Thursday 10th July	Year 4/5 Maths Workshop – John of Gaunt
Friday 11th July	End of Year Reports
Monday 14th July	Year 4/5 Bath Rugby Partnership
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

Friday 18th July	Year 5/6 Outdoor Learning Day
Monday 21st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly, 9am - 10am
Monday 21st July	Year 4/5 bath Rugby Partnership
Tuesday 22nd July	Y6 Leavers BBQ, 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 24th July	Last day of Term 6

Letters & Communications issued this week

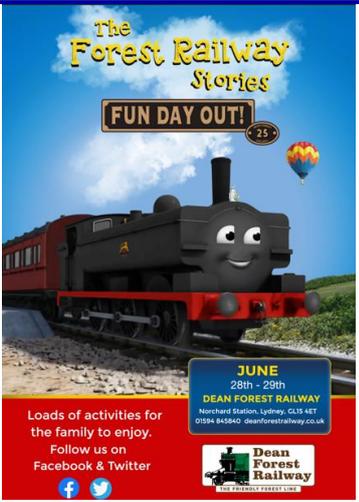
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Junior Good Citizen	Year 6	Action
Steam Museum	Year 1 & 2	Action
Swimming Lesson Reminder: Y5	Year 5	Information & Action
Swimming Lesson Reminder: Y6	Year 6	Information & Action
Sports Coaching & Mentoring Opportunity	Selected Pupils	Information & Action
Braeside Deposit Reminder	Year 4	Information & Action
Information regarding Reports, Staffing & Transition	Whole School	Information
Reminder: Non-Uniform Day	Whole School	Information
Steam Museum Trip – July 2025	Year 1 & 2	Information & Action



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