



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our first full week at school! I've been really happy to see lots of children coming to see me to go into the Book of Brilliance this week for some excellent learning, with lots of children in Years 5 and 6 coming to show me beautiful poetry that they had written. It's been lovely to see everyone getting stuck into their learning with real enthusiasm so close to the start of the year.

Thank you to those parents who have attended our Meet the Teacher sessions this week, I hope that you found them informative. A reminder to book in for our phonics workshops with Miss Beaven next week. As a parent with a child starting phonics, I would really recommend coming along so that you can feel secure in helping your child with their early reading at home.

We have recently started a Paxcroft Primary School Facebook page as a way of sharing some of the things that we are getting up to in school with the parent and wider community. I'd appreciate parents that use social media following along and helping us get the Paxcroft name out there.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I will see you in school next week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alex George
Acting Headteacher

October Dinner Menus.....



Dinner menus for October will go live on Scopay on Monday 15th September at lunchtime. The deadline for submitting menus and payment (where applicable) is 3.30pm on Friday 19th September.

Paper copies of the menus and allergen charts can be found on the website, in the foyer and will be sent out via ParentMail.

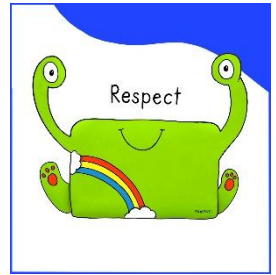
Outside Achievements...

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...



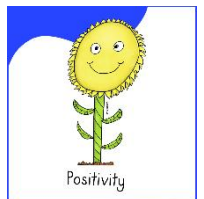
Unfortunately, we were unable to complete 'Top Table' this week so last week's winners will roll over to this week. Congratulations again to Olivia H, Iyla-Grace B and Hector L-B who were all recognised for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.



Celebrations...



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Woodpecker		Rory P – Independence Toluwalase O-A – Independence
Kingfisher		Jaycee C – Resilience Danny Mc – Resilience
Nightingale	Joel A – Respect Albie D – Respect	
Swift	Raheem B – All Values	Lincoln C – All Values
Housemartin	Eadie K-T – All Values	Orlaith W – Positivity
Skylark	Olaf R – Respect	Laylen B – All Values
Osprey	Nashe N – Kindness	Riley R – Independence and Positivity
Falcon	Jenson H – All Values	Mia W – All Values
Kestrel	George G – All Values	Theo B – All Values



Paxcroft Citizen Cups

Leila SG – All values
Letitia RK – All values



Our Learning this week...

Owls

Owls are settling in to our school life brilliantly this week. We have been talking about how we can be a good friend, what it looks like to be 'Sounds-Write ready' and we have continued to explore lots of things through play. The children are all staying for lunchtimes and have enjoyed playing in the playground with their friends. We are looking forward to what next week will bring as we start to learn some letters and sounds.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

In Maths, we have been learning to count forwards and backwards on a number track and identifying the correct number of objects. In English this week, we have been looking at the effect littering has on wildlife and making a persuasive poster asking people to stop littering. In Geography, by pretending to take a train ride on the underground, the children had the exciting task of finding clues to spell out our new topic, London.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

We've had a brilliant first full week in Year 3/4, and the children have truly impressed us with their resilience, positivity, and eagerness to learn. In English, we continued exploring *The Comet* and enjoyed reading the children's autobiographies, which gave us a wonderful insight into their lives. In Maths, our focus has been on place value, making sure we can confidently read, write, and understand the value of digits in 2, 3, and 4-digit numbers. In Topic, we've begun learning about inspiring *Trailblazers*—ask your child if they can tell you about some of the figures we've discussed! To support learning at home, please encourage your child to keep practising on Times Table Rockstars and to read regularly, as both make a huge difference to their progress. We are so proud of how the children have started the year and look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This week in English, we have focused on our new book 'Varmints', looking at informational posters and the power of poetry. We have also looked at the three main types of sentences we use in our writing; simple, compound and complex. In Maths, we have been looking at Place Value into the millions, and how to write this as numerals and words. In Topic, we have learnt the key British Values and next week we will be looking at the difference between equality and equity.

Diary dates

Monday 15th September	PSA Meeting – 6pm
Thursday 18th September	Sounds Write Parent Workshop – 9am and 5.30pm
Thursday 18th September	Y5/6 Young Voices Auditions – 3.15pm
Thursday 18th September	Y5 Swimming starts
Monday 22nd September	Pastoral Coffee Morning
Thursday 25th September	Reception 2026 Open Day – 9.30-11am
Thursday 9th October	Y4 Braeside Parents Meeting – 3.30pm
Friday 10th October	Hello Yellow Mental Health Day – Information to follow
Saturday 11th October	Reception 2026 Open Day – 10am-12pm

Wednesday 15 th October	PSA Meeting – 6pm
Thursday 16 th October	PSA Disco – Information to follow
Wednesday 22 nd October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 3 rd November	TD Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 th November	First day of Term 2
Tuesday 4 th November	NSPCC Workshops
Tuesday 4 th November	Parents Evening – Information to follow
Thursday 6 th November	Parent Evening – Information to follow
Thursday 6 th November	Y5 Last Swimming Lesson

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Forest School	Selected Children	Information & Action
Football Club	Selected Children	Information
Swimming Lessons	Y5	Information & Action
Club collection arrangements	Selected Children	Information
Club Payment	Selected Children	Information & Action
Permission to walk home	Y5/6	Information & Action
Tiger Martial Arts	Whole School	Information
Flu Immunisation	Whole School	Information & Action
Dance Club space available	Y4/5/6	Information & Action
Invitation to PSA Meeting	Whole School	Information
St Laurence Open Evening flyer	Y5/6	Information
Sounds-Write Workshop	YR/1/2	Information & Action



Paxcroft Primary School
Coffee and Chat Morning
Monday 22nd September
8:45am – 10am
In the School Hall

Calling all our NEW parents please come along to find out how we support your child

Pastoral Support Team

(Mrs Lilley, Mrs Williams, Mrs Gunning, Ms Weeks, and Mrs Shore)

Everyone welcome for an informal chat and refreshments.

This will be an opportunity to meet the team as well as other parents.

We will have information available about a range of support services for children and families for you to look at.

Toys for little ones provided!



Wiltshire Council

Family and Community Learning

Online Course

Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry

Ideal for parents and carers of primary school-aged children

Monday 22 September 10:00–12:00



- **Understand how to support emotional wellbeing at home**
- **Suggestions shared to manage anxiety together**
- **Positive and realistic help for the family**

Contact familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
Call the FaCL team on 01225 770478
Visit <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>
Scan the QR code



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Courses are free for learners aged 19+ (as of 31 August), living in Wiltshire, and meet certain residency requirements.

You must also meet one of the following:

- On a lower income, earning less than £25,750 a year
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- Have a learning difficulty or disability
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- Have school-aged children who receive means-tested free school meals



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Family and Community Learning

Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience

Ideal for parents and carers of primary school-aged children

Online Course

Monday 29 September

10:00-12:00



- Explore how the environment affects concentration
- Discover how words can help develop resilience
- Develop ways to support concentration and resilience



**Booking closes
Monday 22 September**

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Family and Community Learning

Helping My Child to Prepare Positively for Change



Online Course
Monday 6 October
10:00-12:00

Ideal for parents and carers of primary school-aged children

- Explore the reasons why children may find change difficult
- Discover ways to support your children at home in developing their ability to cope with change.
- Develop an understanding of how simple steps at home can help children prepare for change.

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Online Course Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry

Ideal for parents and carers of primary school-aged children

Thursday 9 October 10:00–12:00



Booking Closes
Thursday 2 October

- Understand how to support emotional wellbeing at home
- Suggestions shared to manage anxiety together
- Positive and realistic help for the family

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Family and Community Learning

Online Course Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry

Ideal for parents and carers of primary school-aged children

Tuesday 4 November 10:00–12:00



Booking Closes
Tuesday 28 October

- Understand how to support emotional wellbeing at home
- Suggestions shared to manage anxiety together
- Positive and realistic help for the family

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Girlguiding
6th Trowbridge Brownies

BROWNIE GUIDE

TRIAL

SESSION



CRAFTS. GAMES. ACTIVITIES
MEET SOME LEADERS AND CURRENT
BROWNIES

**ST THOMAS'
CHURCH HALL**

OCTOBER

15

5.15-6.45



Girls aged 6 to 10
Spaces available for 7 plus to join
straight away, 6 year olds can sign
up to the waiting list if they enjoy
the session

ST THOMAS' CHURCH HALL
BA14 8PT

Please find parking nearby as there
are only a few spaces in the carpark