



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope those of you who were able to drop off this morning enjoyed our Friday Funday music selection! I'll be happy to take (school appropriate!) suggestions from parents and pupils for next Friday. Sometimes a song can help give us a bit of energy, put a spring into our step and get that 'Friday feeling' in school when we're so close to the weekend! Thank you for the positive feedback from so many of you on the gate.

Thank you also to Miss Beaven for her Sounds-Write parent workshop yesterday. You may remember from last year that Miss Beaven is now also lending her expertise, through the Ramsbury English Hub, to support other schools in their implementation of phonics. We're very lucky to have a literacy specialist in our school, and I'm also very grateful to the parents who attended the session on Thursday and engaged so positively.

Finally, I wanted to mention our House Captains and Vice Captains, who have been voted by their houses to be their representatives this academic year. Really well done to all of those who took part and stood for election; I'm told that the quality of campaign speech was extremely high this year and focused on issues that really matter to our children. We have a number of roles in mind for our Captains, including House Points and helping in assembly, and I will be asking them to help out with tours for our Open Mornings, the first of which is next Thursday.

If you, or someone you know, has a child who is due to start school in September 2026, I would really recommend coming along to one of our Open Sessions over the next few months. The dates for these are Thursday 25th September at 9.30am, Saturday 11th October at 10am, and Monday 17th November at 9.30am.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Alex George
Acting Headteacher

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...



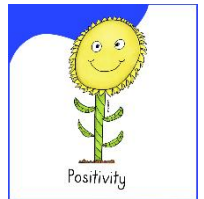
Congratulations to Archie C, Eli P and Crystal J who were all recognised for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.



Celebrations...



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Woodpecker	Lindsey H – Kindness Esmae M – Kindness	
Kingfisher	Izabella M – All Values Sienna W – All Values	
Nightingale	Logan D – Kindness	Isabella T – Resilience
Swift	Sophie B – All Values	Arabella J – All Values
Housemartin	Esme T – Respect Isabelle N – Respect	
Skylark	Jayden S – Kindness	Emily A – Independence
Osprey	Poppy W – Respect	Crystal J – Positivity
Falcon	Alfie D – All Values	Terrell S – Positivity
Kestrel	Oliver K – All Values	Isla L – Resilience



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Natalia M – All Values

Pippa F – All Values



Our Learning this week...

Owls

Owls have been exploring positional language in their maths this week through playing games and reading stories. Sounds-Write is off to a flying start as we have been learning our sounds and we have been practicing these in our play by mark making and writing. We have spent lots of time outdoors playing with dinosaurs and building dens. The play-dough table has been a big hit and we enjoyed strengthening our fine-motor skills. We have loved watching new friendships form this week.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

KS1 have been very busy this week. In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of numbers from 10 to 20 and identifying one more and one less. In English, the children explored *The Secret of the Sky Garden*. They used thought bubbles and freeze-framing to help gain Funni's perspective. In Science, the children have been learning about the classification of animals and sorting them into their respective groups.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

Another lovely week in Year 3/4 and the children are settling well into their new routines! We've been writing in role during our English lessons and creating some lovely diary entries! In Maths, we have continued focusing on place value and in our topic lessons we have researched the trailblazer Malala Yousafzai - see if the children can tell you why she is a trailblazer!

Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This has been another very busy week in Year 5/6. In Maths, we have continued to work on place value, investigating numbers to 10 million. We have practised rounding integers to the nearest 100, 1000, 10 000 and 100 000 as well as investigating which numbers could fit the given clues. In English, we have compared and contrasted the animated film and the book 'Varmints'; written in role as the main character; created precise expanded noun phrases and honed grammar skills. In other learning, we have recapped how to stay safe on-line and discussed the difference between equality and equity. We are also very much enjoying our Rugby sessions with Active Trowbridge.

Diary dates

Monday 22nd September	Pastoral Coffee Morning – 8.45-10.15am
Thursday 25th September	Reception 2026 Open Day – 9.30-11am
Thursday 9th October	Y4 Braeside Parents Meeting – 3.30pm Housemartin classroom
Friday 10th October	Hello Yellow Mental Health Day – Information to follow
Saturday 11th October	Reception 2026 Open Day – 10am-12pm
Wednesday 15th October	PSA Meeting – 6pm
Thursday 16th October	PSA Disco – Information to follow
Wednesday 22nd October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 3rd November	TD Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 4th November	First day of Term 2
Tuesday 4th November	NSPCC Workshops
Tuesday 4th November	Parents Evening – Information to follow
Thursday 6th November	Parent Evening – Information to follow
Thursday 6th November	Y5 Last Swimming Lesson
Tuesday 11th November	Individual portraits
Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th November	Year 4 residential to Braeside

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Dinner Menu	Whole School	Information and Action
Application to Secondary School	Y6	Information
Applying for a Primary School place	Whole School	Information
NSPCC's Speak out. Stay Safe.	Y3 - 6	Information and Action
Class Dojo	YR	Information and Action
Reception Baseline Assessment	YR	Information
Sounds-Write Workshop	YR - 2	Information and Action
The New Paxcroft Facebook page	Whole School	Information and Action
Y5 Swimming lessons	Y5	Information
National height and weight checks	YR & 6	Information
Digital Health Questionnaire	YR	Information and Action
Braeside Final Information	Y4	Information and 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!

Dyslexia Information Event for Parents

- Date: Tuesday, 7th October 2025
- Time: 10.30am-12pm
- Audience: Parents and carers
- Location: Atrium, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA148JN



This free information event will begin with a talk about dyslexia and support available in Wiltshire. Following this, there will be the opportunity to ask questions. To book a place, please email dfs@wiltshire.gov.uk.

NHS Social

Prescribing drop-in

Civic Centre Foyer

10:00am –12:00pm

Second Monday of every month

Do you have concerns in the following areas?
Come along and find out more about support available.



Finances & employment

Support with benefits, financial worries, debt, back to work support, education and volunteering.



Housing

Support to access the housing register.



Social isolation

Support to access social groups, peer support, hobbies and volunteering.



Mental Health

Access to community support, counselling and wellbeing support.



Carers

Support for unpaid carers.



Long-term health conditions

Accessing community supports to promote improving wellbeing and accessing peer support groups.