



## Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge well done and thank you to all of our Y6 helpers who supported us with showing people round during our Open Session on Thursday. It was a great showing for our House Captains and we had so many parents wanting tours that we had to draft in extra help as well! All of our helpers have been an absolute credit to the school. If you, or someone you know, has missed out on the open session this week but may be interested in attending others, please get in touch with our school office.

There are lots more elections going on around school - classes are voting for school councillors who will be representing them in our school council, and KS2 are voting for our newest representative from Y5 to join the Trowbridge Youth Parliament. There may be some other opportunities coming up soon for children in KS2 who want to have a leadership role in the school - watch this space!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Best wishes,

*Mr Alex George*  
*Acting Headteacher*

## Outside Achievements...



Huge congratulations to Hamish who created an artwork of a triceratops and wrote some book reviews, receiving a Blue Peter Badge for his efforts. He is very excited about it and rightly so!

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](mailto:admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk) and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post.

## Our Learning this week...

### Owls

Owls have been working so hard on their blending skills this week as we learn to read our words. They are really getting the hang of the Sounds-Write routine. In maths we have switched focus from positional language to 2D shapes. We have explored shapes in our environment and have been building shapes using different materials. In literacy, we have been exploring the book 'Aaargh Spider' by Lydia Monks. Are spiders really something to be scared of or are they useful around our homes? Owls have had lots of fun mark making around our environment in all sorts of different ways; drawing in sand, chalking, big whiteboards. We are especially proud of our Owls for their amazing conduct during our open morning on Thursday. They really showcased our lovely school in the best way.

### Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

In Maths, we have been learning to compare numbers using greater than, less than or equal to. In English this week we have learnt more about the book characters Funni and Zoo. We have looked at similarities and differences between them and completed reading the story. In Science, the children have learnt how to group animals using different criteria: omnivores, carnivores and herbivores. We have also started to use the Tipi area for some outdoor learning and the library to look through different books. We will soon be bringing borrowed library books home.

### Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

This week in Year 3/4 we have been researching about city life in English and refining big texts to find important information. In Maths, we have continued our place value and have started to round numbers to the nearest 100 and 1000. We have continued classifying animals in science and have had a close look at real invertebrates and wrote the characteristics of each one.

### Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

Another busy week in Year 5/6! The children have been looking at the class book 'The Varmints' a little more and have written some superb diary entries from the viewpoint of the Varmint character. We are coming to the end of the place value unit in maths and will be moving on to an addition and subtraction unit. The Year 5s are enjoying their swimming lessons and the pool staff commented on how well they behaved in the pool, which is lovely to hear. We are already seeing progress in the quick recall of times tables facts but any extra practise, using TT Rockstars at home would be greatly beneficial to the children.

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



Congratulations to Noah F, Frankie J and Sienna P who were all recognised for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.



### Hello Yellow...

An information letter went out today to advise we will be taking part by dressing in yellow on Friday October 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to, you can donate to support our school's fundraising by using the link below. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

<https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/sarahaland>

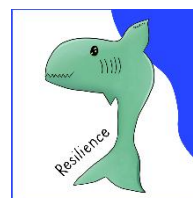
**YOUNGMINDS**

**Hello  
Yellow  
FRIDAY 10 OCT**

## Celebrations...



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Woodpecker	Anastasia O - Kindness	Dawson D - Resilience
Kingfisher		Roman A - Independence Arthur K - Independence
Nightingale		Amanatjot K - Independence Adam K - Resilience
Swift		Poppy G-T - All Values Hanna K - All Values
Housemartin		Jessica C - All Values Buddie D - All Values
Skylark		Frankie J - Positivity Rowan R - Resilience
Osprey		Felix P - Positivity Jeevan M - Positivity
Falcon	Sienna P - All Values	Darcie C - Positivity
Kestrel	Jacob K - Kindness	Kiera F - Resilience



## Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Teddy C – All Values

Hunter D – All Values



## Diary dates

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Local Governing Body Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Youth Parliament
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Y4 Braeside Parents Meeting – 3.30pm Housemartin classroom
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Hello Yellow Mental Health Day
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception 2026 Open Day – 10am-12pm

<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	PSA Meeting – 6pm
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	PSA Disco – Information to follow
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Last day of Term 1
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	TD Day – school closed to pupils
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	First day of Term 2
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	NSPCC Workshops
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parents Evening – Information to follow
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parent Evening – Information to follow
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Y5 Last Swimming Lesson
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Individual portraits
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 4 residential to Braeside
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	September 2026 Open Day 9.30am
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	TD Day – school closed to pupils
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Christmas Lights switch on and Lantern Parade – Information to follow
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 Christmas Lunch
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Christmas Lunch
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PSA Meeting – 6pm
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of Term 2
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	TD Day – school closed to pupils
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	First day of Term 3

*Letters & Communications issued this week*

<b>Item</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>For</b>
Updated Permissions	Whole School	Information and Action
PSA Association meeting dates	Whole School	Information and Action

Flu Immunisations reminder	Whole school	Information and Action
Young Voices 2026	Selected Children	Information and action
Curriculum Letters	Whole school	Information
Pick and Mix Homework	Whole school	Information
Hello Yellow information	Whole School	Information
Library Books	Reception	Information



**PAXCROFT**  
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Meeting dates for your diary  
2025/26

- Weds 15<sup>th</sup> October
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> November
- Weds 17<sup>th</sup> December
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> January
- Weds 25<sup>th</sup> February
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March
- Weds 15<sup>th</sup> April
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May
- Weds 17<sup>th</sup> June
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July

All meetings start at 6pm at Paxcroft Primary School

Every Parent, Carer and Staff member at Paxcroft Primary are welcome. Come along and find out how you can support.



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**CHRISTMAS MARKET**

SUNDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 4PM TO 7PM  
AT PAXCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL, BA114 7EB





General Stall Holders  
Booking Form



Food Stall Holders  
Booking Form



**BATH RUGBY**  
*Play the Game*

Hosted at Bradford on Avon RFC  
Ages: 8-12 boys and girls

£24 per player  
10:00-12:30  
Saturday 11 October  
Bradford-on-Avon RFC, BA15 2HR

Aimed at players of all abilities, welcoming players who are new to the game as well as nurturing skills of the more experienced players

All participants will receive a Bath Rugby NextGen t-shirt for attending the event!