



Dear Parents/Carers,

Today, our school has been a sea of sunshine as pupils and staff proudly wore yellow in support of *Hello Yellow*, raising awareness for the incredible work of the mental health charity *YoungMinds*. I'd like to give a special thank you to our School Council, who have worked with real passion and purpose to promote this important cause across the school. Their efforts have helped spark meaningful conversations about mental health and wellbeing, and we're so proud of the compassion and community spirit shown by everyone. All optional donations collected today will go directly to *YoungMinds*, helping to support young people's mental health across the UK.

I would also remind parents that we have our school disco next Thursday, and would encourage those that have yet to purchase tickets to do this through the PSA website.

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

Best wishes,

Mr Alex George

Acting Headteacher

Autumn Disco – Thursday 16th October!

Buy your tickets now!

<https://pta.events/PSA-Aut-Disco-2025>

YOUNGMINDS

**Hello
Yellow**
FRIDAY 10 OCT

You are AMAZING!

Your very kind online and cash donations have meant that we have been able to raise **over £490** for the MIND charity's Hello Yellow cause. Thank you so much for your generosity, it is very much appreciated by us and the charity.

Mrs Aland and School Council

November Dinner Menus.....



Dinner menus for November will go live on Scopay on Monday 13th October at lunchtime. The deadline for submitting menus and payment (where applicable) is 3.30pm on Friday 17th October.

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

Library Opening....

Our Library will now be open after school on a Tuesday and a Thursday until 3.45pm.

Come along and find your next exciting read!



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



Congratulations to Eliza L, Eadie K-T and Jacob K who were all recognised for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.



Our Learning this week...

Owls

This week Owls class have read the story 'Not a Box' by Antoinette Portis. We have been getting imaginative with boxes in our classroom. We have turned them in to dolls houses, dream houses, racing cars, space ships and pirate ships! All of Owls demonstrated amazing team work in their play. It was a joy to watch! In Maths we have started to explore the 5-frame as a way to subitise numbers to 5. We have also discovered how 3 things can make a triangle shape which helps us to know how many there are! Earlier in the week we went on a walk around the school grounds to find things to put in our potions. We then experimented mixing different materials and colours.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

In English, we have written a letter to Grow Wild asking for donations of seeds to help make some of the areas in our school more wildlife friendly and interesting. You may also notice some posters in the windows asking if our families can help by donating any winter seed or small plants. These lessons have helped give our writing a real sense of purpose. In Maths, we're learning about number bonds within 10 and 20 – doing practical activities with counters and writing number sentences. In Science, we have learnt about the 5 different senses and we have been on a senses walk around the school to discover more about the world around us. We have also learnt more in Geography about the famous landmarks in London. Did you know the London Eye was first called the Millennium Wheel?

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

Another lovely week in Year 3/4. We are beginning to plan our own stories in English based off our focus book 'The Comet'. The children have been thinking about character emotions and how different events can change our emotions. In Maths, we have been going through our addition and subtraction topic and have been using the column addition and subtraction method to cross the 10s and the 100s. In Science, we have been looking at Habitats and why we can be a threat to animal spaces! Ask them all about different habitats they have learnt about.

Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This week in Year 5/6, we have been writing in the style of Helen Ward - the author of our book this term, 'Varmints'. We have been writing our own version of Varmints, looking at alliteration and descriptive language. In Maths, we have been continuing our unit on addition and subtraction, focusing on the inverse and column method, as well as multi-step problems. In Topic we have been researching the fight for Women's Suffrage, by identifying the differences between the Suffragettes and the Suffragists.

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.

Times Table Rock Stars...




Times Tables Rockstars Leaderboard

Year 2 will be placed on the leaderboard through most correct answers in their Garage mode rather than studio speed. Year 1 will be joining TTRS and the leader board in the Spring Term. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be placed based on their studio speed recorded within the year group. 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 😊

Miss Paget

	Y6	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Y1	Class	School Staff
	Gabriel W	Terrell S	Meia C	Olaf R	Roman A	Coming Spring Term.	Housemartin	Miss Smith
	Jacob A	George G	Lincoln C	Corey C	Abigail S	Coming Spring Term.	Osprey	Mrs Sager
	Sienna P	Oliver K	Dexter H	George D	Dawson D	Coming Spring Term.	Skylark	Miss Granger

Celebrations...



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Woodpecker		Teddy C – Resilience Henry C – Positivity
Kingfisher		Elsie-Belle S-W – Independence Tamas K – Independence
Nightingale		Esmæ S – Independence Archie C – Independence
Swift		Keaton P – All Values Sophie B – All Values
Housemartin	Tenayah J – All Values	Bryan K – Positivity and Resilience
Skylark	Florence T – Respect	Meia C – All Values
Osprey	James H – All Values	Hollie Mc – Independence and Positivity
Falcon		Lettie RK – Positivity and Independence Blake W – Positivity and Resilience
Kestrel	Eleanor W – All Values	Natalia M – All Values



Diary dates


Saturday 11 th October	Reception 2026 Open Day – 10am-12pm
Wednesday 15 th October	PSA Meeting – 6pm
Thursday 16 th October	PSA Disco
Monday 20 th October	KS1 Science and Animal Workshop
Wednesday 22 nd 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
Thursday 6th November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 6th November	Y5 Last Swimming Lesson
Tuesday 11th November	Individual portraits
Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th November	Year 4 residential to Braeside
Monday 17th November	September 2026 Open Day 9.30am
Monday 17th November	PSA Meeting - 6pm
Friday 21st November	TD Day – school closed to pupils
Monday 24th November	Flu immunisations
Friday 28th November	Christmas Lights switch on and Lantern Parade – Information to follow
Sunday 7th December	PSA Christmas Market 4pm
Tuesday 9th December	KS1 Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 10th December	KS2 Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17th December	PSA Meeting – 6pm
Friday 19th December	Last day of Term 2
Monday 5th January	TD Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6th January	First day of Term 3

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Cookery club – Catch up session	Selected Children	Information
Paxcroft PSA Second-Hand Uniform	Whole School	Information
Reception Open Morning – House and Vice Captains	House/Vice Captains	Information and Action

Parents' Evening	Whole School	Information and Action
MOTB – Parent Information meeting	Y6	Information
Reminder for Braeside Meeting	Y4	Information
Hello Yellow Reminder	Whole School	Information



PAXCROFT
School Association

Meeting dates for your diary
2025/26

- Weds 15th October
- Mon 17th November
- Weds 17th December
- Mon 19th January
- Weds 25th February
- Mon 16th March
- Weds 15th April
- Mon 18th May
- Weds 17th June
- Mon 13th 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.



PAXCROFT
School Association

PAXCROFT *
CHRISTMAS MARKET
SUNDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 4PM TO 7PM
AT PAXCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL, BA14 7EB



General Stall Holders
Booking Form



Food Stall Holders
Booking Form



AUTUMN DISCO

16th October 2025
Reception & KS1 - 5.30pm-6.15pm
KS2 - 6.30pm-7.15pm

Tickets £3

These must be purchased in advance at
<https://pta.events/PSA-Aut-Disco-2025>



October Half Term Holiday Activities

Book via Ticketsource

- Lantern Making 24th & 29th Oct
- Wands & Quills 30th Oct
- Family Folk Fun Day 31st Oct
- Drop-in Shires sessions Tue 28th - Crafts Fri 31st - Pumpkin Carving

For full details go to trowbridgemuseum.co.uk
Trowbridge Museum
01225 751339



Fri 24th Oct & Wed 29th Oct
Make a lantern ready for the town's lantern parade (28th Nov).
Sessions at 10.30 - 12.30, 1.30 - 3.30
Ages 8+

Fri 31st Oct
Pumpkin Carving in the Shires
Drop-in 10.30 - 2.30
Ages 5+

Thurs 30th Oct
Wands & Quills
Sessions at 10.30, 11.30, 1.30 & 2.30
Quiet session: 9.45
Ages 5+

Fri 31st Oct
Folk Family Fun Day
Morris Dancing, Crafts, Games & a Museum Trail.
Plus, poet, Mervyn Crist's talk on Wiltshire dialects.
Sessions at 11am & 1pm
£5 per family!

Our workshops are very popular. If you do book and can't attend please let us know as soon as possible so that we can reissue the tickets. Thanks

Trowbridge Museum
The Shires, Court St
Trowbridge
BA14 8AT
01225 751339
trowbridgemuseum.co.uk






PLAYERS WANTED

STAVERTON RANGERS U11 GIRLS
School Years 5 or 6

Training Fridays 5-6pm
League matches
Saturday morning's

Contact Aaron 07854 078480