



## Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a fantastic week at Paxcroft! Our Reception and KS1 pupils had a wonderful time at their disco, and KS2 followed with just as much energy and excitement. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make these events so special — from staff and volunteers to our brilliant PSA.

We're also incredibly grateful for the generous donations received for our *Hello Yellow* day. Your support helps us continue to raise awareness around children's mental health and wellbeing in meaningful ways.

A quick reminder that we break up for half term on **Wednesday 22nd October**, and pupils will return to school on **Tuesday 4th November**, as **Monday 3rd November** is a TD Day.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break!

Mr Alex George

Acting Headteacher

## Harvest Festival...

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October we will be celebrating Harvest Festival in school. If you would like to send in a small contribution of a jar, tin or packet for the Paxcroft Pantry (our own community food bank) then this will be very gratefully received. Many thanks for your continued support.



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



Congratulations to Evie Mc, Keaton P and Eli C 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 in Owls we have continued working on our pre-writing skills but using different tools and resources to get our fine-motor skills working. We have also practiced the best way to sit when doing handwriting. In literacy we have explored our book 'I Like Trains' and carried out some of our own research all about trains. Owls have been bringing in their favourite stories to share from home. In Maths we have looked at the five frame and how we can use it to subitise to 5. If the frame is full it is 5. If one is missing it is 4! There has been some wonderful imaginative play this week as the children teamed up to turn the climbing frame in to a party boat! Birthdays were celebrated and it was joyous!

### Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

It's been a busy penultimate week for KS1! In Maths, the children have been exploring addition — adding, adding more and doubling. In English, they have been creating story maps and learning about story structure before planning and writing their own stories. In Science, the children have been exploring outside using their senses. In Geography, they have been learning about different modes of transport in London and comparing them to those in Trowbridge. It's been

another jam-packed week, and the children have definitely earned a good rest! I'm sure they're all looking forward to some well-deserved downtime over half term.

### Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

This week in Year 3/4 the children have been wowing us with their imagination and creativity in English. They are creating their own stories loosely based off our focus book 'The Comet'. Ask them what their stories are about. They have been proud of their work and are excited to share it. In Maths we have continued to look at addition and subtraction and the children are working hard to secure the column method. In our Topic of Trailblazers the children have been writing about who inspires them!

### Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This week the Year 5/6 children have been working hard to produce some books based on the Varmints book we have been studying. We are hoping the children will be able to share their story books with younger children in the school. We have been blown away by the effort the children have put into making these books and some beautiful examples have been created. The younger children are in for a treat! In Maths the Y5 children have started a Multiplication and Division unit and have been finding multiples and factors of numbers. The Y6 children have been doing long division. The children have continued to enjoy their rugby sessions with Active Trowbridge.

### 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](mailto: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 😊

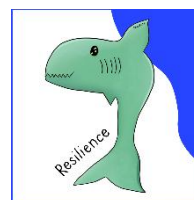
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	Y6	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Y1	Class	School Staff
	Jacob A	Terrell S	Meia C	Olaf R	Roman A	Coming Spring Term.	Housemartin	Miss Smith
	Sienna P	George G	Dexter H	Corey C	Jasper E	Coming Spring Term.	Osprey	Mrs Sager
	Jeevan M	Oliver K	Lincoln C	George D	Abigail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

## Celebrations...



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Woodpecker	Poppy O – Respect	Riley M – Independence
Kingfisher		Margo B – Independence Ayda J – Independence
Nightingale		Ciara R – Independence Leo S – Independence
Swift	Hanna K – Kindness	Hamish L – All Values Toby C – All Values
Housemartin		Carter c – Positivity and Resilience Beatrice B - Positivity
Skylark		Bonnie D – Resilience Ace H – Resilience
Osprey	Gabriel W – Respect and Kindness	Darcey P – Resilience and Positivity
Falcon	Noah R – All Values	Joe B – Positivity and Resilience
Kestrel		Ollie R – Resilience Hector L-B – Independence



## Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Maisy L – All Values  
Orlaith W – All Values



## Diary dates

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	KS1 Science and Animal Workshop
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Last day of Term 1
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	TD Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	First day of Term 2
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	NSPCC Workshops

<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parents' Evening
<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>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PSA Meeting - 6pm
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	TD Day – school closed to pupils
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Flu immunisations
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Christmas Lights switch on and Lantern Parade – Information to follow
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PSA Christmas Market 4pm
<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>
November Dinner menu	Whole School	Information and action
Secondary School Applications Deadline	Y6	Information and action
PSA Autumn Disco reminder	Whole school	Information and action
Parents Evening reminder	Whole School	Information and action
PSA meeting reminder	Whole school	Information
Young Voices collection	Young Voices members	Information
Kingfisher Class Reward	Kingfisher Class	Information



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.



PAXCROFT  
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  
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