



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

Our school celebration to mark the Coronation of King Charles III took place this afternoon—a little delayed due to the bank holiday and Year 6 SATS week. The children have been busy designing their own royal crowns, flags and bunting. They were able to enjoy eating lunch together outside and our school cooks even made some delicious Coronation cupcakes for the children to enjoy.

We were very proud of all our Year 6 children who sat their Key Stage 2 SATS this week. They demonstrated all our Paxcroft Learners' Values—positivity, resilience and independence—and shared a special SATS breakfast together each morning. Well done Year 6, you should feel very proud of yourselves.

Next week we will be participating in Mental Health Awareness week. We continue to embed opportunities to discuss the importance of emotional wellbeing as well as physical health with the children.

A reminder that on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, we will be having an MPS Awareness Day. MPS is a very rare metabolic disease that has no known cure. Two of our children, Aliyssia T and Lacey R, are keen to raise awareness of this condition. We would invite everyone to wear something blue on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May and to bring a £1 donation. More information can be found at [www.mpssociety.org.uk](http://www.mpssociety.org.uk)

Thank you for your support.

Finally, a special thank you to Jack H, Olivia M, Evie M and Kiera R from Swift class who all decided independently to collect rubbish from our school grounds today. Well done for showing our Paxcroft Citizen Values of kindness and respect.

*Lou Rhodes*  
*Headteacher*

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

Our Paxcroft School Values promote kindness and respect. This term we are introducing our Paxcroft 'Top Table' to celebrate those children who are polite, kind, and helpful in the hall at lunchtime. Each week in Friday's assembly, 4 children will be invited to sit on a special 'Top Table' at lunchtime. These children will be chosen by our lunchtime staff. Each child will be able to choose a friend to join them as a Top Table guest the following week. They can choose the same friend all week or a different friend each day. The children will get to go to lunch first and there will be a few surprises on the Top Table—special table cloth, table decorations etc.



Congratulations to **Florence T, Lauren T, Elijah BM and Charlie E** who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.

### *June Dinner Menus ...*

Dinner menus for April will go live on Scopay on Monday 15th May at 9.30am. The deadline for submitting menus is 3.30pm on Friday 19th May. Paper copies of the menus and allergen charts can be found on the website, in the foyer and will be sent out via ParentMail.



### *School Disco ...*

**Thursday 25th May 2023!**

**KS1 5.30 - 6.15pm**

**KS2 6.30 - 7.15pm**



*Click on the link below to book tickets!*

**KS1 - <https://forms.office.com/e/e9d2DkWHj6>**

**KS2 - <https://forms.office.com/e/bsQnLmn3fw>**

### *Celebrating Outside School 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.

Congratulations to April on completing Stage 4 of gymnastics. Well done, April!



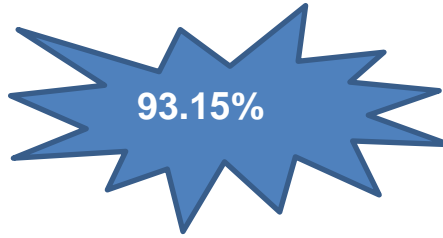
## Shoe Boxes ...

Housemartin, Swift and Skylark classes have asked if anyone has any shoe boxes they could donate they would be most grateful



## Attendance ...

This week's whole school attendance ...



## Our learning this week...

### Wren & Robin

In English, we have been continuing with 'The Gingerbread Man' story. We have drawn our own story mountains, looking at what happened in the beginning, middle and end of the story. Next week, we will use these to help us write these parts. In Maths, we have been exploring number bonds of ten. We are enjoying our topic work where we are looking at our school site and drawing maps of the school grounds. The children have been using some lovely positional language. Finally, in PSHE we have been talking about being kind and what this looks like. We have looked at different scenarios and discussed whether we thought they were kind or unkind and what we could do to make it better.

### Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

Last week in Year 1/2 we kick-started our new Geography topic 'The Seaside', with a Seaside experience down by the pirate ship. We had a wonderful time singing songs, playing in the sand and splashing in the water. We even had time for a few games! Fortunately, the sunshine came out to fully immerse ourselves in this opportunity. This week, we have continued to explore Seaside related genres in Guided Reading and have discussed what we already know about the Seaside. We have used our own experiences to share our knowledge with each other.

### Skylark, Housemartin & Swift



We have had a couple of short but busy weeks in Year 3 and 4. Last week the children had a DT day where they designed and made slingshot cars. The children worked hard and showed great resilience in making their cars and lots of fun was had by all. At the end of last week some lucky children attended a Coronation Parade and Picnic in the town. This week, we have been thinking about how to improve our descriptive writing by using ambitious adjectives, similes and metaphors. We are hoping to use these to write

some fantastic pieces of descriptive work later in the term. In Science, we have continued our work on light and have been looking at reflective and non-reflective materials. We are still reading and enjoying the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



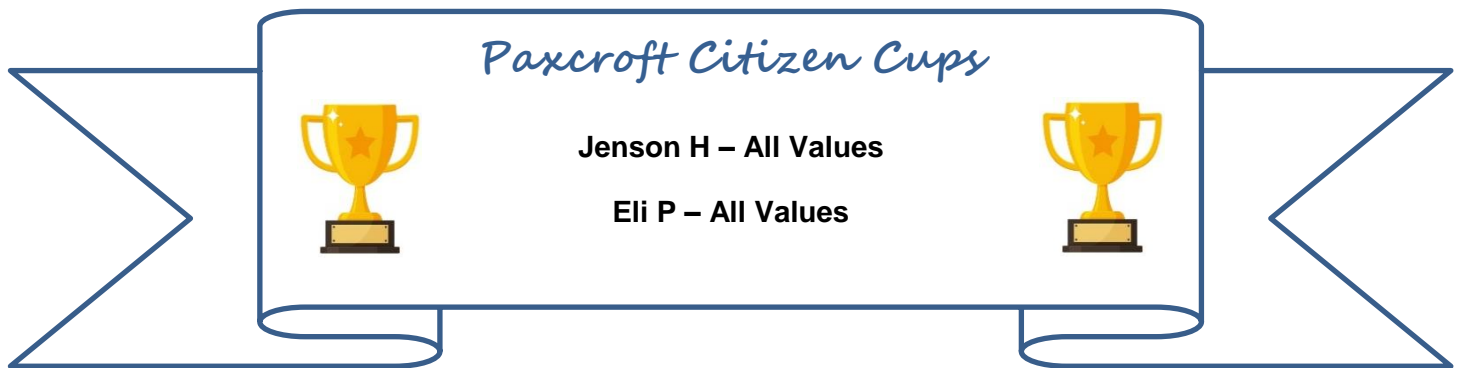
### Kestrel, Osprey & Falcon

This has been a very busy week in year 5 and 6. After a lovely long weekend full of Coronation Celebrations, the Year 6 children started their SATs on Tuesday and have been working very hard all week to show just how far they have come during their time in primary school. We are very proud of their efforts and focus. During the afternoons, we have been doing a mini project on the planets with the children making papier mache models and researching facts about a particular planet in our Solar System to present to the class. We finished the week by doing our first rehearsal for our end of year production: Aladdin! We are very excited about this!

## Celebrations



| Class              | Citizen Values                                  | Learners' Values                                 |
|--------------------|---|--|
| <i>Wren</i>        | Darcey-Leigh G – Honesty                        | Miroslav F – Positivity                          |
| <i>Robin</i>       |   | Szymon J – Independence<br>Ryan T – Independence |
| <i>Woodpecker</i>  | Ethan W – Kindness & Respect                    | David W – Honesty & Respect                      |
| <i>Kingfisher</i>  | Joshua M – Kindness & Respect                   |  |
| <i>Nightingale</i> | Jason P – Kindness<br>Evan J – Respect          | Reece Y – Positivity                             |
| <i>Skylark</i>     | Elijah B-M – Respect                            | Elsbeth H – Positivity                           |
| <i>Housemartin</i> | Harry D – Respect & Kindness                    | Seth I – Positivity & Resilience                 |
| <i>Swift</i>       | Isaac H – Respect & Kindness                    | Theo B – Independence & Resilient                |
| <i>Osprey</i>      | Mia W – All Values<br>Anjika S – All Values     | Mia W – All Values<br>Anjika S – All Values      |
| <i>Falcon</i>      | Noah N - All Values<br>Lucy T - All Values      |  |
| <i>Kestrel</i>     | Jackson L – All Values<br>Imogen H – All Values | Jackson L – All Values<br>Imogen H – All Values  |
| <i>All Year 6</i>  | For Completing SATs Week                        |  |



## Diary dates for Summer Term 2023

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>     | Governor meeting – Finance & Premises committee |
| <b>W/C Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> | Mental Health Week                              |
| <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>    | Class Photos                                    |
| <b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>  | Youth Parliament                                |

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| <b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                   | Y5/6 Rugby Tournament                                 |
| <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                     | MPS Awareness Day                                     |
| <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                     | KS1 trip to Paxcroft Park                             |
| <b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                  | Reception Trip to Trowbridge Park                     |
| <b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                   | School Disco. See information above                   |
| <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                     | Last Day of Term 5                                    |
| <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>                                    | Reception 23 Intake – Parents Meeting                 |
| <b>W/C Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>                                 | May Half Term   |
| <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June –<br/>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> | Y6 Residential – Mill on the Brue                     |
| <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>                                 | Paxcroft School Association Meeting 7-8pm             |
| <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>                                 | Whole School RE Day                                   |
| <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>                                  | Governors' meeting – Finance & Premises committee     |
| <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>                                    | Reception 2023 Transition – Group 1                   |
| <b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>                                 | Dance Festival  |
| <b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>                                    | Reception 2023 Transition – Group 2                   |
| <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>                                    | Reception 2023 Transition – Group 2                   |
| <b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>                                   | Year 5 Taster Day at Clarendon                        |
| <b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>                                  | Reception 2023 Transition – Group 1                   |
| <b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>                                  | Year 5 Taster Day at John Of Gaunt                    |
| <b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>                                     | Sports Day  |
| <b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>                                    | Reserve sports Day                                    |
| <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>                                    | KS1 Trip to the Aquarium – more information to follow |
| <b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>                                   | Y6 Production Afternoon Performance                   |
| <b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>                                 | Y6 Production Evening Performance                     |
| <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>                                  | Y6 Production Evening Performance                     |
| <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>                                    | Y6 Cricket Tournament                                 |
| <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>                                    | 9.15am – Leavers Assembly                             |
| <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>                                    | 5.30 – 6.30pm – Y6 Leavers Party                      |

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

School Summer Holidays Begin

*Letters & Communications issued this week*

| <b>Item</b>                | <b>To</b>            | <b>For</b>           |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Reception Class Trip       | Wren and Robin       | Information & Action |
| Forest School Next Week    | Selected             | Information          |
| Coronation Celebrations    | Whole School         | Information          |
| PE Kit                     | Kingfisher Class     | Information          |
| Football Club Cancellation | Selected             | Information          |
| Dance Festival             | Selected             | Information          |
| Mill on the Brue           | Y6                   | Information & Action |
| Welcome Letters            | New Reception intake | Information & Action |