



Dear Parents/Carers

Another very busy (and surprisingly warm in the end!) week as we are starting to draw towards the end of term. A huge well done to the Year 5/6s for their performances this week. I was truly impressed, not only by the dedication with which the children had learned their lines and choreography, but by the resilience and flexibility that the entire cast showed throughout. As many of you will know, we have had a number of illnesses running around school over the last few weeks and there were several changes in key roles over the performances this week, as the children filled in for absent cast members. Some children last night were performing solos for the first time, in front of an audience, I cannot understate how much courage that must take and how well they did.

A reminder that we are back next week for the last three days of school. On Monday morning, we have our Y6 Leavers' Assembly where we will say goodbye to those children heading up to Secondary in September and, on Monday evening, we will have the Y6 Leavers' Party so that the Y6 children have an opportunity to say goodbye to each other. On Wednesday afternoon, we are welcoming parents and family on site from 2pm to see the children perform some of the songs they have learned over the year and enjoy a cream tea. School will end at usual time on Wednesday.

We will return to school after the summer break on Wednesday 4th September. Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September are Teacher Development days and the site will not be open to children. We will not be sending another Paxcroft Post next week, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for the support that they have offered the school over the course of the year and to wish you an enjoyable and (if possible!) relaxing holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone back in September!

Best wishes,

Mr Alex George

Deputy Headteacher

End of Term Invitation...

We hope you are able to join us for a homemade cream tea (with scones baked by our lovely school cooks, Miss Collett and Mrs Lockwood) to celebrate the end of the school year. This will be on our last day of term, Wednesday 24th July. Parents and Carers are invited on to the school site at 2pm.

The children will be performing songs or dances that they have learned during the year.

The children will be offered an ice lolly and some will be serving scones with cream/jam.

Children will return to class at 3pm ready to collect their belongings and head off for the summer holiday.

Our PSA will also be holding a Nearly New Uniform Sale. Please note that they can take cash only. We hope that you can join us for all or part of the afternoon.



New National Framework for Attendance and Penalty Notices...

The Department for Education (DfE) has introduced new guidance for schools and local councils for managing school attendance. They have also introduced a new national framework for penalty notices (fines) and amended the law. These changes come into effect from the 19th August 2024 and all schools and councils across the country will be expected to follow the new statutory guidance.

A letter was sent out by ParentMail last week and copies of the new framework will be on display around school for your reference.



Outside Achievements...



A very well done to Brooke, who is excited to share that she has completed reading 100 books with Trowbridge Library.
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Noah who was voted most improved player for this football team at the weekend



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

Our Learning this week...

Owls

This week in Maths, we have been consolidating our learning on odd and even numbers. We can now recognise that only even numbers can be split equally. In PSHE and Understanding the World, we have discussed how everyone is different and that is ok. We looked at a map of Trowbridge and then the world and spoke about how there are a range of different languages spoken just in our class. We have also been continuing to practise our country-dance, which we cannot wait to perform to you at the Afternoon Tea on the last day of term.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

As we approach our final week of the term, KS1 has been as busy as ever tying up the last bits of learning for the year. In English, the children have been writing non-chronological reports on various sports in the Olympics. In Maths, Year 1 have been exploring money, while Year 2 have revisited the topic by looking at exact amounts and finding change. In Art, the children have been creating posters of their entire academic year. The children have enjoyed their last full week before they get a well-deserved break.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

Our final full week of the year and what a fun and exciting one it has been. We watched the Year 5/6 production on Monday, which was great! The children loved watching it and getting involved in the pantomime. The Year 4s enjoyed their penultimate rugby session on Tuesday, despite the slightly soggy weather. The sun has been shining for us whilst we have completed our Science learning, where we have made some wonderful musical instruments! We have been very impressed with the children's scientific understanding and their creativity during this project. Finally, we have been reflecting on what a brilliant year it has been and making sure we finish the term making our final lasting memories. Well done Year 3/4, we are very proud of you all and everything you have achieved this year!

Kestrel, Falcon & Osprey

This week in Year 5/6 we had our performances of our play, A Funny Thing Happened on the way to Camelot. Despite some sudden illness, we managed to perform four shows with some very kind children stepping up and taking on new roles at the last minute. We would like to say a huge thank you and congratulations to all of the children that took part. Well done! In Maths, Year 6 have continued to work on their theme park project looking at profit. Whereas the Year 5s having been recapping ratio, scale factors and perimeter! In English, we have been finishing off our Myths and Legends topic, with the children writing their own myth about a creature they have created. We have also finished off our Victorian topic looking at three famous Victorians; Florence Nightingale, Charles Darwin and Dr. Banardo. Did you know that Dr. Banardo opened 96 homes to care for 8,500 children in Victorian times?

We wish Year 6's the best of luck for September as they move to Year 7, and we cannot wait to see our Year 5s return as Year 6s!

Paxcroft Pantry...

The Pastoral Team would like to remind all parents that the Paxcroft Pantry is open every day, Monday – Friday between 8.35am and 5.30pm. It is located at the bottom of the ramp by the slow playground.

Parents are welcome to access the Pantry anonymously and do not need to ask a member of staff.

This resource is available to all families that need it; we ask that families donate when they can, and take when they need.

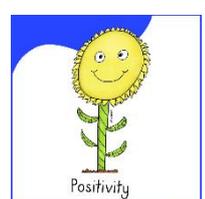
Any donations of dry goods including boxed, tinned or jarred goods are greatly appreciated. These can be placed directly in the cupboard or handed to the School Office. We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all families that have donated to the Pantry.



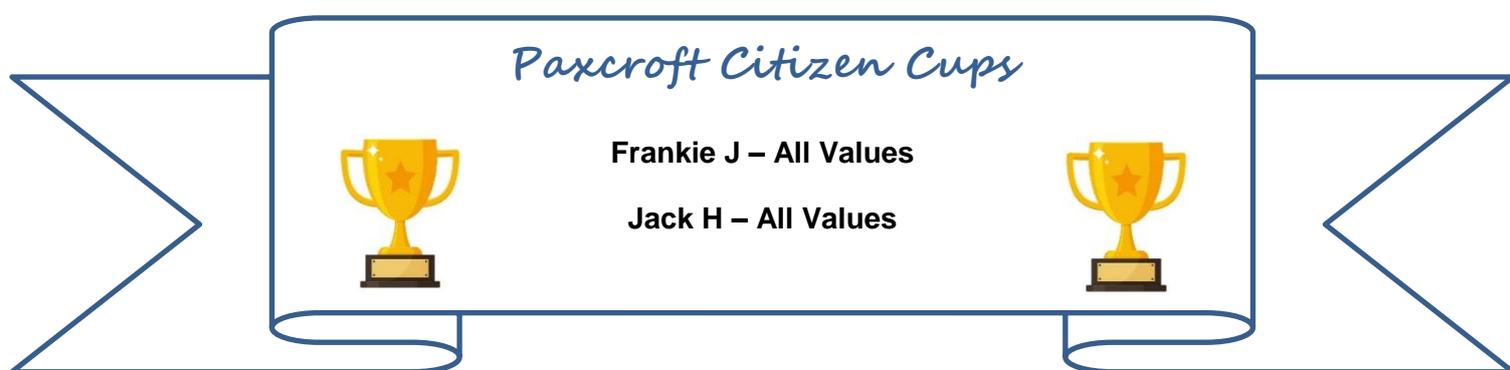
Celebrations...



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Owls	Max D - Kindness Ciara R - Kindness, Respect & Honesty Amanatjot K - Kindness	Tilly-Rae M-W - Independence Arthur L - Independence
Woodpecker	Olaf R - Kindness	David Z - Resilience
Kingfisher	Ava S - All Values	Niko N - All Values
Nightingale		Eva-Grace W - Positivity Carter C - Resilience
Swift	Sienna P - All values James H - All values	Sienna P - All values James H - All values
Housemartin		Patryk S - Independence Poppy W - Independence & Resilience Ethan T - Positivity
Skylark	Kareem B - Kindness	Isla L - Resilience



<i>Osprey</i>	Anjika S - All Learner Values	Finley C - Resilience All Y5/6 Independence & Resilience
<i>Falcon</i>		All Y5/6 Independence & Resilience Special thanks to Bobby M, Ted M & Jacob B-H
<i>Kestrel</i>		Mia W - Independence Nadya S - Independence All Y5/6 Independence & Resilience



Diary dates for Summer Terms 2024

Monday 22nd July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Monday 22nd July	Y6 Leavers' Party
Tuesday 23rd July	Bath Rugby Training Session Y4/5
Wednesday 24th July	Last Day of Term 6

Diary dates for September 2024

Monday 2nd September	TD Day
Tuesday 3rd September	TD Day
Wednesday 4th September	First day of Term 1
Monday 9th September	Y1/2 Meet the teacher
Wednesday 11th September	Y3/4 Meet the teacher
Thursday 12th September	Y5/6 Meet the teacher
Thursday 26th September	Open day 2025 Intake

Wednesday 9th October	NSPCC Workshops Y2/5/6
Tuesday 22nd October	Last day of Term 1 for pupils
Wednesday 23rd October	TD Day
Monday 4th November	First day of Term 2

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
School Lunches **Important*	Whole School	Information & Action
Production Timings – Evening Performances	Y5/6	Information
Unpaid Tickets	Y5/6	Information & Action
Swimming Tomorrow	Y6	Information & Action
End Of Term Events	Y6	Information & Action
Clubs Still Available	Selected	Information & Action
Summer FUEL Programme	Whole School	Information
WW Dance Festival	Selected	Information & Action




FREE Summer Fun Sessions for Boys and Girls Aged 4–12.
Every Sunday 11am–12 noon,
24th July - 28th August

For More Information contact Andy Evans
 07872065499
summer.funsessionstrfc22@yahoo.com



KIDS SUMMER HOLIDAYS

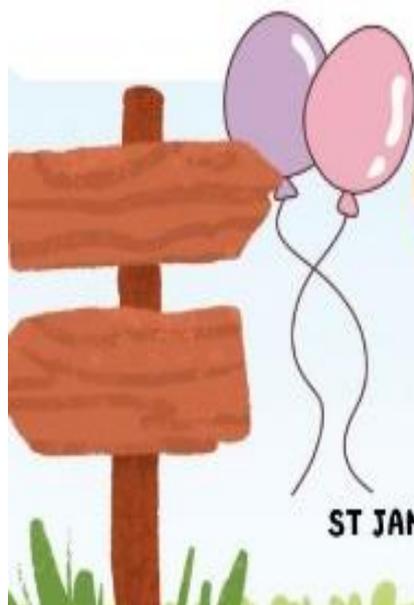
MONDAY: INFLATABLE SESSION 1:00PM-2:30PM - £5 PER PERSON

TUESDAY: TODDLER'S 9:30AM-11AM - £2.50 + EXTRA SIBLINGS £1

WEDNESDAY: MESSY PLAY 10:30AM-11:30AM £5 PER PERSON (BOOKING REQUIRED)

THURSDAY: CRAFT SESSION- 1:30PM-3:00PM - £2 PER CHILD

FRIDAY: HOME ED SESSION-1PM-2:30PM - £2.50 PER CHILD + SIBLINGS £1.50



JOIN US!

The Centre

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