



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

It has been lovely to be back at school for a full, whole week! We've had a lot of fun (do ask your children Y1-6 if they can name an Oasis song after their singing assembly this week...) and are starting to get to grips with the learning ahead of us for the year. Our Y6 pupils are canvassing for House Captain votes and, by the end of next week, we will have also voted for our school council representatives and will have appointed digital leaders and playground pals.

My thanks to those parents who attended the PSA AGM this week. I wanted to extend particular thanks to those members of the PSA committee who have stepped down this year – your contributions to the wider life of the school have been invaluable, and I am very grateful for your efforts. We are committed to working in partnership with the parent body to achieve the best outcomes for our children, and look forward to continuing this with individuals and organisations such as the Parent School Association.

To help us continue to do this, I would like to remind parents about a couple of items which are in place to keep children safe. Please remind children that they should not be on the KS2 play equipment located on the fast playground after school; when this is used during school time it is fully staffed as part of our risk assessment. Please also be mindful of parking around the front of the school in the morning and afternoon; it is important that we do not block access to the front of the school and also important that we do not hinder any access for our colleagues at Silverwood School. I thank you for your support with this.

I would also like to remind parents that they are welcome to use the drop off point at the front of the school in the mornings. Following the one-way system around the school, parents are welcome to park up at the drop off point and our team of Y6 volunteers (and staff) will help see your children in and into class.

In a couple of weeks, on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding our first open morning for parents of children joining Reception in September 2025. If you know anyone with a little one who will turn 4 before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025, please consider letting them know about our open morning and recommending Paxcroft to a friend.

Finally, a reminder that, next Thursday, we are holding workshops for parents in Reception and KS1 on how our phonics system, Sounds-Write, works and how to support at home. Miss Beaven and Miss Stephens are holding both a morning session and an after-school session to offer as many options as possible for working parents. I would really encourage parents who are able to sign up through the ParentMail sent out this week, this is a brilliant way to support your children in their learning at home.

I hope that everyone has a fantastic weekend and look forward to seeing everyone again next week!

Best wishes,

*Mr Alex George*

*Deputy Headteacher*

*Resource request...*

Y5/6 are requesting yogurt pots and cardboard boxes (cereal box size is perfect) for their science topic. Please can we ask that pots are washed out before they come in and unfortunately toilet rolls cannot be accepted. Thank you!





Paxcroft Primary School  
Coffee and Chat Morning  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept  
8:45am - 10am  
In the School Hall



Please come along and to meet our  
Pastoral Support Team  
(Mrs Lilley, Mrs Evans, Mrs Williams and Ms Weeks)

Everyone welcome for an informal chat and refreshments.  
This will be an opportunity to meet the team as well as other parents.  
We will also have information available about a range of support services for children and families.  
Toys for little ones provided!

### Dinner Menus...

October's menu goes live from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September until 3.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Log on to Scopay to see what delicious meals are on offer and to book.

Paper copies will be available in the foyer



### Outside Achievements...



Well done to Polly who has shown amazing resilience in her swimming lessons! Polly has persevered after an injury postponed her journey to the Gold Award. After much hard work and dedication she has now achieved this award. Well done Polly!



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 class have had a wonderful start to school and continue to amaze us with how brilliantly they have settled in. We couldn't be more proud! This week we have had our first Sounds-Write lessons. The children have taken to it beautifully and we have seen some remarkable phonics and pen skills already. We have been exploring numbers with counting songs and rhymes and have met some of the number blocks. We have had a mysterious visitor to our class overnight... dinosaur footprints appeared around the snack table and CCTV footage shows a little dinosaur in our classroom making a bit of a mess. So we have used our detective skills to figure out what happened and launched our term's topic of 'Dinosaurs' to the absolute delight of the children. Our story of The Hugosaurus has also led to some discussions about kindness as one of school values. Miss Stephens, Mrs Pepler, Miss Kellow, Miss Head and Miss Hoskins are really enjoying getting to know our new Owls Class.

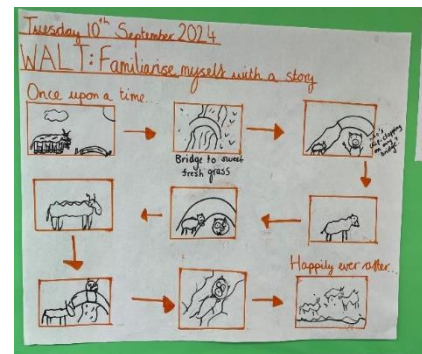


### Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

KS1 have had a very busy week. In Maths, the children have focused on representing and understanding numbers to 20 and practiced counting on and back within 20. They have also been developing their problem solving and reasoning skills to help them develop their understanding further. In English, Year 1 and 2 have been developing their knowledge of fishing communities through enquiry. They have found out information through a variety of sources such as videos, pictures, blogs and information texts. They have also started to identify different job roles on a fishing boat. We have launched our new History topic for this term, 'Adventurers and Explorers' and the children are very excited to find out more over the coming weeks.

### Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

What an amazing first whole week back we have had. The children are really getting to grips with the new routines in their classrooms. In Maths, place value is well underway, with the children learning different ways of representing numbers up to 1000. We have also started to look at the times tables and begun chanting them out loud. Please feel free to practise the 5 times table with your children. In English, we have been familiarising ourselves with the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have discussed different versions of the story, completed a story map and shown off our acting skills to help us remember the story format. In the next week, we will be sending home the weekly spellings for the children to practise. We were delighted to see so many of you at our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Wednesday and hope that it helped you to understand more about the expectations for the children in Year 3/4.



### Kestrel, Falcon & Osprey

This first full week back in Year 5/6 has been busy. In Maths we have been focusing on Place Value and reading and writing numbers to 100, 000 and we will be extending this to one million. We have also recapped Roman Numerals and have decided our place value system is much easier. This week, swimming started for year 5; they have now been assessed and placed into appropriate groups by pool staff. We had our first R.E. Day on Wednesday, where we investigated whether religions make a difference. We have also learned about the concept of Tikkun Olam- respecting our world and ways we can make a positive difference. We have started 'Corey's Rock', which has captured the children's interest. We are intrigued to find out where the seal fits in... House captain elections will take place on Friday and next week, there will be an opportunity to become our class councillors. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Meet The Teacher Presentation this week.

## Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Woodpecker		Evie M – Independence Ronnie C – Positivity
Kingfisher		Sadie TG – Resilience Teddy C – Positivity
Nightingale		Maya M – Positivity Travis T – Positivity
Swift	George G - Kindness	Dieter D – Positivity & Resilience
Housemartin	Poppy TG - Kindness	Ethan T – Positivity & Independence
Skylark	Charlie L – Respect Brooke L – Respect	
Osprey	Isabelle M – Kindness & Respect	Ruby – Resilience & Positivity
Falcon	Gabriel W – Kindness & Positivity Faye W – Kindness & Resilience	
Kestrel	Rosa N – Respect	Jake C – Positivity



## Paxcroft Citizen Cups



**Esme T – All Values**

**Sofia H – All Values**



## Diary dates for September 2024

<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Y3/4 SCARF Mental Wellbeing workshop
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Pastoral team coffee morning – 8.45am
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	PSA meeting – 6pm
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Open day 2025 Intake – 9-11am
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	PSA meeting – 6pm
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	WHY Fundraising event – more information to follow
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Open Day 2025 intake – 10-12pm

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	NSPCC Workshops Y2/5/6 <b>**New date**</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents Evening – more information to follow
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents Evening – more information to follow
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	WHY Fundraising event ( <i>reserve date</i> ) – more information to follow
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	PSA meeting – 6pm
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Last day of Term 1 for pupils
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	TD Day
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	First day of Term 2
<b>W/C 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Poppy collections

### *Letters & Communications issued this week*

<b>Item</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>For</b>
Headlice letter	Y3/4	Information & Action
Club reminders	Selected pupils	Information
Flu Vaccinations	Whole school	Information & Action
Sounds-Write Parent workshop invitation	Reception & KS1	Information & Action
Reception Baseline Assessments	Reception	Information
Coffee Morning – postponed	Whole school	Information
Class Dojo	Reception	Information & Action
Owls – ripped uniform	Reception	Information
Library opening postponed	Whole school	Information
Meet the Teacher reminders	Selected classes	Information
Swimming reminder	Y5	Information
Curriculum letters & Homework	Whole school	Information & Action



**PAXCROFT**  
School Association

**2024/2025**  
**Meeting dates for your diary**

<b>Wed 25th September</b>	<b>Mon 17th March</b>
<b>Mon 21st October</b>	<b>Mon 28th April</b>
<b>Wed 20th November</b>	<b>Wed 21st May</b>
<b>Mon 27th January</b>	<b>Wed 18th June</b>
<b>Wed 26th February</b>	<b>Mon 7th July</b>

**All meetings start at 6pm at Paxcroft School**

Every Parent, Carer and Staff of Paxcroft Primary welcome  
Come along and find out how you can support

