



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, I held an assembly talking to the children about the civil disturbances over the Summer Holiday and using this to reflect on our British Values, particularly tolerance and the importance of respecting protected characteristics. Whilst it can be difficult to have these conversations about challenging subjects, I feel that it is important that we are engaging with the children on current affairs so that they can think about their stance on issues that are happening in the world right now. It is this thought, and being able to apply our values to the wider world, that we hope will develop our pupils into good citizens.

We have further been exploring our British Values through democracy this week and last. Last Friday, children from Y1 to Y6 voted in Houses for their House Captains and Vice House Captains. Well done to all those children elected, you will be highly valued as role models within our school community (I sense many tours in your future!). Also this week, children have been voting in classes for their School Council representatives. We will share our new School Council with the wider school next week and soon look for an opportunity to meet and decide on plans for the year.

Let me thank all those parents that were able to attend the two Sounds-Write workshops yesterday - we feel it is really important that families have the opportunity to know how to help with those early reading first steps when at home and it was encouraging to see such a high turnout. We know that some parents weren't able to attend so we will be sending links out of some of the key videos that we used in the workshop. My thanks also to Miss Beaven and Miss Stephens for giving their time for this.

It was also brilliant to see that this year's Paxcroft Football Team made their debut in the Trowbridge Football League this Thursday. I am told that this was a promising early debut for our team and whilst there was some disappointment over the score (0-3), I am sure that the weekly coaching sessions from Mr Benjamin will work their magic. My thanks to parents for bringing pupils along, our players for taking part, Mr Benjamin for organising the team and Mr Tozer for escorting the team on their debut.

Looking ahead to next week, I am reminded that we have our first Open Morning for prospective Reception parents in 2025. If you, or someone you know, has a child turning 4 before September next year please consider recommending our school to them.

Have a fantastic weekend, and I will see everybody next week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alex George

Deputy Headteacher

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

Playground Pals...

Our Paxcroft Playground Pals for this term are Evie, Joshua, Olivia, Poppy, Adrianna, Izzabella, Shai and Sofia. I have already had rave reviews about how helpful they have been on the playground supporting the new FS2 children to settle in. Thank you and keep up the good work everyone!



Our Learning this week...

Owls

This week in Owls class it has been lovely having all of the children at school all day every day! We have shared our first reading book with the adults and our grownups at home. We have been trying hard with our story telling and expanding our imaginations and are excited to get our first Sounds-Write book on Monday. In Literacy, we have been practising to write our names and hold our pencils correctly. In Expressive Arts and Design, we used our fine motor skills to paint and peg on spikes for a paper plate dinosaur, which are now hanging up above our home corner. In PE, we practised different ways of travelling around by running, jumping, hopping by playing the princess game.



Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

Another jam-packed week in KS1. In maths, we have been identifying numbers that are 1 more and 1 less within 20, using number lines to help us count. The children have also been developing their problem-solving and reasoning skills to further deepen their understanding. In English, we have been writing job adverts and using images to spark their imaginations for creative writing. In science, KS1 has been exploring the concept of offspring, identifying which animals resemble their parents.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

This week in Year 3/4 we have been writing character descriptions in English about our troll in our traditional tale the Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children have particularly enjoyed writing about his belly button gloop and giant warty nose! Ask them all about their terrifying trolls and their amazing adjectives! In Maths, we've been working on partitioning numbers up to 10,000! They have been using different methods to support their learning. During our science lessons we have been learning all about the digestive system and are completing an experiment making our own digestive system with bread, orange juice and a pair of tights creating models to show how food passes through our bodies. In our geography topic lessons this week we have been looking at volcanoes and how they form and labeling the cross sections! We've also had a lovely visitor from SCARF and Harold the giraffe to talk to us about acceptance and our feelings; the children really enjoyed having a visitor and discussing their emotions.

Kestrel, Falcon & Osprey

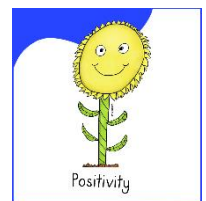
This week in English we have been investigating the Orkney Islands as this is where our class book, Corey's Rock is set. We have learned a lot of interesting facts about the Islands, through researching websites, watching videos and skimming and scanning tourist leaflets. Having identified the features of leaflets, we have honed our note-taking skills and used these to inform posters and leaflets. In Maths, we have been extending our knowledge of numbers and the number system to 10 million. We have used Gattegno charts to represent multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. In Topic we have looked at and investigated which countries were in the Allies and Axis blocks respectively and located these on a world map. Our House Captains, Vice House Captains and School Councillors have been elected; congratulations and well done. Soon Year 5 will have the opportunity to stand for Youth Parliamentarian. The successful Year 5 candidate will represent the school in Trowbridge Parliament and their office continues into Year 6. A friendly

reminder we need clean recyclables, such as yogurt pots and cardboard (cereal box sized), for our science lessons on forces.

Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Woodpecker	Louis W – Respect	Ambrose H – Positivity
Kingfisher		Pippa F – Independence Daniel R – Independence
Nightingale		Logan D – Positivity Isabella C – Independence
Swift		Noah R – Positivity Arabella J – Positivity & Independence
Housemartin	Carter C – Kindness	Lincoln C – Independence
Skylark		Keaton P – Independence Frankie J – Positivity
Osprey	Maria N - Respect	Wyatt – Resilience
Falcon	James H – All values	Elsbeth H – Resilience & Positivity
Kestrel	Holly C – Kindness & Respect	Iga T – Independence



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Reuben F – All Values

Poppy W – All Values



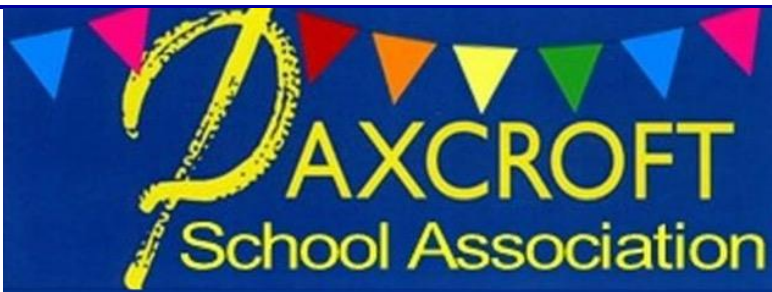
Diary dates for September 2024

Wednesday 25 th September	PSA meeting – 6pm
Thursday 26 th September	Open day 2025 Intake – 9-11am
Wednesday 2 nd October	PSA meeting – 6pm
Thursday 10 th October	PSA Autumn Disco
Friday 11 th October	WHY Fundraising event – more information to follow

Saturday 12th October	Open Day 2025 intake – 10-12pm
Monday 14th October	NSPCC Workshops Y2/5/6
Tuesday 15th October	Parents Evening – more information to follow
Wednesday 16th October	PSA Second hand uniform sale – after school
Thursday 17th October	Parents Evening – more information to follow
Friday 11th October	WHY Fundraising event (<i>reserve date</i>) – more information to follow
Monday 21st October	PSA meeting – 6pm (Christmas Fair prep)
Tuesday 22nd October	Last day of Term 1 for pupils
Wednesday 23rd October	TD Day
Monday 4th November	First day of Term 2
W/C 4th November	Poppy collections

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Autumn Disco	Whole School	Information & Action
Parent Governor Elections	Whole School	Information & Action
Reminder – Pastoral coffee morning	Whole School	Information & Action
Bikeability	Y6	Information & Action
Active Trowbridge Flyer	Whole School	Information
Y5/6 Open Day – St Laurence	Y5/6	Information
Cookery Club	Selected Pupils	Information
Meet the Teacher – Website Information	Y3/4	Information
October Dinner Menus	Whole School	Information & Action
Key Teacher letter	Reception	Information
Sounds-Write workshop reminder	Reception & Y1/2	Information



2024/2025

Meeting dates for your diary

Wed 25th September

Mon 21st October

Wed 20th November

Mon 27th January

Wed 26th February

Mon 17th March

Mon 28th April

Wed 21st May

Wed 18th June

Mon 7th July

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**