



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe that we've only got two (and a bit!) weeks left until the end of term.

We're currently working really hard providing more for our children to engage with at lunchtimes. We've successfully booked Active Trowbridge to run some activities three days a week and the feedback from the children so far has been very positive. We've also invested in some new equipment - as well as refreshing our stash of balls, hoops and skipping ropes, we've also sourced some new activities (foam croquet sets and diablo juggling sets to start with!) for the children to get to grips with. As well as opening up some new areas of the school on different lunchtimes, such as the Tipi and the Outdoor Classroom, we are hopeful that this will make lunchtimes at Paxcroft even more fun and enjoyable for our children.

I'm also pleased to say that, after waiting patiently for some time, our House Captains and School Councillors will have their badges handed out to them today. I've got lots of jobs lined up for them in the next few months and now they will have the badge-wear to reflect it!

A reminder that we have some parent meetings coming up for Braeside (on Monday) and Mill on the Brue (on Tuesday) as well as parents' evenings the week after.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr Alex George

Deputy Headteacher

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



Congratulations to Araminta PM, Jaxon M and Elijah BM who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.



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

Christmas at Paxcroft



Christmas Fayre

Saturday 14th December (10 - 2pm)

KS1 Christmas lunch

Tuesday 17th December

KS2 Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18th December

Carols on the Playground

Thursday 19th December (2.45pm)

Last day of term

Friday 20th December (3.15pm)



Our Learning this week...

Owls

This week in Literacy we have been continuing to look at the story 'Lulu's Nana Visits'. We have been discussing the similarities and differences between two of the characters. We have also talked about giving and receiving gifts. The children then made a bracelet to give to a friend as a gift. In Maths, we have been looking at repeating patterns and being able to recognise and name 2D shapes. We printed repeating patterns with shapes as well as made them with our toys. In PE, we started our Jasmine Scheme where we pretended to ride around on bikes. We were very impressed with how quickly and independently the children got changed into their PE kits. We are still working on getting back into our uniform!



Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

It's been another busy week for KS1! In Maths, we have been ordering and comparing numbers up to 20, as well as working with number lines. In English, the children have continued to explore *The Secret of the Black Rock*, while developing the skill of writing a diary from the perspective of the main characters. In History, KS1 have been learning all about famous explorers. They've discovered the achievements of Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, and Robert Falcon Scott's adventurous journey to the South Pole.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

Oh the things we learn in Year 3/4! In Science, all classes have now completed the 'Poo experiment' – your children can tell you more! In Maths we are coming to the end of the unit on Place Value and will, next week, begin work on

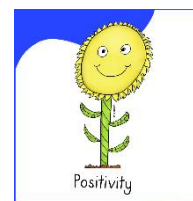
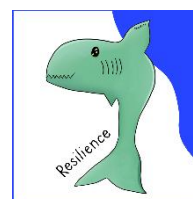
addition and subtraction. In English, we have been making predictions based on the pictures in the story book and exploring different ways to resolve conflict. We have also sketched out what the next illustrations might look like. In Art, we have been painting in 3D using different shades of the same colour and in topic we have been continuing our learning about our Active Planet and the famous volcanic eruption near Pompeii.

Kestrel, Falcon & Osprey

This week in Year 5/6 we have been continuing to analyse the story of Corey's Rock, by channelling Isla (our main character) and writing detailed diaries of her life so far. In Maths, we have finished off our place value unit after looking at number lines to 10 million, counting through zero and negative numbers. We look forward to starting our addition and subtraction unit next week. In Science this week, we have been learning about air resistance and gravity and we are looking forward to our egg-citing, egg parachute experiment next week. Finally in Music the children have been appraising songs, identifying the instruments and learning to sing Living on a prayer

Celebrations

<i>Class</i>	<i>Citizen Values</i>	<i>Learners' Values</i>
Woodpecker		Araminta PM – Independence Esmae M – Positivity
Kingfisher		Matilda BH – Independence Elliot R – Independence
Nightingale		Ezra A – Independence Ryan T – Independence
Swift		Emily A – Positivity & Independence Lauren T – Positivity & Independence
Housemartin	Lily W – All values	Laylen B – Independence
Skylark	Iyla-Grace B – Kindness & Respect	Jaxon M - Resilience
Osprey	Ezra B – All values	Adriana S – Resilience
Falcon	Lilly M – Kindness Sofia H – Kindness	
Kestrel		Eli C – Resilience Theo B – Independence



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Olaf R – All Values
Oliver K – All Values



Diary dates for September 2024

Monday 7th October	Braeside Parent Meeting (3.30pm)
Thursday 10th October	PSA Autumn Disco
Friday 11th October	WHY Fundraising event
Saturday 12th October	Open Day 2025 intake (10 – 12pm)
Monday 14th October	NSPCC Workshops Y2/5/6
Tuesday 15th October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 16th October	PSA Second hand uniform sale – after school
Thursday 17th October	Parents Evening
Friday 11th October	WHY Fundraising event (<i>reserve date</i>)
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
Monday 18th November	Open Day 2025 intake (9 – 11am)
Tuesday 19th November	Reception class Ambulance visit (at school)
Wednesday 20th November	Reception class PCSO visit (at school)
Monday 25th November	Y5/6 Visit to STEAM museum – More information to follow
Thursday 28th November	Non-school uniform – Chocolate donations for the Christmas Fayre
Friday 29th November	TD Day – School closed to pupils
Friday 6th December	Non-school uniform – Bottle donations for the Christmas Fayre
Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th December	Bikeability Group 1
Tuesday 10th December	Reception Nativity Performance – 1.45pm (More information to follow)
Wednesday 11th December	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th December	Bikeability Group 2
Thursday 12th December	Reception Nativity Performance – 5pm (More information to follow)
Saturday 14th December	PSA Christmas Fayre (10 – 2pm)

Tuesday 17th December	KS1 Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18th December	KS2 Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19th December	Carols on the playground (2.45pm)
Friday 20th December	Last day of term 2

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
Braeside Information	Y4	Information & Action
Parent Governor Elections reminder	Whole School	Information
Resource request	Y1/2	Information & Action
Trowbridge Town Council Christmas Card competition	Whole School	Information
Mill on the Brue Residential	Y6	Information & Action
Bikeability	Y6	Information & Action
Headlice	R & Y1/2	Information
St Laurence Letter	Y6	Information



2024/2025
Meeting dates for your diary

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



CHRISTMAS

Fayre

Please email paxcroftpsa@gmail.com if you would like to hold a stall or can spare some time to help.

14 DEC | **FREE ENTRY** | **10AM-2PM**

Paxcroft Primary School, Ashton Street

