



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

A very busy week and a productive one.

Thank you to the players, parents and Miss Stephens for braving the rain in this Thursday's football fixture - your resilience and determination do you credit. I believe a ParentMail has gone out today confirming the timing of the remaining fixtures in the league.

We've held the first of our open sessions for prospective parents of Reception in 2025, which was very successful. My thanks to the newly appointed House Captains for their help in leading tours around the school - we had lots of positive feedback about you and you really earned your complementary biscuit!

Behind the scenes, our teachers have done lots of work this week engaging with training on our new English scheme, the Power of Reading, which we have introduced to drive progress in Reading and Writing across the school. We have also had another PSA meeting outlining some more plans for the academic year - please do feel free to come along to any of the future meetings and lend a hand. We are looking forward to our first disco of the year on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October!

I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend and will see everybody next week.

Best wishes,

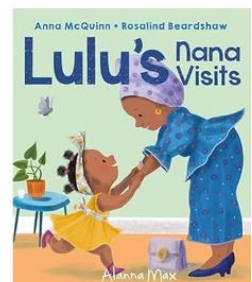
*Mr Alex George*

*Deputy Headteacher*

*Our Learning this week...*

*Owls*

Owls class have had a special visitor this week – Mr George came to play his guitar for them. There were lots of smiles all round. We have begun a new literacy scheme this week and have been starting to look at the story 'Lulu's Nana Visits' by Anna McQuinn. The children have been exploring the character of Lulu and have offered some wonderful responses to the pictures in the book. They have been so insightful inferring details from the pictures to build predictions about characters and story. In maths, the children have been focusing on directional and positional language. We went on a quest to the pirate ship and have made our own maps. The house points have started flowing – Keep up the good work Owls!



*Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale*

At the beginning of the week, KS1 were busy learning about number lines in maths. They have also started using the language greater than, less than and equal to, to help them compare numbers. In English lessons this week, the children have looked at illustrations and text from the story 'The Secret of Black Rock' by Joe Todd-Stanton to help them write sentences using adjectives. They have also drawn their own images of what they think Black Rock might look like using the descriptive language from the text. In Science this week, the children learnt all about the changes young animals go through as they grow into adults.

### Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

We have had another busy week in Year 3 and 4. In Maths the children have been estimating numbers on a number line and comparing numbers using less than, greater than and equal to symbols. In English, we have read and performed poems about food, which made us very hungry! We have also been writing delicious food poems of our own. We have continued our work on the digestive system and some of us have had a go at creating our own model digestive system using plastic bags, tights and cups! Ask Swift class for more information! In music, we are learning to play the ukulele with Mrs Farnell and are having lots of fun doing so!



### Kestrel, Falcon & Osprey





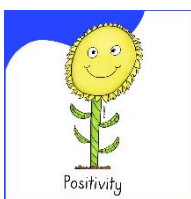

This week in English we have been learning all about the selkie legends in the Orkney Islands. Using our inference skills to figure out the complex themes and emotions throughout our current text, Corey's Rock. In Maths, we have been focusing on rounding, partitioning and using number lines as part of our place value topic. Year 5 swimming is going well with lots resilience and independence shining through. In topic, we have learnt about the territorial boundaries that the Axis powers occupied during WW2 and in more detail about the fall of France. A final plea for cardboard and clean yogurt pots as we are doing an experiment in science next week where we will be utilising these.

### 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](mailto:admin@paxcroft.wilts.sch.uk) and we will endeavour to add to the Paxcroft Post

### Celebrations

	Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
	Woodpecker		Ollie M – Independence Riley M – Positivity
	Kingfisher	Toluwalase O-A – Kindness & Respect	Archie H – Independence
	Nightingale	Joel A – Respect	George D – Independence
	Swift		Kaia B – Independence & Positivity Hector LB – Resilience & Positivity
	Housemartin	Felix P - Kindness	Reece Y - Independence
	Skylark	Buddie D – Kindness	Basil W - Resilience
	Osprey	Aubree C – Kindness & Respect	Isaac H – Independence & Resilience
	Falcon		Woody S – Positivity & Resilience Ethan S – Positivity
	Kestrel	Sienna – Kindness & Respect	Joshua B – Independence

## Paxcroft Citizen Cups



**Hector S – All Values**

**Jake M – All Values**

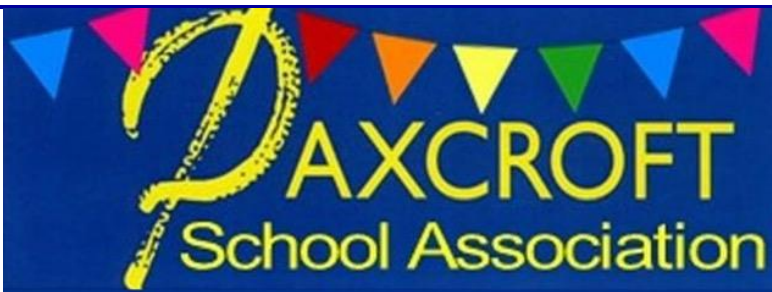


## Diary dates for September 2024

<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	PSA Autumn Disco
<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>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents Evening – more information to follow
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	PSA Second hand uniform sale – after school
<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 (Christmas Fair prep)
<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>
The Little Mermaid Theatre	Whole School	Information
Letter from Chair of Governors	Whole School	Information
Parents' Evening	Whole School	Information & Action
Lantern Making Workshop	Whole School	Information
Football League	Selected Pupils	Information & Action
Library Opening	Whole School	Information
Football League Information	Selected Pupils	Information
We Hear You Fundraiser	Whole School	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**