



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week! A huge thank you and congratulations to everyone who has taken part in the We Hear You fundraising events today, whether you have come into school in pink and/or blue, whether you've donated, or whether you were one of the KS2 pupils who took part in the fun run this morning, it is all very much appreciated and for a very good cause. My thanks to Mrs Williams for organising the event and the Pastoral Team for supporting it throughout the day.

Thank you also to the staff and parent volunteers who helped us put on the Autumn Disco on Thursday evening. We had over 200 children through the door and have raised over £500 for the PSA, which will make its way back into funding activities and essentials for the children in school. Please do consider giving some time (whether that be half an hour or half a day) to help the PSA at upcoming fayres and discos this year - without parent support, we are unable to put these events on and the children absolutely love them.

And, finally, an enormous congratulations to the football team for their first win in the Trowbridge Football League. I have seen a number of enormously proud children (and Mr Benjamin) today and it is clear your training is paying off.

A few reminders for the upcoming weeks. We have Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Thursday next week. A further reminder that we break up for half term on Tuesday 22nd October (Wednesday 23rd is a TD day) and return to school on Monday 4th November.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Best wishes,

Mr Alex George

Acting Headteacher

Library open...

Please come and visit the library after school every Tuesday and Thursday 3.15pm - 3.45pm where children can read with a cuddly reading buddy, you can share stories with your children on our comfy bean bags and cushions, check out the magazines or borrow a new book. All are welcome.

Mrs Frost

LIBRARY IS OPEN



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

It's been a very busy week here in Owls class. We have been subitising our numbers one and two as we begin our number sense scheme of work. The children continue to work hard with the sounds write practise. We have had lots of story times. In literacy, our lovely Owls have created their very own class poem about their favourite things as we continue our exploration of our book 'Lulu's Nana visits'. Mrs Pepler brought in some African artefacts linked to Tanzania including an ostrich egg and a Tinga Tinga piece of pottery. The children have been making their own Tinga Tinga artwork which has been really beautiful. We have some very talented artists in our class! They have created their own leaf crowns which have come in to play with our dressing up which they have really enjoyed.



Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

KS1 have been working hard in English lessons this week. They have continued exploring the main characters actions and emotions in the story 'The Secret of Black Rock'. The children have developed their creative writing skills through writing a diary entry from the perspective of the main character and a poem inspired by the illustrations from the book. In maths, children have been using part-part whole models to aid them with addition number sentences. In History, the children learnt all about the explorer Amelia Earhart and her adventures as a pilot.




Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

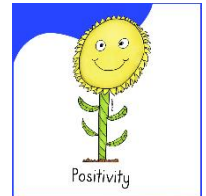
This week in English we have been thinking about ways we can make our traditional tale 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' our own and create a twist. We have heard of the Three Billy Goat Grannies, The Three Billy Gamer and even some Kittens and Capybaras! The children have really enjoyed beginning to put their own spin on the tale. In Maths we have started our new addition and subtraction topic where we are starting to add and subtract 2-digit and 3-digit numbers! During our science this week we have completed an egg experiment showing the effects of sugary and acidic drinks and how they can affect our teeth! Ask them all about it! In Geography we are looking at the effects of volcanic eruptions and making models to see if they can with stand an 'Earthquake' (shaking tables)! They've really enjoyed getting to learn about our active planet!

Kestrel, Falcon & Osprey

This week in Year 5/6 we have been analysing poetry relating to our book, Corey's Rock. The children have impressed us by producing their own thoughtful and moving poetry about their life. In Maths we have started our unit on Addition and Subtraction, with the children practising their key skills and column methods. In Topic we have continued to learn about World War Two, focusing on how the Nazi's treated others. Did you know that Jewish people were not allowed to own bikes under the Nazi regime? We are looking forward to our history trip to the STEAM museum, where we will experience life as an evacuee! We look forward to seeing you all next week for parents evening!

Celebrations

	Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
	Woodpecker	Leila S-G – Kindness & Respect	Jasper E – Positivity
	Kingfisher	Robyn Y – Kindness & Respect	Luna B - Independence
	Nightingale	Evie-Grace W – Respect	Roman A – Independence
	Swift	Samuel W – Kindness	Kason Mc – Positivity & Independence
	Housemartin	Ivy D – Kindness & Respect	Evan J – All values
	Skylark		Ollie R – All values Bonnie - Independence
	Osprey	Eleanor W – All values	Isabelle M – Resilience & Positivity
	Falcon	Ted M – All values	Kyron T – Resilience Faye W – Positivity
	Kestrel	Alice A – All values	Esmae J - Resilience



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Sophie B – All Values

Beatrice M – All Values



Diary dates for September 2024

Saturday 12th October	Open Day 2025 intake (10 – 12pm)
Monday 14th October	NSPCC Workshops Y2/5/6 **postponed**
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
PSA Christmas Fayre poster	Whole School	Information
NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe. Programme	Whole School	Information
Mental Health Day	Whole School	Information
STEAM museum	Y5/6	Information & Action
We Hear You Fundraiser reminder	Whole School	Information
Library open	Whole School	Information
Braeside forms	Y4	Information & Action
School Disco reminder	Whole School	Information



PAXCROFT
School Association

2024/2025
Meeting dates for your diary

Wed 25th September	Mon 17th March
Mon 21st October	Mon 28th April
Wed 20th November	Wed 21st May
Mon 27th January	Wed 18th June
Wed 26th February	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



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

