



## Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting week! I've been so impressed with the performance of Owls class in their nativity - so fantastic to see such confidence in singing, dancing and acting from such a young age. My thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard over the last few weeks to make this opportunity for them.

Around the wider school, a group of Y6s have engaged with Bikeability this week and the instructors reported back on how impressed they were with their manners and attitude, which is lovely feedback to receive (particularly given the cold weather to be cycling in!). Classes have been practising their carols for the last week of term and putting together some Christmas decorations that will be available at the Xmas Fayre on Saturday. A number of PSA volunteers are in school as I write, set to transform the school tipi into a Santa's Grotto. I look forward to seeing lots of people on Saturday!

A few reminders - next week, we have our Christmas Lunches (Reception and KS1 on Tuesday and KS2 on Wednesday) and children may wear Christmas jumpers with their school uniform on their respective lunch day. We have carols on the playground at 2.45pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and our last day of school for this term is Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, with school ending at the usual time of 3.15pm.

Best wishes,

Mr Alex George  
Acting Headteacher

## Bikeability..

We have had a brilliant week of Bikeability. The instructors were really impressed with the children and we as a school are so proud of them and the way they conducted themselves. They have been such good ambassadors for the school, demonstrating all of our values. We hope they really enjoyed it.



## Our Learning this week...

### Owls

This week in Owls class it has been all about our Nativity performances. We are so proud of each and every child on how well they have done. They sang loud and clear and were confident and loud when saying their lines. We hope you thoroughly enjoyed it! All photos are up on Class Dojo and you should have also received a laminated photo of your child. In Literacy, we wrote a class version of 'Wheels on the Bus' but called 'Wheels on the Train' to link to our learning about the book 'I like Trains by Daisy Hirst'. In Maths, we have been subitising 5 as 4 and 1 more.



### Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

It's been an exciting week for KS1! In maths, they've explored numbers beyond 20, grouping them into tens and ones. In English, creativity roared as they designed their own dinosaurs and wrote imaginative dinosaur poems. In science, they learned about medicine and created vibrant safety posters. Meanwhile, history took them aboard the Titanic, discovering life onboard and the vital role of lifeboats

### Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

This has been another busy week in Year 3 and 4. We started the week with a treat, watching the fantastic Nativity performed by Owls Class. We are all feeling very Christmassy now! In English, we have planned and written stories

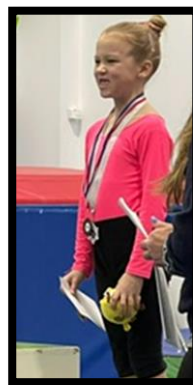
which we have published in our neatest handwriting. In Maths, we have been practicing and consolidating times tables and solving problems involving these. We have been learning the names of musical instruments in French and have continued to investigate rivers in Geography. We have finished making our Christmas tree decorations which we hope you will want to purchase at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday.

### *Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel*

This week, the children have been writing and making their picture books based of our focus book this term called The Promise. It has been a joy reading through their work. This week we have been learning about angles in maths, the children have been working hard to figure out missing angles. In History we have been learning about the events that led up to the end of the World War 2, the children have found this topic very interesting to learn about.

### *Outside Achievements...*

Congratulations to Grace who competed in a Christmas trampolining competition on Saturday and came 3rd. Fantastic work, Grace!

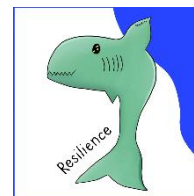


We are proud of all the children at Paxcroft, and want to celebrate their successes inside and outside the classroom. We mark their successes at school in a range of ways, including certificates to celebrate children who are demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen and Learning Values, the 'Book of Brilliance' 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.

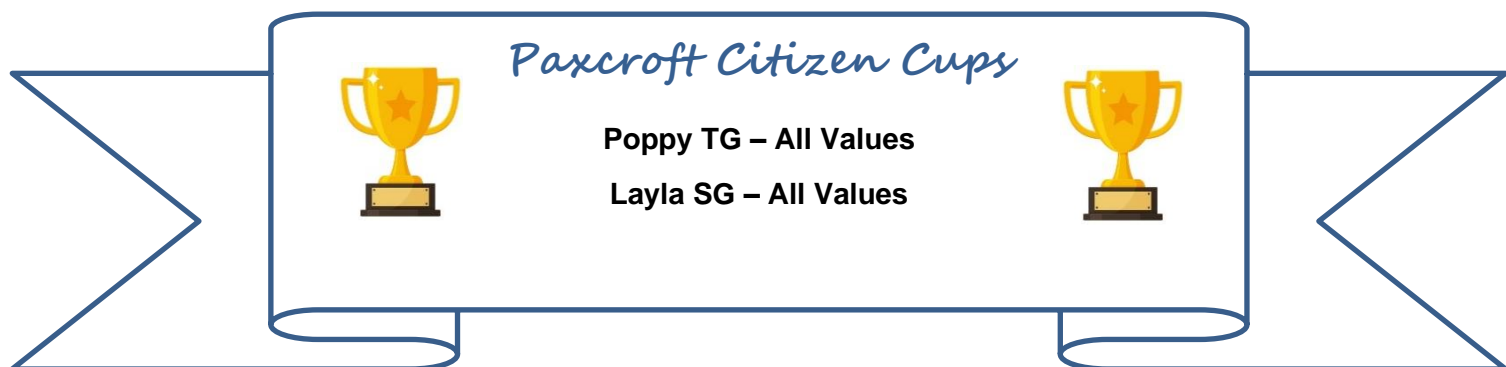
### *Celebrations...*



<i>Class</i>	<i>Citizen Values</i>	<i>Learners' Values</i>
<i>Owls</i>	The Whole of Owls for their Nativity!	
<i>Woodpecker</i>	Logan T – Respect	Caleb W – Independence
<i>Kingfisher</i>	Miles A – Kindness & Honesty	George C – Independence & Resilience
<i>Nightingale</i>	Amanatjot K – All Values	JJ C – Independence
<i>Swift</i>		Roman BM – Positivity & Independence Arabella J – Positivity & Resilience
<i>Housemartin</i>	Kaycie B – All Values	Alex M – Independence
<i>Skylark</i>		Ella-May H – Resilience Natalia M – Positivity
<i>Osprey</i>	Ruby L – All Values	Isabelle M – All Values



<i>Falcon</i>	Riley L – Positivity	Filip L – Kindness
<i>Kestrel</i>		Shannon B – Independence & Resilience Starla B – Resilience




### *Diary dates from December 2024*

<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PSA Christmas Fayre (10 – 2pm)
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 Christmas Lunch
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception & KS1 Christmas Party
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Christmas Lunch
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carols on the playground (2.45pm)
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of term 2
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Online Safety Parent Workshop
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	PSA Meeting 6pm
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parents Evening 1 – more information to follow
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parents Evening 2 – more information to follow
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 1/2 performance – (details tbc)
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 1/2 Performance – (details tbc)

## Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
January 25 Dinner Menu	Whole School	Information & Action
Still time to book Santa	Whole School	Information
Clubs Next Week	Whole School	Information
Holiday Vouchers	Individual Pupils	Information & Action
Gymnastics Club	Individual Pupils	Information & Action
Christmas Jumpers	Whole School	Information
Mr Benjamin's Football Club (Terms 3 & 4)	Individual Pupils	Information
Flu Immunisations (absent pupils)	Whole School	Information
January Lunch Menu – Order Deadline Reminder	Whole School	Information & Action
New Clubs Available	Years 2, 3,4,5 & 6	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](mailto:paxcroftpsa@gmail.com) if you would like to hold a stall or can spare some time to help.

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

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