



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, after what I hope was a restful half term. We've had an exciting first week in school, and not just dealing with the absolute range of British Spring weather! Year 3/4 have started the preparations for their production, and I am hearing lots of lovely singing down the LKS2 corridor. We are also getting ready for World Book Day, which is next Thursday. Hopefully you will have had a chance to read my ParentMail this week, and we are really wanting to celebrate and promote literature and reading through encouraging children (and staff!) to dress up as a book character. There will be some other reading activities over the course of the day and we have invited children back at 5pm for Book at Bedtime.

I hope that you have a brilliant weekend, and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Best wishes,

*Mr Alex George
Acting Headteacher*

World Book Day.....

On Thursday 6th March, it will be World Book Day! As we do each year, we look to celebrate and encourage a love of literature by giving children across the school the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. In the evening, we will be holding our Book at Bedtime event, where children will be invited back to school in pyjamas to listen to teachers reading some of their favourite bedtime stories, whilst enjoying a delicious hot chocolate. Children will be able to come in from 5pm and will need to be collected at 5.45pm. If you would like your child to attend Book at Bedtime, please complete the below Microsoft Forms link so that we have an idea of numbers.



[Book at Bedtime Sign-up](#)

Save the date.....



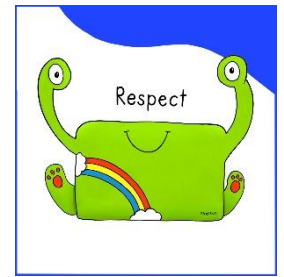
Easter Disco
Thursday 20th March
More details to follow



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



Congratulations to Arabella G, Arthur L, Ire O, Izzabella S 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.


Times Tables Rockstars Leader board...

Congratulations to everyone who has made it into the top three on the leaderboard this week. Remember, you need to complete individual studio sessions ten times for your average speed to be recorded.

For Year 2 students, the leaderboard will be assessed by how many questions a child has answered correctly, rather than their speed. The class leaderboard will be measured by the percentage of active participants from each class.

A special shout out to Kiera who has shown incredible resilience and perseverance. You are now top of the leaderboard 😊

Keep trying everyone!
Miss Beaven

	Y6	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Teachers	Class
	Kiera R	Jake C	George G	Dexter H	Olaf R	Miss Smith	Housemartin 96%
	Shai A	Olivia M	Oliver K	Laylen B	Ryan T	Mrs Sager	Swift, Osprey, Falcon 93%
	Holly C	Jacob A	Terrell S	Frankie J	Szymon J	Miss Granger	Kestrel 83%

Our Learning this week...

Owls

It has been lovely to have the children back this week and hearing about what they got up to in half term. We have launched our new topic 'Traditional Tales' this week by reading and retelling the story, The Gingerbread Man. We also got a chance to make and try our own gingerbread men. We helped with the weighing, mixing, rolling and cutting. In Literacy, we have started to look at the book 'New House for Mouse' where we have been discussing what animals live in holes. In Maths, we have been learning to recap how to partition 2 and 3 and then learning to partition 4. We also started our gymnastics unit in PE where we were learning to travel in different ways with control.

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after half term. In maths, KS1 have been adding and subtracting within 100. They have used their knowledge of number bonds within ten to help them add ones and add to the next ten. In English, we have started reading the book 'Skater Cielo' by Rachel Katstaller. We have explored the character in the book and made predictions. The children also learnt the skills to write a personal narrative all about their photo they brought in. In History, the children explored images to help them find out what our history topic for the term is. I wonder if they can tell you what they are learning about!

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

We hope you had a lovely break over half term. It has been lovely to see the children looking forward to our end of term production. Rehearsals and singing practise are well underway. We've started to read our new class book 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne. We've written 'in role' a diary entry about thunderstorms and detailed the characteristics of the boy. In Maths, we have finished our unit on area and have started length and perimeter. Our Invaders and Settlers topic is continuing this term. Please remember that any home learning projects are due in for the last week of term. See our curriculum letter and homework information for more details (coming soon).

Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This week in English we have begun our new book, Running on Empty by S. E. Durrant. We have been learning about the London 2012 Olympic Games, as our main character witnessed the 100m Men's Final where Usain Bolt took gold. We have been working on our reporting skills, writing a newspaper report on this historic event. In maths, we have started our new topic of adding and subtracting decimals, where the children have been practising their column methods and understanding that the decimal point doesn't move. We have also started our new Topic entitled, Our Country, Our World, Our Universe looking at understanding what regions and counties are and being able to label them on a map.

Celebrations...

Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Owls	Maiga C – All Values	George H – All Values
Woodpecker		Ronnie C – Independence Araminta PM – Positivity
Kingfisher	Pippa F – Kindness & Respect	Daniel R – Resilience
Nightingale	Cassian O – Respect	Ezra A – Independence
Swift		Hollie M – Positivity & Resilience Hector LB – Positivity & Resilience
Housemartin	Kaycie B – Kindness	Carter C – Resilience
Skylark	Iyla-Grace B – Kindness & Respect	Ella-May H – Independence
Osprey	Zuzanna H – All Values	Alice A – Independence & Resilience
Falcon		Archie WC – Independence & Resilience
Kestrel	Polly D – All Values	Gabriel WN - Resilience





Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Isabella T – All values

Freddie K – All Values

Diary dates from January 2025

Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 6 th March	Book at Bedtime, 5pm
Monday 17 th March	PSA Meeting, 6pm
Thursday 20 th March	PSA Easter Disco – more information to follow
Friday 21 st March	Reception Class – National Child Measurement Programme
Friday 21 st March	Community Litter Pick – More information to follow
Tuesday 1 st April	Year 3/4 Performance, afternoon - more details to follow
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 3/4 Performance, evening - more details to follow
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term 4
Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22 nd April	First day of Term 5
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May	Y6 SATs week

Letters & Communications issued this week

ITEM	To	For
Mr Benjamin's Football Club – Monday 24 th Feb CANCELLED	Selected Pupils	Information
Update from Chair of Governors	Whole School	Information
First Aid Awareness Sessions 2025	Whole School	Information
World Book Day	Whole School	Information
Reception trip to Bath City Farm	Owls Class	Information and Action
Netball Club	Years 3-6	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 20th 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



Steel Pans

THURSDAYS
5.15 - 6.15
WILTSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
ALL AGES WELCOME

TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
INFO@WILTSHIREYOUNGMUSICIANS.ORG.UK

SEN - We LOVE books!!

Fun for world book day

Saturday 1st March 10-11am



Westwood Social Club, BA15 2AP

Join us to celebrate the love and imagination of books. Listen to a story while exploring it with your senses in sensory trays. Bring your old book/s for a book swap, make your own bookmark and decorate your own bag to carry your new books home. Dressing up is a welcomed bonus if you would like to.

£10 Per child/young adult
(Supervising adult free)

Sen inspired, but everyone welcome. Please be kind.

Booking is recommended, spaces are limited. To book scan the QR code to find our Kay-OSS Facebook page, or email kayossevents@gmail.com

SEN STAY AND PLAY SESSION

Please declare ALL attending.

AT FUNWAYS

SUNDAY 16TH MARCH

Warminster, BA12 0DF

2-4PM

I have hired the use of the soft play for this SEN session so please book through me and NOT via Funways. A numbered image will be sent to you after payment to show on arrival. This means I have also simplified the prices for this purpose and will be slightly different to the standard prices.

£6 per child
(Parent/Carer free)
(Under 2s free)
(0-16years)

KITCHEN CLOSSES BY 3PM

Booking via Kay-OSS Events page
Or kayossevents@gmail.com

This is for sole SEN use and siblings






SEN Mother's Day Crafts 10.30-12

Saturday 29th March

Westwood Social Club, BA15 2AP

£10 per child/young adult
(Supervising Parent/carer free)

Join us as we make gifts to give the wonderful women in our lives, from paper flowers, handmade cards, decorate a little mirror, and even make a bracelet. SEN inspired but everyone welcome.

ASwell as SRJ Creations stall for any last minute presents, cash or card.

HAPPY mother's DAY

Booking recommended, limited spaces. To book scan the QR code for our Facebook page or email kayossevents@gmail.com




SEN Parent & Carer coffee morning

Thursday 20th March

Tesco Cafe, county way, BA14 7AQ

Sometimes we just need a chance to get together and unwind with others that know how stressful it can be, So Come along and join us for a chat over a coffee or something to eat at Tesco.

On-site free parking.

9.30-11





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30TH MARCH
11.00 REHEARSAL
13.00 CONCERT

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