



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

It's been a lovely week here at Paxcroft, and we've enjoyed the sun whenever it's shown its face! Years 1, 3 and 6 have had their Walk Safe Road Safety training this week, and Year 3 are due to have some extra sessions next week, so do be sure to check with your children about their road awareness over the weekend. We're really looking forward to the school disco and our Red Nose Day celebrations next week, and we've got our school councillors putting up Red Nose Day posters offering raffle tickets to face paint a teacher as we speak...

We've also had a high rate of sickness absence amongst pupils over the last couple of weeks. Happily, absence rates now seem to be coming down but I would ask that parents re-emphasise the messages that we are currently giving in school around hand and mouth hygiene to help curb the spread of illnesses.

I hope that you all have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you back in school next week.

Best wishes,

*Mr Alex George*  
*Acting Headteacher*

## *Red Nose Day.....*

**Friday 21st March is Red Nose Day.** We will have the following activities to help us raise as much money as possible for Comic Relief Red Nose Day:

- **Non-school uniform day:** wear something red and bring a donation
- **Cake sale** outside the school hall after school on Friday 21st March. The School Council will be baking cakes with the help of our lovely school cooks but **we really need your cake donations too!**
- **Guess the number of sweets in the jar:** one for Reception, one for Year 1/2, one for Year 3/4 and one for Year 5/6. 20p a go
- **Buy a raffle ticket for the chance to face paint your class school councillor/teacher/staff volunteers** 20p a go

Please see the Just Giving link below or children can bring cash on the day.

[Just Giving - Red Nose Day](#)

Thank you very much for your support

Paxcroft School Council and Mrs Rhodes



## Dinner Menu...

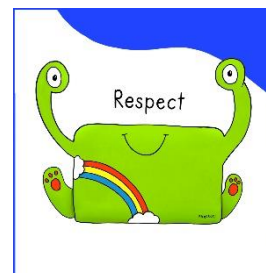
April's menu will be going **LIVE** on Monday. Please remember to make your menu choices via Scopay or by completing a paper copy and handing it in to the office.



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



Congratulations to Ayda J, Evelyn S, Gabriel G and Alfie O who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.






## 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 Skylark class for making their way onto the leaderboard! Well done for demonstrating positivity and working as a team 😊**

Keep trying everyone!  
Miss Beaven

	Y6	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Teachers	Class
	Shai A	Jake C	Terrell S	Dexter H	Sophie B	Miss Smith	Housemartin
	Kiera R	Olivia M	George G	Frankie J	Olaf R	Mrs Sager	Kestrel
	Holly C	Jacob A	Oliver K	Laylen B	Jakub L	Miss Granger	Skylark

## Outside Achievements...

Congratulations to Theodora, who received a certificate of achievement for her fun gym level 2 assessment. She has met most of the required targets and is very proud of her achievement! Well done, Theodora.



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.

## Our Learning this week...

### Owls

This week in Literacy we introduced our new book 'My Pet Goldfish' by Catherine Rayner. The children have been discussing what they think the story might be about and who the characters are. The children have also started to write a sentence all about their own pets or imaginary pets. In Maths, we have been continuing to learn to recall our number bonds to 5. This week is British Science week so we linked our Traditional Tales topic to this and the story 'The Billy Goats Gruff' where we looked at different types of bridges and the types of materials they are made with. The children then made some great bridges out of different resources in the classroom.

### Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

KS1 have been very busy with their learning this week. In maths, the Year 1s have been learning to add ten to a two-digit number and the Year 2's, have learnt to add multiples of ten to a two-digit number. They used base 10 and hundreds charts to help them with their calculations. The children have also been subtracting from a 10. In English, we have continued reading the book 'Skater Cielo'. We create freeze frames to help find out how Cielo might be feeling at different stages in the book and used these ideas to help us write in role. This week each class has had their ICT days! The children learnt about the importance of instructions on a computer programme. They followed instructions using the paint tool to create colourful animal pictures. They also ordered instructions for simple recipes and this showed them that the order of instructions can affect the outcome.

### Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

We have been working really hard rehearsing for our performance of 'You Are Special'. It is coming together nicely and we are proud of how well the children have learned their lines and performed their parts. In class we have started a Fractions unit in Maths and have been writing poetry in English. The Year 3's were lucky to have a Walk Safe workshop in school on Thursday, focusing on how to stay safe when crossing the road. They have all brought a leaflet home with more information. Please could we have costumes for the performance into school as soon as possible so we can start to work out what we have and what we need. Thank you for your support with this.

### Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This week in Year 5/6, we have been continuing with our book - Running on Empty - by analysing the character of AJ. We have also been writing P.E.E (point, evidence, explanation) paragraphs, in order to answer the question: What do we know about AJ's character? In Maths we have started to learn about percentages by understanding what percent means (part of 100) and calculating equivalent percentages from fractions. We have also been continuing our Diet and Exercise unit in science, by conducting an experiment into our heart rate and how it changes after exercise. Year 6 have also taken part in a Road Safety workshop, learning all about why we wear seatbelts and cycling helmets.

## Celebrations...



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Owls	Isabelle W – All Values	Lindsey H – Independence & Resilience
Woodpecker	Evelyn S – Kindness & Respect	Esmee M – Resilience
Kingfisher	Szymon J – Positivity Ally M – Resilience	
Nightingale		Albi D – Independence Abigail S – Independence
Swift		Noah R – Resilience George G – Independence
Housemartin	Lily W – Kindness	Alex M – Independence
Skylark		Honey SW – Positivity Natalia M – Positivity
Osprey		Jacob A – All Values Adriana S – All Values
Falcon	Juniper A – All Values	Zak C – Positivity Archie WC – All Values
Kestrel		Logan C – Resilience Jake M – Positivity



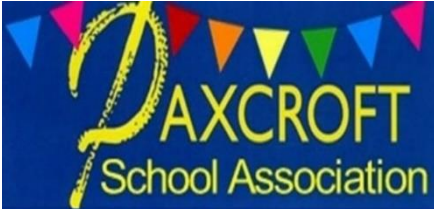
## Diary dates from January 2025

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	PSA Meeting, 6pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Walk Safe Road Safety Training (Year 3 only)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	PSA Easter Disco
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Reception Class – National Child Measurement Programme

<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Community Litter Pick
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Red Nose Day: Non-Uniform Day (Wear something red)
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Cake Sale After School
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Year 3/4 Performance, afternoon
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Year 3/4 Performance, evening
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last day of term 4
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Easter Monday Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	First day of Term 5
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	PSA Meeting, 6pm
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday – School Closed
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Y6 SATs week
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Reception – Trip to Bath Farm
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	PSA Meeting, 6pm
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Last day of Term 5
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	First Day of Term 6

### *Letters & Communications issued this week*

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>For</b>
Y6 Leavers T- Shirt Order Form	Year 6	Information & Action
Easter FUEL Programme – Booking Now Open	Selected Pupils	Information & Action
Community Litter Pick	Selected Pupils	Information & Action
KS1: Materials Needed	KS1	Information & Action
Y3/3 Performance Tickets	Year 3 & 4	Information & Action
Red Nose Day 2025	Whole School	Information & Action
Breakfast & After School Club Form	Whole School	Action




**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

**BRADFORD ON AVON  
SWIMMING POOL**

Swimming Lessons available from 3 months old!

Stage 1 (for beginners) school aged children from 5 years old

Aquateles (for beginners) aged 8 to 14 years old.

- ✓ £25 joining fee per family
- ✓ £32.50 per month (£23.75 with proof of concession)
- ✓ Free swimming in public and fun & float sessions
- ✓ Free swimming hat and swimming bag
- ✓ Free badge and certificate on completion of each stage

For more information or to book please call  
01225862970  
Or email [Kayleigh.salter@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Kayleigh.salter@wiltshire.gov.uk)



**JUMBLE SALE**

**SUN**  
16TH MARCH

£1 Entry for adults

9.30 - 12pm  
Wallington Hall, Church Street,  
Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire BA15 1LN

The nearest car park is St Margarets.  
There is a footbridge known as the McKeever Bridge across  
the river from the car park directly into Church Street

CLOTHING | BOOKS | GAMES | TOYS  
BRIC A BRAC | AND MUCH MORE!

Fundraising event by some of the Clarendon Students to  
raise funds towards the Borneo expedition