



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the holiday. I hope you and your families enjoyed the Easter break. We have certainly hit the ground running. Term 5 is short but very busy and I have been impressed by the positive way the children have settled back into school. Today Year 5/6 were visited by Rt Hon Dr Andrew Murrison and Councillor Mel Jacob for a Q&A session as part of their learning about the role of government and laws that affect our everyday lives. Ted explained that the children asked questions on a wide range of topics including the cost-of-living crisis, access to local health services and whether the politicians felt worried about being attacked for their beliefs. Our visitors were very impressed by the children's thoughtful questions.

A reminder that our Pastoral Support team are holding a coffee morning for parents on Thursday 1st May 8.45-10am. We would love to welcome you into school for a coffee and an opportunity to chat with the team.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Lou Rhodes
Headteacher

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



Congratulations to Asher S, Leila SG, Buddie D and Sophia H who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.



Pastoral Support.....

Paxcroft Primary School
Coffee and Chat Morning
Thursday 1st May
8:45am – 10am
In the School Hall

Please come along to the launch of our new
Pastoral Support Team

(Mrs Lilley, Mrs Williams, Mrs Gunning, Ms Weeks, and Mrs Shore)



Everyone is welcome to come along for an informal chat and refreshments.
This will be an opportunity to meet the new team as well as other parents.
We will also have information available about a range of support services for children and families.
Toys for little ones provided!

Times Tables Rockstars Leader board...

We are excited for another term of Times Tables Rockstars! We recommend playing TTRS in Garage mode for 3 minutes a day and then free play until your heart is content in Studio or any of the other modes. This enables the algorithm to register which times tables that your child needs to practice.

Keep up the great work during half term for me 😊

Congratulations to everyone who has made it into the top three on the leaderboard this week!

Miss Beaven

	Y6	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Teachers	Class
	Shai A	Gabriel WN	Terrell S	Dexter H	Ryan T	Miss Smith	Swift
	Kiera R	Sienna P	George G	Frankie J	Rory S	Mrs Sager	Skylark
	Holly C	Jake C	Oliver K	Laylen B	Heidi C	Miss Granger	Osprey/Kestrel

Outside Achievements...

Congratulations to Darcie who performed in the 1,000-seat capacity Vidéopolis Theatre, at Disneyland Paris with her dance troupe NJ Dance over the Easter holidays. She and fellow dancers performed several breath-taking routines as part of the Disney Performing Arts program. Darcie relished the opportunity to showcase her dance skills in front of her largest audience to date. She wore a smile throughout her performance on stage. What an amazing opportunity!



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.

Our Learning this week...

Owls

It was lovely to have the children back this week. In Literacy, we have started looking at our new book, "Aaaarrgghh! Spider!" by Lydia Monks. We have been learning lots of different facts about spiders and talking about if they would be good as a pet. In Maths, we have been learning how to double numbers to 5, some children even started to challenge themselves with doubles to 10. In 'Understanding the World', we have started our new topic on farms by learning what a farm is and what lives on one, all ready for our trip at the end of this term. We have also learnt about France and discussed how other countries speak different languages. Maybe you can see if your child remembers how to say Hello and Goodbye in French!

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

It has been great to welcome the children back. We hope you all had lovely Easter break! In maths, KS1 have delved into the world of division by grouping and have used practical resources to help them understand the concept. In English, we have started reading the book 'Look Up' by Nathan Bryon. The children have been exploring the main character and her interests. They then used this to make connections with themselves and wrote a personal narrative all about their own interests. This week, we launched our new Geography topic. The children spent an afternoon exploring sand, water and boats to help them find out what our new topic is. I wonder if they can tell you all about it!

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

We hope you had a lovely Easter break. It has been lovely to see the children back in school. In English this term, we are following a unit of work on poetry. The children have been reading, interpreting and writing poems. In Maths we have been adding and subtracting fractions. Our topic this term, and next, is The Ancient Egyptians. At the beginning of next term, children in Year 4 will complete a Multiplication Tables Check, which is a national assessment. To make sure that the children feel as prepared as possible for this, we will be doing some extra practice in school and we would encourage parents to make sure that pupils have lots of opportunity to practice on Times Tables Rockstar (or Purple Mash!) at home. Please see our curriculum letter and homework information for more details (coming soon).

Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

We have been very pleased with the way that Year 5/6 have come back from their Easter break ready to learn. Although it has been a short week, we have packed a lot of learning in already. In English, we have started a new book called Curiosity by Markus Motum, which tells the story of the pioneering explorer Mars Rover, from a first-person perspective. We have spent some time discussing the abstract concept of Curiosity and discussed whether this is a positive or a negative force. On balance, we have decided that curiosity is responsible for a huge amount of progress in many fields but that there can be negative consequences or aspects to curiosity too, which can cause unforeseen issues. In Maths, we have been recapping properties of angles and solving angle problems in triangles and quadrilaterals; we have also revised using protractors. Our topic – 'Our World and Our Universe' continues; our focus is now on democracy and how the country is governed, our place in the world and how we connect globally with other places. We are welcoming our local politician, Dr Murrison and local Councillor Mel Jacob into school on Friday, where they will be answering questions generated by Year 5/6.

Celebrations...



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Owls	Noah BH – Kindness & Honesty	Adam K – All Values
Woodpecker	Eli P – Kindness & Respect	Hamish L – Positivity
Kingfisher	Maja K – Kindness & Respect	Harrison C – Independence
Nightingale		Roman A – Positivity Corey C – Positivity
Swift		Noah R – Positivity Ava S – Positivity
Housemartin	Evelyn Mc – Independence & Positivity	Bea M – All Values
Skylark		Riley R – Positivity Adam C – Resilience
Osprey	Patryk S – Respect	Evie S – Resilience



<i>Falcon</i>	Ethan S – All Values	Woody S – Positivity
<i>Kestrel</i>	Josh B – All Values	Elijah C – All Values



Paxcroft Citizen Cups



Honey SW – All Values

Evelyn S – All Values

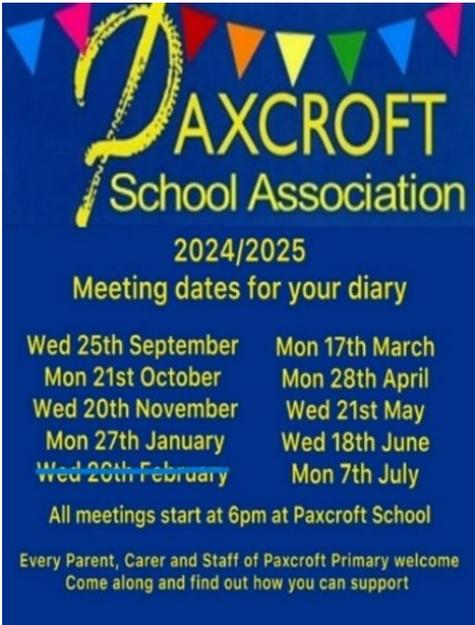
Diary dates from January 2025

Monday 28th April	PSA Meeting, 6pm
Wednesday 30th April	Class Photographs
Thursday 1st May	Phonics Screening Check & Drop-in Session, 3.30pm
Thursday 1st May	Pastoral Team Coffee Morning, 08:45-10:00am
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 8th May	Celebrating VE day, including ‘Street Party’ Themed Lunch
Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May	Y6 SATs week
Tuesday 20th May	Reception – Trip to Bath Farm
Wednesday 21st May	PSA Meeting, 6pm
Friday 23rd May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 2nd June	Teacher Development Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 3rd June	First Day of Term 6
Thursday 12th June	Year 6 Trip - Junior Good Citizen – more information to follow
Friday 13th June	Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate Donation (Summer Fayre)

Wednesday 18 th June	PSA Meeting, 6pm
Friday 20 th June	Sports Day
Friday 27 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 27 th June	Non-Uniform Day for Bottle Donation
Saturday 5 th July	PSA Summer Fayre, 11am – 3pm

Letters & Communications issued this week

ITEM	To	For
Clubs	Whole School	Information
Young Carer Survey	Whole School	Information & Action
Football Club/Tag Rugby/Dance Club	Selected Pupils	Information
Permission Slip	Selected Pupils	Information & Action
Phonics Screening Check & Drop-in Session	Year 1 Pupils	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



MIGHTY GIRLS
Self Defence
half day workshop

WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY
TROWBRIDGE
1.30PM - 4.30PM. AGE 11-18
COST £25

Mighty Girls & Helen from Systema bring you:

- Practical self-defence techniques
- A focus on movement, breath work, relaxation, and posture
- Enhance self-awareness & resilience
- Help equip you to handle various situations effectively

www.mightygirls.co.uk or QR Code to book

The club is offered at a discounted rate for all & free to some thanks to the support from: **Wiltshire Council**