



Axbridge C of E Academy

Together We Inspire, Thrive & Excel

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Dear Families,

It's been wonderful seeing you all again and even better to hear of the wonderful summer so many of you have enjoyed. Despite the wet weather, it has been such a positive start to the term and the children have really approached their learning with a can-do attitude, which has been a pleasure to witness. At this point, we extend a huge congratulations to our Reception Class children who have demonstrated great enthusiasm, curiosity and kindness towards each other in the short time they have been in. Mrs Bissett and Mrs Bush have been very impressed!

Looking ahead this term, we can't wait to start exploring our different inquiry questions, through our new 'Inquiry Curriculum' approach. More information on this will be shared during the 'Welcome to My Class' sessions later in the term. We are excited, as this new approach to teaching and learning places the child, their questions and their curiosity at the heart of the learning in the classroom. Developing your child's hobbies and interests are of great importance to us too, with 9 clubs being offered this term along with piano & violin lessons with Gemma, and guitar/ukulele lessons with Andy Frost. Please contact them directly for more information.

We are still very mindful of the increase in the cost of living and the impact that this may have for many of our families, so we will be sharing an overview of trips and events for each year group, in order for you to plan ahead if needs be. We continue to offer a broad range of clubs this term, with the Lego Club remaining free for all.

Please make a note of the dates for some of the planned events for this half term. Reading books and spellings will be sent out today, with learning conversations starting at the end of next week.

Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support

Mr Dominic Shillabeer
Head teacher



School and Nursery Dates & Events

September

Friday 20th @ 9am - Church Service - everyone is welcome

More dates to follow

October

Monday 7th - Harvest Collective Service, Rev. Forester in school

Friday 18th @ 9am - Church Service - everyone is welcome

Friday 18th - Flu Jab all year groups - more information and consent forms to follow

Tuesday 22nd @ 9:15am - Year 3 to visit Batts Coombe Quarry

Thursday 24^h October - school closes for Half-Term at 3:20pm

Friday 25th October INSET DAY

Monday 4th November - return to school

Keep up to date with all school news by checking in on ClassDojo, The School Jotter App and our Twitter/X feed - [@AxbridgeSchool](https://twitter.com/AxbridgeSchool)



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Faith
Hope
Love

Our Christian vision for all of our children

"I have come so that you may have life, a life in all its fullness"

John 10:10

Our Learning Skills are:

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Attendance

I want to start by celebrating the fact that attendance at Axbridge C of E Academy last year was 96.3%, the highest of all schools within the Wessex Learning Trust! Attending school is critically important and we value the importance of working together to tackle any issues that could be causing low attendance. I would also stress, that in everything we strive towards at Axbridge, that we will always look at how we can work in partnership to overcome any obstacles to your child's success at school.

Term Dates 2024/25

Term dates and In-service days for 2024/25 are on the website
<https://www.axbridgefirstschool.co.uk/parents/term-dates>

Please note holidays in term time cannot be authorised, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Nut Free School

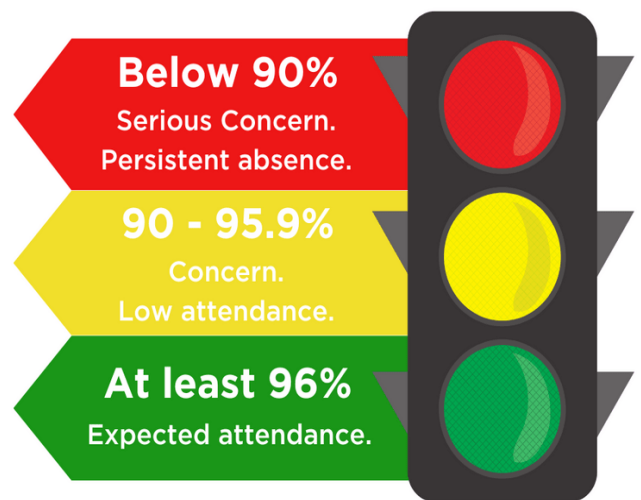
A reminder to our families, that we continue to be a nut-free school. We have several pupils with severe allergies and contact with nuts would induce an anaphylactic shock, requiring immediate treatment.

ATTENDANCE

Every day counts!



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Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!

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THANK YOU

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School Vision, Values and Curriculum



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As you will have seen, our new school logo is accompanied by a new school vision.

"Together We Inspire, Thrive & Excel"

Our mission, for each child and their family, is laid out simply below:

'In our vibrant, inclusive community, every child is empowered to *thrive* and experience the joy of learning. By igniting the unique spark within each student, we *inspire* a lifelong passion for exploration and discovery. Empowered as independent thinkers, our students *excel* and are prepared to embrace *a life in all its fullness*.'

In providing this, we ensure that we also stay true to the Christian ethos and values of the school. These values have been simplified too and in consultation with the church and Rev Alistair Forster, we have chosen: **Faith, Hope** and **Love**. These values will be explored with the children throughout the year. In staying true to these values and aspirations, we believe that your child will flourish during their time at Axbridge and truly enjoy 'a life in all its fullness'.

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Uniform

It's an exciting time for the school, as we look to set out our new vision for the future and what we aspire towards achieving for your children. Over the summer, the school has undertaken work around a new school logo and general branding. With this in mind, we are delighted to share our new logo, which is in the process of being printed on to the new school uniform. Our school colours stay the same and these new designs will be available to purchase in a couple of weeks' time. Ms Page will communicate when these are available to purchase. We have made the decision to offer up school embroidered jumpers, cardigans, coats, hoodies and book bags. We will no longer offer the embroidered white shirt as we are looking to reduce costs for you as parents/carers where possible.

We have thought carefully about how best to phase out the 'old' uniform and replace this with the new style uniform. In the first instance, the existing old logo uniform we have in stock will be sold at a reduced rate. We have spoken to the PTA, who will also be making available the old uniform at heavily reduced prices.

We plan to phase the new uniform in over a couple of years, meaning families can re-use and pass-down existing clothing. By September 2026, we would be looking to phase out all of the old logo uniform, giving 2 years to manage this transition. We will be looking at ways of re-purposing the old school uniform and would welcome any suggestions or links to charities who could make best use of these.

A reminder over existing uniform too. Children can wear school jumpers/ cardigans on normal school days, with grey or black trousers/skirt/tights/shorts, alongside a white polo-shirt. We request that your child wears black school shoes, that are not trainers. On PE days, children can wear hoodies/jumpers/cardigans, along with a plain white t-shirt. Shorts should either be black or maroon. Trainers should be sensible and not with excessive heels. We ask that the t-shirts/shorts are not branded. Depending on the weather, we may send out messages suggesting

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Guitar & Ukulele Tuition

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With

Andy Frost

Lessons are tailored to suit individual student's needs as each learner has different learning requirements

Contact: 01823 333652, 07795 411827
andyfrostband@gmail.com

Piano & Violin Lessons

Following the recent parent survey and your feedback, we are pleased to inform that, we are able to offer piano and violin lessons with Gemma Watkins. The lessons will be during school hours and the time slots and costs are as follows:

1 half-hour slot = £15

20 minute lots = £9.50

Two per class per 30 minutes = £9.50 each = £19

15-minute class - ideal for year 1s and 2s = £7.50

For further enquiries and to book a place, please contact Gemma directly on:

Gemma Watkins BSc Hons MSc

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