



# Axbridge C of E Academy

Together We Inspire, Thrive & Excel

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Dear Families,

The Christmas tree is decorated, the lights are up and nativity practice is ramping up! It's three weeks left until the end of term and the diary is filling up. Please note down the upcoming events and visit our calendar on the website, to sync to your phone/emails.

[https://axbridgefirstschool.co.uk/dates-and-news/calendar\\_n/](https://axbridgefirstschool.co.uk/dates-and-news/calendar_n/)

I'd like to congratulate the Year 4 children for their incredible performance last Wednesday, where they showcased their considerable progress on their brass instruments. The whole school and many parents were lucky enough to join them for the culmination of their hard work, listening to a variety of tunes and scales. We also wish the best of luck to our brave, young performers as they welcome their families into school for the Nativity. Please contact the office if you haven't already collected your tickets. Speaking of tickets, we also have our amazing PTA ready to sell tickets for the big raffle at the Christmas Fair, with some amazing prizes (including holidays and Christmas Hampers), up for grabs!

With warmest wishes

Mr Dominic Shillabeer

## INSPIRE THRIVE EXCEL

This week, we would like to celebrate George and Freya's incredible achievements! They were awarded with the British Heart Foundation 'Heart Heroes' award, as part of a special national event. They shared their awards and the reason why they had been given them with the rest of the school, which was a special moment for everyone involved!



## December

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm** - Foundation Stage Nativity

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10.15am** - Foundation Stage Nativity

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm** - Redwood Class Assembly & Ukulele performance

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> @ 2.15pm** - Year 4 singing carols for Active Living group

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> @ 3.30 to 5pm** - PTA Film Night

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> @ 3.20 to 5pm** - Christmas Fair and Christmas Jumper Day

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm** - Carol Service in Church

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** - Pantomime! Jack & The Beanstalk

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** - Volunteers, PTA and Helpers tea and cake in school - 2:40 - 3:10

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9am** - Christmas Service in Church

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - school closes for Christmas Holidays at 3:20pm**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - INSET DAY**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 return to school**

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Attendance this week is  
96.5% great work!

**Our Christian Values are:**

**Faith  
Hope  
Love**

**Our Christian Vision for all of our children is;**

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

**John 10:10**

**Our Learning Skills are:**

**Thinking  
Social  
Self-management  
Communication  
Research**

**Congratulations to our certificate winners this week, we are so proud of you!**

|                         | <b>Pine</b> | <b>Hazel</b> | <b>Chestnut</b> | <b>Redwood</b> | <b>Oak</b> |
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| <b>Star of the Week</b> | Clover      | George       | Tom             | Howie          | Isla       |
| <b>Christian Values</b> | James       | Jaxson       | Leo             | Cora           | Ivy        |
| <b>Learning Skills</b>  | Maddy       | Charlie      | Hermione        | Clara          | Elijah     |

**Headteacher's Awards**

| <b>Star of the Week</b> | Maya M | <b>Christian Values</b> | Edward | <b>Learning Skills</b> | Evie |
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**House Points**

|                  | <b>Black Rock</b> | <b>Crook Peak</b> | <b>King's Wood</b> | <b>Strawberry Line</b> |
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| <b>This week</b> | <b>791</b>        | 771               | 648                | 706                    |

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**Deputy Safeguarding Leads:** Miss Kellie Nash and Mrs Kate Febrey

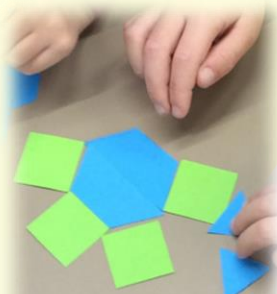
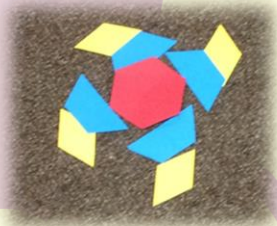


## Class Spotlight - Hazel Class

We had a lovely trip to the Church last week. We explored every corner, from the altar to the peaceful Lady Chapel. It was fascinating to learn about the different parts of the church and their significance. We talked about giving and sharing as an important part of the Christian faith.

This week we are starting to innovate our Gingerbread Man stories. We've had some great character innovations today and now have Spiderman, Pokemon and Hulk all baking gingerbread men!

In maths we have been focusing on pattern and shapes. Last week the children used shapes to create radiating patterns and today we have been learning about tetrominoes.



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# Women's Work Lab

Returns to Taunton January 2025

A FREE in-school hours 12 week specialised programme to support **mums** back into work- includes a work placement

Starts Tuesday 14th January at The Brewhouse  
10.15am-1.15pm  
Continues every Tuesday & Wednesday

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