



Axbridge C of E Academy

Together We Inspire, Thrive & Excel

Issue # 15 13th January 2025

Dear Families,

The children are well and truly back into the swing of things, starting off this term with such positivity and kindness. I am looking forward to meeting with the school council later this week, to discuss how we can spend some of the money raised at the school Christmas Fair. It's always so humbling, as well as inspiring, to hear of the many great ideas the children have to help improve their school!

I'd quickly like to draw your attention to some key-dates for the coming months:

- Y4 trip to the Roman Baths - **22nd January**
- Y2 trip to SS Great Britain - **28th January**
- Children's Mental Health Week - Beginning **3rd February**
- World Book Week - **3rd March**
- Wear A Hat Day for Brain Tumour Research - **28th March**
- Parent's evening - week beginning **31st March**

Following a meeting with our PTA this evening, we will soon be in a position to provide you some further PTA dates.

With warmest wishes for an exciting year ahead,

Dominic Shillabeer
Head teacher



Inspire Thrive Excel

This week, we are celebrating the power of friendship and the impact it can have! I would like to celebrate the kindness of Shaniya in Year 3, who has been a wonderful friend to another boy in her class. As staff, we have been impressed by the fact that she has gone out of her way to help, shown genuine empathy in her interactions and in doing so, has set a wonderful example to others. It is examples of this that we see day in day out, that are truly **inspiring!**



January

- Monday 13th @ 7pm** - PTA meeting @ The Lamb
- Wednesday 22nd** - Yr 4 trip to Roman Baths
- Friday 24th @ 9am** - Church Service, everyone is welcome to attend
- Monday 27th @ 2.45pm** - Phonics information session for Yr1 parents
- Tuesday 28th** - Yr 2 trip to SS Great Britain

February

- Monday 3rd to 7th** - Children's Mental Health Week
- Thursday 6th** - Time to Talk Day
- Tuesday 11th** - Safer Internet Day
- Friday 14th @ 9am** - Church Service, everyone is welcome to attend

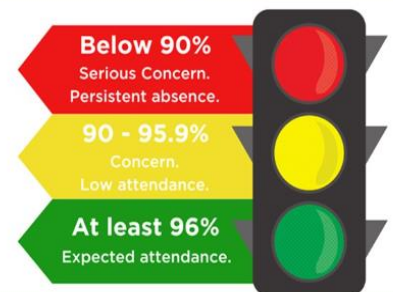
Friday 14th February - school closes for Half-Term at 3:20pm

Monday 24th February 2025 return to school

Monday 24th - World Thinking Day

ATTENDANCE

Every day counts!



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



Our Christian Values are:

Faith
Hope
Love

Our Christian Vision 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!

	Pine	Hazel	Chestnut	Redwood	Oak
Star of the Week	Ned	Lacey	Frank	Jesse	Amelia A.
Christian Values	Eadie	Mollie	Lyra	India	Freya
Learning Skills	Cara	Jude	Lucien	Toby	Eda

Headteacher's Awards

Star of the Week	Anya S	Christian Values	Nelle M	Learning Skills	Ned F
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House Points

	Black Rock	Crook Peak	King's Wood	Strawberry Line
This week	187	241	214	239

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL

Safeguarding Lead: Mr Dominic Shillabeer

Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Miss Kellie Nash and Mrs Kate Febrey



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School Uniform Policy

Approval Date: September 2024

Review Date: September 2027



School Uniform

Earlier this term in conjunction with the launch of our new logo and uniform, we updated the school uniform policy which I the link to below:

<https://axbridgefirstschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2025/01/New-School-Uniform-Policy-2024-September-1.pdf>

We have reduced the amount of personalised school items available and have suggested plain alternatives for many items too; with the aim of trying to reduce costs where possible for our families.

I'm aware that many of you plan ahead and are perhaps already buying items for the coming seasons. Therefore, I'd just like to draw attention to the sandals, which we are requesting are **closed toe**. This is purely from a safety aspect, as last year we had too many trips, falls and bruised feet/toes due to the lack of protection they provide.

Also in the policy, we continue to request that PE kit remains **unbranded and plain**, as this not only makes it more affordable for everyone, it also ensures every child is equal.

Finally, we still hold old branded stock of brand-new cardigans and jumpers in the school office, which are being sold off at half-price.



Jan 2025



WISE UP WORKSHOPS

Empowering Parent
Carers to succeed

Helping your child manage their Anxiety

Monday 27th January 9:30 to 11:30

@ Cheddar First School, Cheddar

Children and young people can feel anxious about different things at different ages and different times. Anxiety becomes a problem for children and young people when it starts to get in the way of their everyday life.

Severe anxiety can harm children's mental and emotional wellbeing, affecting their self-esteem and confidence. We will think about how being neurodivergent (Autistic, ADHD or other) may impact how you experience anxiety and how to manage this.

These sessions are open to all parent carers in Somerset who have a child with additional needs and/or a disability. They will provide you information about anxiety. We will help you to identify the signs to look out for and strategies you can use to support your child.

These workshops are free to attend to book your place please go to:
<https://somerseparentcarerforum.org.uk> or call 01458 259384

