



# Axbridge C of E Academy

Together We Inspire, Thrive & Excel

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Dear Families,

I was delighted to have finally received the Children In Need medals from last term's incredible fundraising efforts. We handed out 74 medals today and reflected on the £3,500 the community raised to make a difference to those children in the UK who need it the most. Collectively, we should feel extremely proud of these young children, who actively seek out opportunities to make the world a better place and to help those around them.

This leads on nicely to next Wednesday, when Redwood Class are holding a cake sale to raise money for the Salvation Army. They were so inspired by what they had learnt in class, they asked to hold this event. All money raised will go to the Salvation Army and all donations of cake are warmly welcomed, regardless of what class your child is in.

Due to the popularity of the lessons and the wonderful piano recital in the Autumn Term, we now have further spaces for piano, violin or singing lessons on Thursday afternoon (during school time). Please contact the school office if this is of interest and something you'd like to explore further.

Finally, we wish our Year 4 children good luck for Wednesday, as they embark on an exciting new trip to the Roman Baths. What better way to understand history than to visit it first-hand and take part in some fantastic workshops! Oak Class, 'carpe diem!'

Dominic Shillabeer  
Head teacher

## Inspire Thrive Excel

As we well know, some of the best learning takes place away from the classroom. This week we are celebrating the efforts of Jesse from Year 3, who caught his first fish using his new equipment. He was extremely proud of himself for showing such patience and determination. We celebrate the fact that our children can all Excel in different ways!

If you have news about your child you wish to share or celebrate, please let us know!



## January

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Yr 4 trip to Roman Baths

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9am** - Church Service, everyone is welcome to attend

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> @ 2.45pm** - Phonics information session for Yr1 parents

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** - Yr 2 trip to SS Great Britain

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** - Redwood Class non-uniform day and Cake Sale

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup>** - Break the Rules Day

## February

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>** - Children's Mental Health Week

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** - Time to Talk Day

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** - Community Week - activities to be shared soon.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** - Safer Internet Day

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** - Oak Class Assembly for parents session

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>** - PTA Film Night

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9am** - Church Service, everyone is welcome to attend

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>** - Community Café Day, more info to follow

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - school closes for Half-Term at 3:20pm**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 return to school**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>** - World Thinking Day

## ATTENDANCE

Every day counts!



**Below 90%**

Serious Concern.  
Persistent absence.

**90 - 95.9%**

Concern.  
Low attendance.

**At least 96%**

Expected attendance.



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

Attendance is 96.4% this week.

## 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	Kitty	Nelle	Finn	Rosie	Arlo
Christian Values	Ruairi	Saxon	Theo	Aubrey	Sophia
Learning Skills	Ottilie	Leo	Amy	Cooper	Ned

## Headteacher's Awards

Star of the Week	Eadie S Pine	Christian Values	Henry W Oak	Learning Skills	Amy H Chestnut
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## House Points

	Black Rock	Crook Peak	King's Wood	Strawberry Line
This week	<b>187</b>	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



## School Reading Badges

Following a brilliant suggestion from our **Eco Team** members, we have decided as a school, to start to **reuse** our school reading badges. This means, each time you achieve your new reading award, you can **trade in** your old badge to receive your new one. At the end of the year, you can then keep the final badge you have achieved. This will help the **environment** by reducing the amount of badges we use and will:



**Save waste (including the packaging new badges come in)**

- Save money

- Save precious resources

### Reuse and re-love

If you have any old badges at home from previous years that you feel you no longer need, please do send them back into school so then can be re-loved by a new owner in the future.

# Parenting Support

If you are a separated/divorced parent struggling to navigate co-parenting you might be interested in one of the new FREE bite-size workshops being offered by Ruth James, Reducing Parental Conflict Coordinator, Somerset Council. Please click on the link for more details.

[Somerset children & young people : Health & Wellbeing : Events Parenting Cafes And Parenting When Separated Courses](#)

**HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS**

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM PROVISION**

Exciting activity clubs for children aged 5 - 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals across Somerset

**5 DAYS PER CHILD**

**GET A BOOKING CODE FROM YOUR SCHOOL**

**BOOKINGS OPEN ON 20TH JANUARY**

**FOOD INCLUDED!**

Find and book **FREE** local activities by visiting:  
[www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays](http://www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays)  
or scan the QR code!

**SCAN ME**

**sasp** Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership

**happy healthy holidays** SOMERSET

**Somerset Council**

This provision is funded by The Household Support Fund 'Help Through Winter' programme by Somerset Council, who are working alongside partners across education and the VCSE sector to deliver essential support to families and residents.

# Key information for Happy Healthy Holidays



**Need help with booking?  
Watch this video**



**Bookings open on  
Monday 20th January at 10am**



**Login to Playwaze  
(same login as used at Winter)**



**Enter the code your school  
has given you**



**5 days of provision per child only**



**Need help? Call or email our  
HHH team**

 [hhh@sasp.co.uk](mailto:hhh@sasp.co.uk)  07843 816168 / 01823 653992 (Open 9am - 1pm)

# Events in Axbridge




## THE LIPINSKI BROTHERS


Live in Axbridge


Tickets

Presented by: [Barry Walsh UK](#)

 [AXBRIDGE: Town Hall \(info\)](#)

 Sunday 26th January, 2025

 Door time: 7:30pm  
Start time: 8:00pm

 18 and over

 Music - General

### Event information

For nearly 20 years The 'Lipinski' Band and Duo have been providing the highest standards of live music for events across the South West. We are therefore delighted to announce that brothers, Alex and Adam Lipinski, will be performing a special, one night only, acoustic performance here in Axbridge town hall. Expect a fabulous evening of both covers and original songs from this super talented pair.