



Axbridge C of E Academy

Together We Inspire, Thrive & Excel

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Dear Families,

What another busy week we have all enjoyed! We had opera singers, catapults being constructed, a Break the Rules Day, cake sales, EYFS Chinese New Year workshops and much, much more. Thank you as always for your continued support, your encouragement and engagement makes a real difference to what we are able to achieve together.

I'm happy to share that last Wednesdays Year 3 cake sale raised over £200 for their chosen charity, the Salvation Army. I had to ask the Year 4s to help me calculate how many cakes that meant and we worked it out to be over 400! This is definitely a school record. Speaking of which, we had confirmation last week that Year 3 and 4 children are official Guinness World Record Holders, for their support with the world's largest poetry lesson!

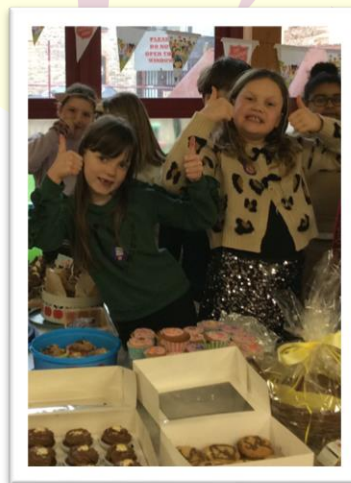
Looking ahead to this week, the children will mark Children's Mental Health Week through a series of activities in class and together in collective worship. On Thursday, the children will take part in 'Time To Talk Day', which will celebrate the power of communication. I also hope to be able to share with you some exciting plans regarding our new learning zone and EYFS outdoor project, in next week's letter.

Finally, we extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Spinner, who will be joining Hazel Class this term as a trainee teacher.

Warmest wishes
Dominic Shillabeer

Inspire Thrive Excel

Well done Redwood Class, who managed to raise over £200 for the Salvation Army by holding a cake sale on Wednesday. They were inspired by their learning to take action and their hard work will make a genuine difference to many lives!
What an amazing effort.



February

Monday 3rd to 7th - Children's Mental Health Week

Thursday 6th - Time to Talk Day

Monday 10th - Community Week - activities to be shared soon.

Tuesday 11th - Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th - Oak Class Assembly for parents session

Thursday 13th - PTA Film Night

Friday 14th @ 9am - Church Service, everyone is welcome to attend

Friday 14th - Community Café Day, more info to follow

Friday 14th - Valentine's Day - children can wear red or pink to school for £1 donation.

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

Monday 24th February 2025 return to school

Monday 24th - World Thinking Day

Tuesday 25th @ 7pm - PTA meeting

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 across the school last week was 97.6%



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	Connie	Tahlia	Annabelle	Ollie L	Zach
Christian Values	Edith	Max	Albie	Lola	Isla
Learning Skills	Leonie	Betty	Kobe	Oliver W	Bonnie

Headteacher's Awards

Star of the Week	Cooper C Redwood	Christian Values	Edith M Pine	Learning Skills	Seth M Chestnut
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House Points

	Black Rock	Crook Peak	King's Wood	Strawberry Line
This week	190	159	159	224

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL

Safeguarding Lead: Mr Dominic Shillabeer

Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Miss Kellie Nash and Mrs Kate Febrey

Football Success

Congratulations to our Y4 Football team, who enjoyed a competitive tournament at Wedmore last week and finished 3rd overall. Great work!



NON SCHOOL
UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 14th
FEBRUARY

WEAR RED & PINK TO
CELEBRATE VALENTINES DAY

RAISING FUNDS FOR AN EXCITING
ANIMAL EXPERIENCE COMING SOON!
PLEASE DONATE £1 IF YOU ARE ABLE



We are committed to helping children learn how to use technology safely and wisely in school, and we encourage you to partner with us in making sure their online experiences are both positive and secure. Together, we can empower our children to make good choices and be safe, responsible users of technology.

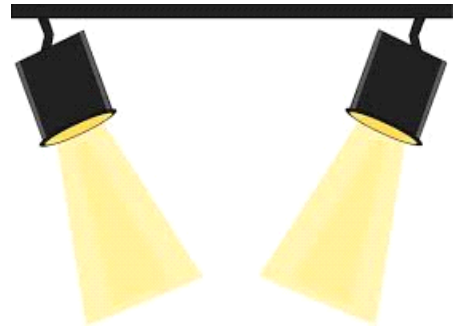
Setting up devices which your children have access to (particularly if unsupervised) is so important.

Here are some links which could help.

[Use parental controls on your child's iPhone and iPad - Apple Support](#)

[Parental controls available on your Galaxy phone or tablet \(samsung.com\)](#)

[Add & manage supervision on a current Google Account - Pixel Phone Help](#)



FILM NIGHT

The PTA are hosting a film night on Thursday 13th February.

Please note you are giving permission for your child to watch this film and have noted the rating of the film

FILM: The Emperor's New Groove (U)

TIME: 3:30pm – 4:50pm

PRICE: £3.00 per child for a snack and squash or water

To book your child's spot please email the **PTA email address** at PTA@axbridgefirstschool.co.uk with your Child's Name and Class

Please email and transfer money before 11th February

To pay please transfer money to the **PTA account** using Film Night and Child's name as reference

Axbridge First School PTA

Sort Code: 30-91-84

Account no: 00284059

Centre of Somerset
COSMIC
Centre of Somerset Music Club
Music Club

JUNIOR
ORCHESTRA

SENIOR
FOLK ORCHESTRA

PERCUSSION
GROUP

ACOUSTIC
GUITAR
GROUP

RECORDER
GROUP

ROCK
BANDS
FOR KIDS

ROCK BAND
FOR ADULTS

music, friends, fun -
all in one club



Saturday mornings
based at Crispin School
in Street

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for more details