



# Axbridge C of E Academy

Together We Inspire, Thrive & Excel

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Dear Families,

As I write this letter, I can't quite believe that we are at the half-way point of the academic year and it really feels like it has flown by! With Spring and Summer to look forward to, the brighter days ahead and the warmer weather that it brings (fingers crossed!); my staff and I look ahead to the rest of the year with great optimism.

As previously communicated, we are holding our community café afternoon this Friday. Please complete this link below if you haven't done so already, as it will help us with our planning and catering, for which the children are very excited!

<https://forms.office.com/e/5sq0MGHNew>

I'm excited to share the news that we have been successful in accessing support from Heidelberg Materials, who will work with the school to develop the Pine, Willow and Nursery outdoor area. We hope to install a new 'Dig Pit' and 'Construction Zone', along with a new planting area too. This is a really exciting development and one which will benefit all children in our Early Years. If you have any donations of unwanted road-signs, construction signs or warning signs etc, then please do let us know and make contact.

Finally, we are hopeful of announcing after the half-term, the next steps in our plan to re-develop the dining hall into our new 'Learning Hub' area. This project is being supported by the PTA and we are really excited to share with you all our plans for this area.

I look forward to seeing you at Church on Friday, or even at the Community Café the same afternoon. Finally, I wish you all a wonderful half-term and many thanks again for your continued support.

Dominic Shillabeer

## Inspire Thrive Excel

This week we celebrate the successes of Gracie, who recently completed her Gymnastics Level 1 Award. She was extremely proud of the determination she showed and the certificate she earned. We all celebrated her achievements in Collective Worship today - WELL DONE!



## February

- 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>** - Valentine's Day - children can wear red or pink to school.

**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
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm** - PTA meeting

## March

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Book Week
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** - Bedtime Stories
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> - Animal Encounters day
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** - World Book Day - children to come to school dressed up in their favourite book character

## ATTENDANCE

Every day counts!



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

**Attendance across the school last week was 99.6%!!!**

**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!**

	<b>Pine</b>	<b>Hazel</b>	<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>Redwood</b>	<b>Oak</b>
<b>Star of the Week</b>	Gracie	Charlie	Isaac	Maya	Ted
<b>Christian Values</b>	Bertie	Arthur W-B	Ellie	Rosie J	Elijah
<b>Learning Skills</b>	Alfie	Ben	Felicia	Max	Ivy

**Headteacher's Awards**

<b>Star of the Week</b>	Ted G Oak	<b>Christian Values</b>	Jesse B Redwood	<b>Learning Skills</b>	Arabella T Hazel
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**House Points**

	<b>Black Rock</b>	<b>Crook Peak</b>	<b>King's Wood</b>	<b>Strawberry Line</b>
<b>This week</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>268</b>

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL**

**Safeguarding Lead:** Mr Dominic Shillabeer

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

# Online Safety Reminders

## EYFS + KS1

**ACTIVE BYTES** Building habits when I use technology

I am kind and responsible    I am safe and secure    I am healthy




 <p><b>Ask</b> Please let me ... I would like to ...</p>	 <p><b>Check</b> I can see you Can you see me?</p>
 <p><b>Share</b> Play with me Look what I can do</p>	 <p><b>Time</b> Is this the right time? Time to stop now Time to do something else</p>
 <p><b>Be Kind</b> I like that Please can I take your picture</p>	 <p><b>Tell</b> I don't like this This popped up Help me</p>
 <p><b>Move</b> I need to stretch and move around every 30 minutes</p>	 <p><b>Mix</b> What other things do I do? What else shall we do together?</p>

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## KS2

**ACTIVE BYTES** Building habits when I use technology

I am kind and responsible    I am safe and secure    I am healthy

 <p><b>I ask a trusted adult before I use technology</b></p>	 <p><b>I check I can see a trusted adult, and a trusted adult can see me</b></p>
 <p><b>I share and enjoy what I do with technology with other people</b></p>	 <p><b>I use technology at the right time. I stop at the agreed time</b></p>
 <p><b>I am always kind and polite</b></p>	 <p><b>I tell a trusted adult if I am worried or upset</b></p>
 <p><b>I stand up and move about every 30 minutes</b></p>	 <p><b>I do a mix of activities at home and in school</b></p>

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### FILM NIGHT

The PTA are hosting a film night on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:PTA@axbridgefirstschool.co.uk) with your Child's Name and Class

Please email and transfer money before 11<sup>th</sup> 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**

# NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

**FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**WEAR RED & PINK TO CELEBRATE VALENTINES DAY**

**RAISING FUNDS FOR AN EXCITING ANIMAL EXPERIENCE COMING SOON!**

**PLEASE DONATE £1 IF YOU ARE ABLE**