



# Axbridge C of E Academy

Together We Inspire, Thrive & Excel

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Dear Families,

Welcome back, I trust you all had an enjoyable half-term and are ready for those brighter days and longer evenings! I would like to start by thanking all of those who were able to attend the Community Café session that we held on the last day of term, which was a great success and hopefully the first of many. The children thrived on the responsibility of helping organise this event and it was a genuine pleasure seeing them lead with such confidence. Bravo!

I'm delighted to inform you that we have received a generous donation from the local Jack Todd Trust Fund, towards our Learning Hub Project; for which we are extremely grateful. This will support us in purchasing several bookcases and books for this area. We anticipate this area to be re-purposed over the Easter Break, just in time for the Summer term.

Finally, a quick reminder of some key dates for the term:

**Book Week 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March** - Before the half-term, we shared a letter that provided a day-by-day breakdown of the different activities and events, please see ClassDojo.

**Parent's Evening 31<sup>st</sup> March - 3<sup>rd</sup> April** - This takes place in the last week of term. Booking information will be shared in the coming weeks.

**PTA Quiz Night - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March** - A hugely popular evening event, so keep the date free if you can.

**Red Nose Day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - More details to follow on this and the theme for this year.

With warmest wishes for an exciting term ahead,  
Mr Dominic Shillabeer  
Head teacher

## Inspire Thrive Excel

Huge congratulations to India (ballet and modern) and Evelyn (jazz and modern), who attended the South West of England Dance Festival over the half-term. They both loved the experience and were highly commended in all areas they competed in!

It was wonderful to hear of their dedication and love of dance.



## February

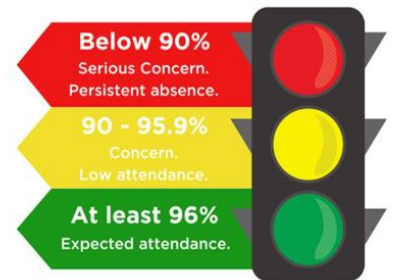
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - World Thinking Day  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm - PTA meeting  
@ The Lamb Inn

## March

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Book Week  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Bedtime Stories  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> - Animals  
Encounter Day  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Science Week  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - PTA Quiz Night  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> @ 3.30 to 5.15pm -  
PTA Film Night  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - Red Nose Day  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9am - Church Service  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> - World Maths  
Day  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Wear a Hat Day  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10am - Mothering  
Sunday Church Service  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> 1 to 3pm - Oak Class  
Parents Evening afternoon session

## ATTENDANCE

Every day counts!



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

**Attendance across the school in  
the last week of term was 98.6%.**

**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>	Zach	Ethan	Lucien	George	Tallulah
<b>Christian Values</b>	Reuben	Arabella	Isla	Gracie	Amelia N.
<b>Learning Skills</b>	Clover	Jaxson	Seth	Sophia	Reuben



**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



## Governance at School and Local Partners

### What is the Local Partnership Board?

The trustees of the Wessex Learning Trust hold the ultimate responsibility for the governance of each school but the trustees delegate key roles and responsibilities to the school's Local Partnership Board (LPB), previously known as the Local Governing Body.

### What does the Local Partnership Board do?

The Local Partnership Board provides support and challenge to the Senior Leadership Team and meets six times a year. The meetings include review and discussion of reports covering updates and progress made in all aspects of our school including the curriculum, personal development, attainment data, finance and health & safety.

Partners also visit the school throughout the year for monitoring visits including learning walks, meetings with staff and pupils, budget meetings and site visits.

### Who is on the Local Partnership Board?

The Local Partnership Board is a team of volunteers who each bring the own experience and skills to create a balanced board to best serve the school. Each Partner focuses on a key area of responsibility:

**Toni Hael:** *Chair, Finance, Premises, Health & Safety and HR*

**Penny Groves:** *SEND*

**Kate Browne:** *Safeguarding and Raising Standards*

**Bev Burnett:** *Raising Standards and Online Safety*

**Andrew Mearns:** *Disadvantage and Pupil Premium*

**Sarah Newland:** *Visions and Values, Wellbeing and Community*

**Alistair Forster+ Julie Sims:** *Foundation Partner, Christian Ethos and SIAMS*

**Dominic Shillabeer:** *Headteacher*

**Patricia Page:** *Clerk to the Local Partnership Board*

If you would like to contact the Chair of the Local Partnership Board, or you are interested in becoming a Local Partner please email our Clerk, Mrs Page, on [ppage@axbridgefirstschool.co.uk](mailto:ppage@axbridgefirstschool.co.uk)