



Axbridge C of E Academy

Together We Inspire, Thrive & Excel

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Dear Families,

What a wonderful start to the week we enjoyed today, with the sun shining and a special visit from Rev Sue Hoskins. She shared a special message around our Christian Value of Love. This will feature in our Learning Conversation set at the end of the week, where we will also be sharing a special song too!

In the calendar, you will have noticed that we have a 'Mile Run in the Playground' event, scheduled in for Thursday this week. If you would like to your child to join in, simply drop them off into the playground at 8:00am and start the day in a positive way! There are rumours that a member of staff may, or may not, be joining in dressed up as a superhero too...

This week, the forecast is looking gloriously sunny and highs of 25° C are predicted for the Thursday and Friday. With this in mind, we would be grateful if you could send in your child this week with a labelled sun hat and sun cream. Please make sure that if you do send in cream, that your child is able to apply it.

On Thursday 8th May 2025, we are celebrating 80 years since the end of WWII. The school community are invited to dress in red, white or blue or in themed clothes of the period. A special lunch is planned, with themed games and activities for the children to enjoy on the day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Dominic Shillabeer
Head teacher

INSPIRE - THRIVE - EXCEL

One of our budding Year 4 gardeners, Robbie, has been celebrating a bumper crop of home-grown leeks! Robbie reported that they tasted delicious and it was worth all the hard work. We're really proud to see our pupils discover and celebrate their talents - you've certainly inspired us!



April

Tuesday 29th - Height & Weight checks for Reception

Wednesday 30th - Swimming for Years 3 & 4

May

Thursday 1st May - 8:00am School Mile Run in the playground, everyone welcome.

Tuesday 6th - 7pm PTA meeting at the Oakhouse

Thursday 8th - Come to school dressed in red, white or blue.

Friday 9th May - Teacher Appreciation Day

Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th - Year 4 Residential to Kilve Court

Monday 12th - Year 1 trip to Noah's Ark

Friday 16th - 9am Church service.

Friday 16th - May Bingo Event

Friday 23rd - PTA Break the Rules Day

Friday 23rd May - school closes for Half-Term at 3:20pm

Monday 2nd June - return to school

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 last week was 96.5% and stands at 96.8% for the



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	Alfie	Max	Ellie	Aaliyah	Robbie
Christian Values	Eadie	Evie	Amy	Ollie Lewis	Ted
Learning Skills	Archie	Ben	Aidan	Howie	Harvey

Headteacher's Awards

Star of the Week	Jess V Redwood	Christian Values	Bonnie Oak	Learning Skills	Archie S Pine
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House Points

	Black Rock	Crook Peak	King's Wood	Strawberry Line
This week	182	179	185	185

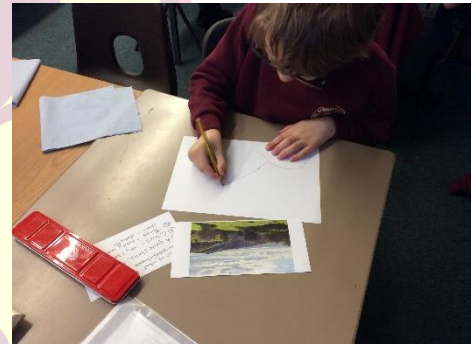
Artists of the Future at Poplar Farm....

The year 3 children of Axbridge First School Academy have been exploring the magic and stories of our Mendip landscapes. Their teacher, Jess Emery, shared some of Tilly Mortimore's 'open air' paintings of the Mendip hills and levels with the children and they invited her into their classroom to help them paint the vistas that they liked the best. "The children took their own photos or used my images to inspire their pictures and we spent two splendid afternoons painting."

Every artist was proud of their creation and the School staff took on the challenge of selecting 5 of the 37 paintings to display for The Cheddar Artists Fringe Festival Walking Trail on the Bank Holiday weekend 3rd-5th of May from 10:30am until 4:30pm.

Do come and see their paintings at Poplar Farm, Venue 6, alongside Tilly's landscapes and the vibrant work of her friends Lucy James and Mandy Roswell.

Here's a link to the website <https://www.cheddarartists.com/brochure>



CHAFF 2025 - Cheddar Artists

The Cheddar Artists Walking Trail runs between the 4th-6th of May from 10.30am-4pm around the village of Cheddar in Somerset.

www.cheddarartists.com



A night at the Opera!

A huge well done goes to our incredible Year 4 children, who took part in their very first opera performance on Thursday evening. The children were a credit to the school and showed real courage to stand up on stage to perform in front of hundreds of people! We think you sounded fantastic and it was so nice to see so many families supporting their children and the school. Thank you!



Our Christian Value we are focussing on this term is

Love

At the heart of Christian teaching is the value of love—unconditional, selfless, and kind. In the Bible, Jesus teaches us to "love one another" as He has loved us (John 13:34). This kind of love goes beyond just feelings; it's shown through actions, compassion, and a willingness to put others first. Whether it's offering a helping hand, being a good friend, or simply showing kindness in everyday situations, love is a powerful way to reflect God's presence in our lives.

We see love shown in the Christian narrative in many ways. Christians believe that Jesus' death and resurrection were all because God loved us and wanted us to be made right with Him again. This was the ultimate expression of love. Almost every Christian story has at the heart of it the love of God. For example, the Passover, Abraham and Isaac, The Good Samaritan, Calming of the storm and so on.

In our school, we see this value come to life when students support each other, when teachers show care and patience, and when our community comes together to help those in need. By practicing love in both big and small ways, we help build a safe, welcoming environment where everyone feels valued. Love reminds us that we are all part of one big family, united by respect, empathy, and the desire to make the world a better place.



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL

Safeguarding Lead: Mr Dominic Shillabeer

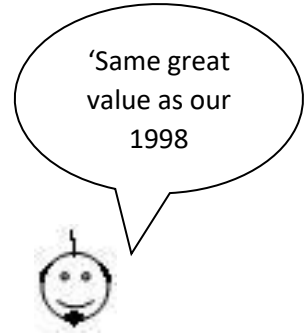
Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Miss Kellie Nash and Mrs Kate Febrey

2025 Holiday Camps

From around £16 /day [including trophy!] *

Somerset Soccer Schools

With Richard Bourton



Reception - Year 8

10am - 3pm

Kings of Wessex School, CHEDDAR BS27 3AQ

MAY HALF TERM Weds 28 to Fri 30 May incl 3 DAYS for £50*

SUMMER Mon 11 to Fri 15 Aug incl 5 DAYS for £90

CHURCHILL Sports Ground [By A38 traffic lights]

BS40 5EL

SUMMER Mon 28 July to Fri 1 August incl 5 DAYS for £90

To celebrate 25 years of camps locally, Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are offering more camps from around £16 /day* including a trophy per camp booking!!!

I am a well-qualified schoolteacher & coach, with over 35 years' experience and an excellent countywide reputation for bringing the best out of children of ALL abilities. I am classified by OFSTED as OUTSTANDING, a FA Licensed Coach & awarded by the Sports Council.

Our professionally organised courses reflect a high level of expertise.

- Skill Award trophy for each course booked
- Extra awards for *"being the best & doing your best"*

For info & photos see [facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchools](https://www.facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchools) or somersetsoccerschools.com

Hope to see you soon Richard somersetsoccerschools@gmail.com

TO BOOK: just go to www.somersetsoccerschools.com/booking

This is an older poster, but the information relates to our school focus on Kindness this week.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

- 1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE**

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.
- 2 REACH OUT**

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

Hi...

they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.
- 3 OFFER TO HELP**

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!
- 4 POST POSITIVELY**

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.
- 5 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION**

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.
- 6 BE UNDERSTANDING**

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

them to feel better about life.
- 7 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING**

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.
- 8 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE**

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert
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