



Axbridge C of E Academy

Together We Inspire, Thrive & Excel



May

Friday 22nd May - school closes for Half-Term at 3:20pm

Monday 1st June - return to school

June

Monday 1st @ 3.30 to 4.30 - PTA Scrunchie making

Monday 1st @ 7pm - September 26 New starters welcome session

Tuesday 2nd @ 9.30 to 10.30 - EYFS Stay & Play session

Wednesday 3rd @ 1.30 to 2.30 - EYFS Stay & Play session

Friday 5th @ 3.30 to 4.30 - PTA Scrunchie making

Monday 8th - Future Me Week

Monday 8th - Phonics Screening Test all week

Tuesday 9th - Imago Photography to take whole class photos

Wednesday 10th - Reception trip to Weston-super-Mare beach

Wednesday 10th @ 7pm - PTA meeting

Friday 12th - PTA 'Ocean Adventures Takeover'

Saturday 13th - DIY S.O.S.

"I have come so that you may have life, life in all its fullness"

John 10:10

Issue # 31

22nd May 2026

Dear Families,

A slightly belated bulletin due to some technical difficulties my end, thankfully all is now resolved! What a finish we had at the end of term: the sun was shining, we celebrated so many accomplishments and we even managed to fit in a French Café session with the amazing children and staff of Fairlands. Phew! How is it we are already going into the final term?

In the upcoming 7 weeks, alongside all of the usual learning, activities, events and visitors to the school, we also undertake many national assessments across the year groups. These are always delivered in an extremely positive, manageable way for the children in the school. However, I do ask that you support us by ensuring your child attends school every day wherever possible. This helps us keep routines calm and consistent, enables children to take part fully in all the learning and assessment opportunities, and ensures they can enjoy everything this exciting final term has to offer.

Warmest wishes,

Dominic

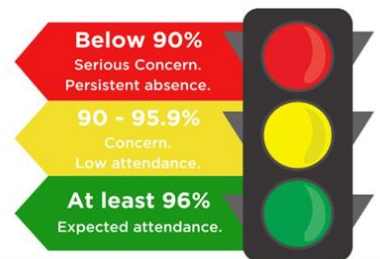
THRIVE, INSPIRE & EXCEL

A huge congratulations goes to our first cohort of Junior Duke Bronze Award recipients. Two years of hard work, varied challenges, learning new skills and showing real independence. Well done to you all!



ATTENDANCE

Every day counts!



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

Attendance was 97.9% last week, an excellent finish to term!

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Our Christian Values are:
Community
Courage
Love

Our Christian Vision is;
"I have come so that you may have life, 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	Albie	Zephyr	Leyla	Ted	Lola
Christian Values	Demian	Ruari	Ben	Lyra	Toby
Learning Skills	Isabella	Pippa	Finn	Mila-Rae	Gracie

Headteacher's Awards

Star of the Week		Christian Values	Artemus Pine	Learning Skills	Connie Hazel
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House Points

	Black Rock	Crook Peak	King's Wood	Strawberry Line
This week	162	111	118	141



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL

Safeguarding Lead: Mr Dominic Shillabeer

Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Miss Kellie Nash and Mrs Kate Febrey

Scrunchie Crafts

1st
June

and

5th
June

Come and make your own
scrunchie from scratch in a crafty
workshop after school for 1.5 hours



£5 Per Child
includes a snack
and a drink

To book please email:

pta@axbridgefirstschool.co.uk

with Child's name & class

Or scan the QR code here:



Account details to transfer are:
Name: Axbridge First School PTA
Sort Code: 30-91-84
Account Number: 00284059

Our fantastic **PTA** do an amazing job raising funds that provide rich experiences and opportunities for all children across the school. They are currently running the tea-towel fund-raiser, please scan the QR code to make your orders.



Pre-order your 2026 keepsake

Tea towels are just £5 each. **Scan the code to pay** and enter the total amount (e.g. £5 for 1, £10 for 2...) and add your child's name and class in the reference. Don't forget to order a couple for the grandparents and extended family!

Pre-orders close on Friday, June 5.

All proceeds benefit the amazing projects made possible by the Axbridge First School PTA.



Please do get involved where you can and help make this brilliant community event happen for our children. Follow the Axbridge PTA on Facebook



CRICKET CAMP 26TH -27TH MAY

Ages 5-13

All abilities welcome
ECB qualified coaches



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Ages 5-13

All abilities welcome
ECB qualified coaches



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Recreation Ground
The Lynch
Winscombe
Somerset
BS25 1AZ

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Holiday Club

26th-29th May

Join us 26th-29th May for a fun-filled Holiday Club packed with arts, crafts, sporting activities and exciting games.

- ✓ Arts and Crafts
- ✓ Sporting Activities
- ✓ Outdoor Games and Fun
- ✓ Creative Holiday Fun

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Don't miss our
MESSY CHURCH PICNIC
Saturday 13 June at 3pm
in The Old Vicarage Garden.

Come and explore the garden
Lots of fun and games
Outdoor craft
A delicious picnic tea provided for the Children

****Please can children wear sunhats
and use suncream if needed****

ALL AGES VERY WELCOME
Please let Samm know if you plan
to join us by emailing
beneficecdrs@gmail.com

****Children must be
accompanied by an adult****

****Please bring a blanket to sit on****

****If wet this will take place in the Village Hall****



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

AUTOPLAY

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS



YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES



Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'salt and ice challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.

SUGGESTED CONTENT



YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when Autoplay is enabled. Without an account, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.

EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT



The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.

SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT



YouTube Shorts – short, fast-paced videos – are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS



YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, younger, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS



If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS



Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.

WATCH TOGETHER



Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downtime in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



See full reference list on our website