



Axbridge C of E Academy

Together We Inspire, Thrive & Excel

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

John 10:10

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Dear Families,

What an amazing Future Me Week we have enjoyed at Axbridge! The week began with our brilliant Eco Team delivering an inspiring Collective Worship, encouraging us all to think carefully about how we can help protect our oceans and look after the world around us.

Across the week, the children have been fortunate to hear from a range of visitors who helped them think about future careers, environmental responsibility and active citizenship. Loretta Brown spoke to the children about nuclear energy, while on Wednesday, Conor Loughney helped us explore the importance of water and why it is such a precious natural resource.

On Thursday, we welcomed Will Ewens, a Let's Go Zero ambassador, who spoke to the children about exciting future jobs, from AI programmers to roles linked to sustainability and innovation, as well as the practical changes we can make in school to reduce our environmental impact.

Finally, today we were delighted to welcome our local MP, Tessa Munt, who spoke about her role, the difference she has been able to make, and why it is so important for everyone to be active, engaged citizens in their community.

What a week! A huge well done to all the Axbridge children for listening so carefully, asking thoughtful questions and engaging so brilliantly with everything on offer. They have shown real curiosity, courage and care for the future. It's during these weeks that we feel a great positivity for our collective futures, alongside a great sense of pride. Thank you children of Axbridge for being the amazing, young people you are. Keep shining brightly!

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Dominic Shillabeer

THRIVE

Well done Ellie-Mae, Clover, Tahlia, Evie and Arabella for your confident performance at the recent dance show. You were all excellent and you excelled yourselves. We are very proud of you!



June

Wednesday 24th - Year 4
Moving Up celebrations trip to Wells Cathedral

Wednesday 24th @ 2.30pm - Year 2 Chestnut Class Assembly

Friday 26th @ 9.10am - Church Service

Monday 29th @ 9.30am - KS2 Sports Day

Tuesday 30th @ 2.30pm - Year 1 Hazel Class Assembly

July

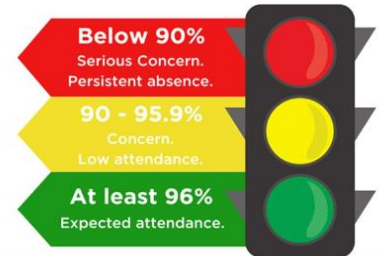
Wednesday 1st - Transfer Day

Thursday 2nd @ 9.30am - EYF & KS1 Sports Day

Friday 3rd @ 2.30pm - Pine Class Assembly

ATTENDANCE

Every day counts!



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

Well done to Year 2, with 99.2% attendance this week. However, overall attendance for the week was 94.7%, which is below the national average. Every day counts!



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	Milli	Gracie	Charlie	Thomas	Clara
Christian Values	George	Connie	Saxon	Annabelle	Sofia & Ben
Learning Skills	Harlie	Reuben	Cobey	Lucien	Shaniya

Headteacher's Awards

Star of the Week	TBC	Christian Values	TBC	Learning Skills	TBC
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House Points

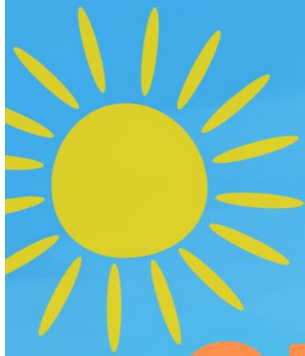
	Black Rock	Crook Peak	King's Wood	Strawberry Line
This week	135	146	146	159



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL

Safeguarding Lead: Mr Dominic Shillabeer

Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Miss Kellie Nash and Mrs Kate Febrey



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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

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

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


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

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

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



WINSCOMBE YOUTH THEATRE PRESENTS



Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2026
CHURCHILL ACADEMY & SIXTH FORM
PERFORMANCE AT 2:30PM
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE
CREATIVE FLORIST, WINSCOMBE
01934 842004

MUSIC BY ALAN MENKEN, LYRICS BY HOWARD ASHMAN & TIM RICE AND BOOK BY LINDA WOOLVERTON
ORIGINALLY DIRECTED BY ROBERT JESS ROTH
ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY DISNEY THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS

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CREATE! Sunday

FAB FUN IN THE PARK

SUNDAY 28 JUNE
4-6PM
@Churchill REC,
Ladymead Lane BS25 5NH

- ♥ Fun for Families Tots to Teens
- ♥ Play, Crafts & Fun Activities
- ♥ Story and Picnic Tea
- ♥ All ages welcome

FREE

Churchill Methodist Church
churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk
churchillmethodistchurch@gmail.com



Axbridge Saxon Football

Axbridge Saxon Football Club run teams from Under 10 to Under 18 for both girls and boys.

We are looking for new players across all age groups, especially Under 8's and younger (current year 3 and below) so we can develop the next generation!

All abilities welcome!

If you are interested in joining please contact us at:

asjfc.secretary@outlook.com

When contacting us please, know your child's name and current school year so we can allocate them to the right age group team.



Who are Axbridge Saxons?

- Axbridge Saxon are a kids football team, for girls & boys.
- The teams go from under 10 up to under 18.
- We are based in Axbridge where this school is.
- We play for the under tens team so that's year four and five.
- Some of the year fours here play for us.
- Hands up if you play for our team!



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