



Axbridge C of E Academy

Together We Inspire, Thrive & Excel



- Monday 8th** - Future Me Week
- Monday 8th** - Phonics Screening Test all week
- Monday 8th - 12th** - Year 4 Multiplication Test Check 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 3.45 to 5.45pm** - PTA 'Ocean Adventures Takeover'
- Friday 12th** - Tessa Munt, MP, visiting school
- Saturday 13th** - DIY S.O.S day at school 10:00 - 4:00pm
- 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

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

John 10:10

Issue # 32

5th June 2026

Dear Families,

It's been a brilliant first week back, with some of the highlights being the School In A Bag charity visit, the sponsored silence and then the delivery of our Year 4 Leaver's hoodies, which look rather wonderful. Huge thanks to Deane's of Cheddar and the school PTA for making this possible!

Looking ahead, we have a wonderfully busy and exciting week planned for our children! Monday 8th June marks the start of Future Me Week, where children will be thinking about the future, different possibilities and how we can make a positive difference in the world, with guest speakers attending across the week. Our Eco-Team will be leading a special collective worship on that day. During the week, our Year 1 children will also complete their Phonics Screening Check, and our Year 4 children will complete the Multiplication Tables Check.

On Tuesday 9th June, Imago Photography will be in school to take whole-class photos. Following this, on Wednesday 10th June, our Reception children will enjoy their trip to Weston-Super-Mare beach. Later that evening, there will be a PTA meeting at 7pm, please do come and join us for this, all are welcome!

Finally, on Friday 12th June, we are looking forward to welcoming Tessa Munt, MP, into school as part of Future Me Week. After school, the PTA will also be running their exciting Ocean Adventures Takeover from 3.45pm to 5.45pm. What a busy school week!

To finish off, on Saturday 13th June, we will be holding our DIY S.O.S Day at school from 10.00am to 4.00pm. We would be incredibly grateful for any support from families who are able to come along and help us complete some jobs around the school site; we promise to provide lots of tasty refreshments in return!

Warmest wishes,

Dominic Shillabeer

INSPIRE

Well done to the School Council and their sponsored silence on Tuesday, raising £1000 for School In a Bag!



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	Olivia	Maddy	Indi	Finn	Maya
Christian Values	Angus	Dax	Betty	Reuben M	Tristan
Learning Skills	Isabella	Edith	Jesse	Robyn	Cora

Headteacher's Awards

Star of the Week	Aaliyah Oak	Christian Values	The School Council	Learning Skills	Zephyr Hazel
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House Points

	Black Rock	Crook Peak	King's Wood	Strawberry Line
This week	141	111	124	148



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL

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Attendance

As we move through the summer term, we would like to gently remind families of the importance of good attendance right up until the end of the school year.

Every day in school really does count. This is such a busy and valuable time of year, with key learning continuing across the curriculum, important assessments taking place, transition work beginning and many special end-of-year opportunities for the children to enjoy.

We fully understand that children do become unwell and, when this is the case, they should of course stay at home and recover. However, unless your child is genuinely unwell, we would really encourage you to send them into school every day and on time.

Thank you, as always, for your support in helping the children make the very most of their learning, friendships and final weeks of the academic year.

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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****

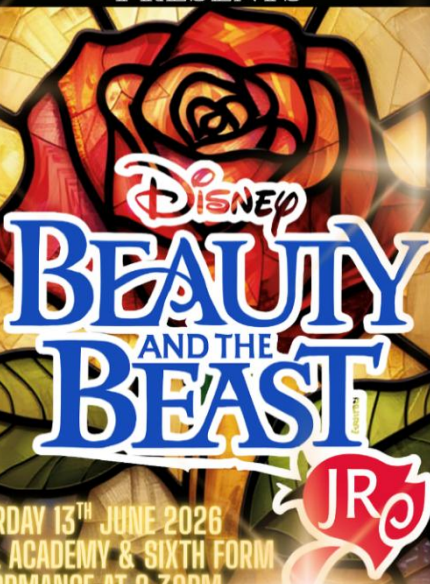
****Children must be accompanied by an adult****

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

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



WINSCOMBE YOUTH THEATRE
PRESENTS



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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
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ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY DISNEY THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS

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**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

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Bookings are now **OPEN** for one of the bounciest PTA events of the year!

Axbridge children (plus siblings, cousins and friends) will have **EXCLUSIVE** access for 2 hours all in the name of fun (and raising money for the PTA).


Date: Friday, June 27th-12th. 15:45 - 17:45

What: Full, EXCLUSIVE use of the centre

More: Laser tag games for the children are included in the price (great for the older kids)

Food: The Cafe will be open for anyone to order food and drinks

**Please note that an adult must be present, this isn't a drop off session.*

Please click to follow the [pay.sumup link](#) 



AXBRIDGE PTA PRESENTS

TAKING OVER OCEAN ADVENTURES IN CHEDDAR AGAIN!

After last year's success, we're doing it again!

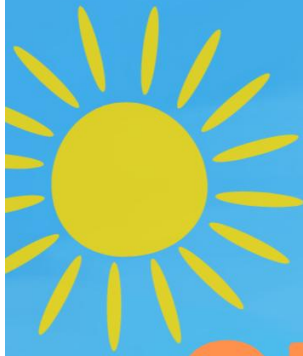
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open day

Saturday 25 July 2026

Morning session: 10:00 - 12:00
 Afternoon session: 13:00 - 15:00

Tickets are limited so book today



Tickets are priced £2.50 per person (under 12s go free)
 All money raised will be donated to Cheddar Youth Trust.

To book tickets, scan the QR code or for more information email:
battscombequarry@uk.heidelbergmaterials.com

We look forward to welcoming you to our quarry.

For more information about Batts Combe quarry go to:
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During the open day, attendees will have the opportunity to take a guided minibus tour of the quarry and see some of the giant quarry machinery in action.

Members of the Batts Combe team will also be on hand to talk about all things quarrying, such as geology and blasting as well as the varied career opportunities on offer.

We're delighted that we'll also be joined by blasting specialists BAM, minerologists from the Russell Society as well as representatives from Somerset Wildlife Trust.

Tickets can be booked by following the link to our booking system:
www.tickettailor.com/events/heidelbergmaterialsuk/2190495

All proceeds going to the "Cheddar Youth Trust" charity.

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.

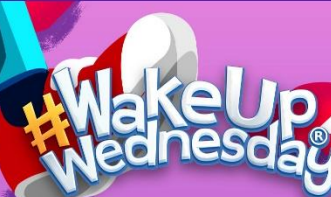
WATCH TOGETHER



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

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