



2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear parents/carers and children,

## Newsletter no 19

Reaching week 19 means that we are halfway through the school year - and what a week we have had! We have had visitors and invertebrates in school, opportunities to enhance our learning and many experiences to celebrate. Today, I received an invitation to join Acorn class at 11.45am, where all the children told me a story. I was so impressed that I have put the story into the platinum bag for next Friday - come along if you want to be wowed by our youngest children!

Yesterday evening was also a celebration for us, as one of our dedicated governors of 33 years turned 80! Mr Wood, our caretaker who is also a skilled cabinetmaker, has created a beautiful bowl made from blocks of our old hall floor after it flooded two years ago. It was presented to Mr Parfoot during the meeting. **Thank you, Mr Parfoot - you are a governor in a million!** Please look out for details coming soon: we have a parent governor vacancy 😊 .



## Bugfest

A huge thank you to Nick at Bugfest who came in today for Years 2 and 4 to teach us about minibeasts. With a focus on Indian minibeasts including scorpions and millipedes, Nick allowed us to handle them whilst telling us how amazing they are. Year 2 are focusing on India in Geography this term, but also used the experience to notice colours for their Art project on colour mixing and Minibeasts. Year 4, who are working on wire sculptures in Art, looked closely and observed the insects in preparation for their sculpture making. Thank you to PAFOTs for contributing to the cost of this.



### Open the Book Assembly

On Thursday morning, Year 5 participated in a brilliant 'Open the book' session. They learnt about the meaning of the parable of the lost sheep in an interactive way. Well done to all the children who took part in the acting and to the others who listened carefully.



### Bath Rugby

Hazel class continued their fabulous Thursday with a session from Bath Rugby. Written account from Josh and Alfie: The rugby was brilliant. It was hard to score tries because there were a lot of others making good tackles! Year 5 will have one more session with Bath Rugby and then it will be the chance of year 4. There are still spaces on the Bath Rugby after-school club 3.30 - 4.30pm each Thursday.



### Gold Cards

As requested by School Council, the **new gold card stickers** have arrived. Well done to Grace, Aubree and Teddy for being three of our first children to receive one. Great attempts at writing our names too, Teddy 😊.



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**Whole-School Pet:** Thank you to those who messaged and chatted about our plans for a whole-school pet. We have a visitor from a local pet farm and assembly planned for after half term and then we can decide if we can properly care for a couple of guinea pigs in school.



### Year 6 Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who made such a delicious selection of cakes for Year 6's cake sale this afternoon, and also to everyone who supported us by buying them. We sold out and made an amazing £82.50 towards our trip to watch Shrek at Holyrood. Look out for more events in the coming months 😊

### Orchestra Day

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February the following children have signed up to attend the Orchestra Day at Axe Valley: Abi, Robyn, Will, Kian, Georgie & Orla. They will take part in a day's workshop playing in an orchestra. Pupils will need to arrive at Axe Valley Academy by 9:00am to meet with our member of staff: Mrs Addis and register. Children will need to bring a packed lunch with them as well as their instruments and music stand if they have one. The day will finish with an informal concert/performance to parents at 3:45pm.

**World Book Day** – please see separate letter sent earlier for our plans. Thank you.



### Maths Workshops



Thank you to all of the parents/carers from Year 4 who attended our first maths workshop of this term.

The focus was on multiplication and division, so everyone had a go at working out and recalling times tables and their related facts in different ways. Mrs Stocker explained how the whole class work together to practise a times table twice a day and the children enjoyed showing their adult how quick they were with their sixes! Mrs Hewitson showed a selection of websites, so the links are included here for you:

<https://www.visnos.com/demos/times-tables>



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<https://mathsframe.co.uk> (click on Most Popular Free Maths Games)  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks2-maths-collection/z7frpg8>



We still have maths workshops for parents/carers in Year 5, 6 and Reception on these dates:

Year 5	Wednesday 7th February 2:30-3:30pm
Year 6	Wednesday 21st February 2:30-3:30pm
Reception	Wednesday 13th March 2:30-3:30pm

Letters have been sent home for these workshops. Please make sure that the reply slip is returned by the Friday before your workshop, **so if you are hoping to attend the Year 5 workshop, please make sure your slip has been handed in by today or an email sent to the office** - thank you for your support with this as it allows time to be able to prepare the room and have enough resources ready. We have also set a date for the final maths workshop for this year, for our Reception class and parents/carers: **Reception - Wednesday 13th March 2:30-3:30pm**. Please send in reply slips by Friday 8th March.

### Parent Forum

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 9am in the staff room. Thank you to our new signed-up members 😊. If you have a question, but are unsure who your rep is, please email the school inbox and we can share the question in the meeting. We would like reps for Y2 & Y6, see reminders below. Thank you.

### After School Pilates Club for KS2

Cami @ Blossoms Pilates will be running an afterschool Pilates club for key stage 2 on Tuesdays, 3.30-4.30pm for an initial period of 5 Tuesday sessions: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – 19<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a maximum of 20 spaces available for children from year 3 through to year 6. Each session will be priced at £2, with the club now live to book on parentpay.

### Send Forum

We will be holding our next SEND Forum on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 9am**. This is open to anyone who has an interest in SEND and would like to find out more about how this is supported in school. In this session, we will be looking at the Somerset offer and the Graduated Response tool that is used by schools across the county to inform provision for children with SEND.



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**Safeguarding:** Please find attached a flyer from **National Online Safety: What Parents and Carers Need to Know** about Persuasive Design Online.:

### Attendance Guidance from DoFE

Please find below a helpful guide of what to do if your child is absent from school:

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

### 100% attendance monthly award

In January 127 children attended school with 100% attendance and each received a special certificate in their class. Thank you for your efforts to keep children in school unless they have a temperature above 38 °C or they are too ill to attend.



**Year 1 and Year 3 are the attendance winners this week with 100%!!! Well done!**

Our whole school percentage this week is **96.31%** (expected 96% target).

Sessions YTD	to date	%
Attendances	34768	96.50
Authorised Absences	1060	
Unauthorised Absences	201	
Possible attendance	36029	
Late	287	



**Late into school:** Any pupils arriving late at school need to be signed in at the office by parent/carers on arrival.

Thank you. I also plan to send letters home next week for those pupils who are late into school on a regular basis.



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## Celebrations!

### Behaviour for Learning Certificates:

**Acorn Class:** **Reuben** for being focused during phonics – he has made fantastic progress! **Arlo** for taking responsibility for his learning – he has made really good choices this week when choosing his learning.

**Oak Class:** **Isla** for her amazing hard work with her writing. Her handwriting is incredible! **Rupert** for super listening all week. Great motivation to move on his learning.

**Beech Class:** **James** for being a brilliant confident communicator in phonics – thinking hard about his ideas and work! **Maisie** for keeping going when learning gets tricky. Maisie always gives 100%!

**Willow Class:** **Victor** for taking a risk with his spellings and doing well in his spelling tests as a result! **Belle** for her continuous effort and support provided to classmates when in the Team Leader role.

**Hawthorn Class:** **Arial** for showing amazing engagement and knowledge about insects with our visitor. **Ava** for being a risk taker in swimming and trying out new challenges, Superstar! **All of Y5** for being organised and independent and for fair testing in Science.

**Hazel Class:** **Effie** for her fantastic work ethic and positive attitude to learning, especially in English! **Josh** for his exceptional commitment to Reading Plus, keep it up!

**Yew Class:** **Kai R** for aiming high to use suspense techniques in his writing. **Harrison** for continuing to work hard to improve his reading skills.

### Platinum Bag

**William and Alfie from Beech class** for showing their knowledge when planning to keep our astronaut crew healthy whilst travelling to Mars.

Kind regards,



Tracey Hart  
Headteacher.

### Attachments:

PAFOTS Disco Flyer

National Online Safety: What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Persuasive Design Online.

Ham Hill Half term flyer

Community Hub parent's flyer

Kilmington and District Youth Cricket Taster Session 19th February 2024



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## Reminders:

### Parent Forum

Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 9am. We have Parent Forum vacancies in Y2 & Y6. Do talk to any parent rep: Reception – Rachel Willis, Y1 – Louise Spiller, Y3 – Dellie Cotillas, Y4 – Louise Mutter or Y5 – Martyna Lee to find to pass on any comments for discussion. Thanks.

### Maths Workshops

Parents/carers from Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend a maths workshop this term. The children in these classes have brought home a letter. Please return the slip at the bottom of the letter by the Friday before the workshop, so we have time to prepare resources.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2:30-3:30pm - Year 5

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2:30-3:30pm - Year 6

Reception class and parents/carers: **Reception - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2:30-3:30pm.**

### Chard Together Colouring Competition

Chard Together exists to bring together all communities in and around Chard. They are busy planning their next event, celebrating all cultures which will take place in the Guildhall on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. They would very much like to involve the schools of Chard with a colouring competition:

**Key Stage 1** – Colouring of masks – see attached “Image 1” on newsletter no 18

**Key Stage 2** – Colouring of masks – see attached “Image 2” on newsletter no 19

Entries will be judged by the Lord-Lieutenant, the Mayor and Town Cryer on the day. All entries to be handed in a week prior to the event at the Guildhall with the **name and age of child and parents contact number on the back.**

### Uni-form

The link to the ordering portal is now live and can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.pbuni-form-online.co.uk/tatworth> Please check residual school stock with the [office by email](mailto:office@tatworthschool.co.uk) before placing any orders as we will be selling off our stock at the present prices.

**Swimming: Y5 start swimming 8<sup>th</sup> February, please make payments on parentpay asap now and before your child's first session. Sessions are 12-1 leaving school at 11.30 and returning at 1.30pm. Y5: February 8<sup>th</sup>, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 29<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please note: Children without consent will travel and sit poolside.**

**Celebration assembly** is held weekly each Friday at 11.45am except for the first Friday of the month when it is at 2.55pm. All are welcome!

### Parking outside of school

Please can I remind all families that the space on the far side of the road, opposite the office is a 'no parking' zone. There is no path directly outside of school along this section of the road. To keep all vehicles in the correct lane, we need cars to be able to move freely up and down the road.



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## "PAFOTS need your help!

They are always looking for new members to join their team. If you think you can help - please speak to the school office or email us at [tatworthpafots@gmail.com](mailto:tatworthpafots@gmail.com)."

## Milk in school

Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £18 per term. Register your child for school milk today. Sign them up in a few clicks... Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



## Stay and Play Clubs:

Please note, if your child is attending a club straight after school and then needs to access Stay and Play 4.30 - 5.30 pm, families need to book their child into session 1 instead of session 2 on the required day. A snack will be kept back for your child when they join Mrs Anderson at 4.30 pm. Many thanks.

## Free School Meals

We encourage all families to check their entitlement to free school meals. We have been told by County that any existing PP applications will not be rechecked until March 2025, so changes in circumstances will not be picked up until then. We also have a PP offer for or all children who are benefit-related FSM. Please click on the link below to access the application.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/>

If you have recently become unemployed but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to free school meals. Please phone 0300 123 2224 for advice.



## Dates:

### Swimming:

Y5: February 8<sup>th</sup>, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 29<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Forum 9am
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Axe Valley Orchestra Day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Maths parent/carer meeting 2:30-3:30pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	(5.30-7.00) half term/Valentines' disco
upstairs area at the Perry St club: TBC	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 Holyhood Shrek performance
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Y6 Maths parent/carer meeting 2:30- 3:30pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	3.45 & 5.30 Pixies Holt parents meeting
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y2 Lyme Regis visit
	Girl guide thinking day (guide uniform)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	9am: Send Forum
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 & Reception church visit.
Wed-Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5 Residential
17-19 <sup>th</sup> June	Wellbeing Week
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June:	Sports day



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Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan pm	Y4 Maths meeting
Feb/March	Bath Rugby in school to deliver PE
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb pm	Y5 Maths meeting
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y6 SATs meeting 3.45 and 5.30pm
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb pm	Y6 Maths meeting
Data letters to go out:	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February, Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February or Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March for parents' evening appointments – the date will depend on the date booked into parents' meeting.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents' evening meetings: 4pm-6.30pm for Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All classes parents' evening meetings: 4pm – 6.30pm
4-8 <sup>th</sup> March	Virtual book fair
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' evening meetings: 4pm – 6.30pm for Rec & Y3
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Phonics evening for Y1 and Y2 parents and carers – time tbc
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Maths Meeting: 2:30-3:30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Music assembly – am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	KS2 Spelling Bee
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	11.45am Poetry Aloud assembly combined with Easter assembly and celebration assembly.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Visit to Sea life Weymouth

#### Residential Visits

Y5 residential Wed-Fri 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – for three days and two nights

Payment schedule reminder: 8 December: £18 (deposit); 5th January: £20; 26th Jan: £20; 9th Feb: £20; 23rd Feb: £20; 8th March: £20; 22nd March: £20. Then the final £50 to be paid by 12<sup>th</sup> April. A meeting to discuss further details and arrangements will take place on Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 3.45pm and repeated at 5.30pm.



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