

Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

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Governors

The Governing Board has an important role in the leadership of our school and our federation with Iron Acton. We have 16 Governors including staff, parents, members of the church, members of the Local Authority and others from the community. Together they work together to:

1. Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for the schools
2. Hold leaders to account for the educational performance of the schools
3. Oversee financial performance of the schools, ensuring its money is well spent

The Governing Board has recently appointed two new people to the role of chair. Julie Gardener and Kathryn Kempster will be taking on this role for the next 12 months after previous chair Iona Cooper stepped down. Both Julie and Kathryn are existing members of the Governing Board and have both carried out the role of Headteacher before their retirement.



Kathryn Kempster



Julie Gardener

As a Federation, we are grateful to Iona for carrying out the role of chair for a number of years and we wish her well as she moves on.

Unfortunately, we did not receive any nominations for a new parent Governor. The Governing Board are particularly keen to fill this role. Please speak to Mr Riches or contact Kate Bashford (kate.bashford@pinnacleschools.org.uk) if you would like to know more about the role.

INSET days 23/24

We have now confirmed all INSET days for the next academic year.

Friday 1st September

Monday 25th September

Tuesday 2nd January

Monday 11th March

Friday 28th June

New staff member

We are pleased to welcome Olena to our After School Club team. Olena will work alongside Mrs Journeaux and Mrs Eaton each evening to provide additional capacity for the club.

We do ask that you book a space in advance through SIMS 360 so we can plan ahead.

Remaining term dates

Final day of Term 4 – 31st March

First day of Term 5 – 17th April

Final day of Term 5 – 26th May

First day of Term 6 – 5th June

Final day of Term 6 – 21st July

Attendance information

Our attendance information for the current week is as follows:

	Wrens	Robins	Swallows	Hawks	Whole school
Attendance this week	81.82%	92.59%	91.07%	80.95%	87.66%
Lates this week	3	9	5	3	20

Our whole school target is 96.5% and our overall attendance for the academic year to date is 94.6%. We are also aiming for zero lates.

Sustrans walk and wheel to school

We have signed up to take part in the big walk and wheel to school which takes place on 20th – 31st March. This will be a national competition and we will compete to be one of the most active schools over the fortnight. If you have to use the car to get to school, we encourage you to park near to the war memorial and walk from there so you can still get involved.

Online safety resources

The NSPCC has published a range of helpful resource guides to help parents navigate online risks.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

We always ask that parents ensure they are aware of any WhatsApp groups their child might be a part of and that these are monitored by you to ensure the content is both appropriate for their age and also interactions are kind towards each other.

Prayer spaces

Each class had the opportunity to visit the prayer spaces event earlier this term at Bethesda Chapel. The children had a range of activities to choose from which enabled them to either pray, think or reflect. This was a fantastic opportunity for children to stop and be quiet and calm in the busyness of the day; the children appeared to get a lot out of it and spoke positively about the experience.



Flourish awards

The following children have been recognised for excellent effort and attitude towards learning last week.

Wrens – **Jack** as an author for his character description, **Max** as a mathematician and **Ruby** as a gymnast.

Robins - **Ezra** as a scientist for identifying properties of materials, and **Finley** as an engineer for his problem solving.

Swallows – **Clara** for consistently holding high standards, and **Poppy** for her resilience.

Hawks – **Bella** for her work on roman numerals, and **Charlie** for his gymnastics.

School Health Nurse

Brook Timbrell

Emotional Wellbeing

You are invited to a coffee morning on Wednesday 22nd March from 8am onwards. There will be a short presentation at 8.40am focusing on how to support your child's emotional wellbeing and then a chance to talk and ask questions.

Brooke is an experienced school nurse and is able to advise on many issues including sleep, dental health, sensory processing, depression, health eating etc. For further information on the School Health Nurses and the services they offer please visit the CCHP website:

[School Nursing Information and Resources | Community Children's Health Partnership \(cchp.nhs.uk\)](https://www.cchp.nhs.uk/)

Webinars for parents and carers - For practical and informative online sessions on a number of different subjects from the team of local School Health Nurses please follow the link below:

[School Health Nursing - CCHP | Community Children's Health Partnership](https://www.cchp.nhs.uk/)

Term 4 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
Thornbury Eisteddfod	14 th March	Choir will be representing the school at this event.
Y5/6 Tag Rugby competition	15 th March	Team members will be sent a separate letter.
Celebration service	17 th March	Parents are invited to join us.
All-age service at St Mary's Church	19 th March, 10.30am	Families are invited to attend.
Theatre performance – The Parable Keeper	20 th March	This will take place in the school hall.
Y3/4 Tag Rugby competition.	22 nd March	Team members will be sent a separate letter.
Travelling Kitchen visits	w/c 27 th March	
Easter service	31 st March, 9.30am	All are invited to join us at St Mary's Church.
Easter disco – Wrens & Robins	31 st March, 3.45pm	
Easter disco – Swallows & Hawks	31 st March, 5pm	
Last day of Term 4	31 st March, 3pm	
First day of Term 5	17 th April, 8.30am	

Dates can also be found on our school website: <https://hawkesburyprimaryschool.co.uk/category/news/>