

Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

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Important dates and events

Travelling Kitchen visits

Children in Swallows and Hawks will work with Travelling Kitchen on Tuesday 28th March.

Children in Wrens and Robins will work with them on Thursday 30th March.

Families are invited to join in with a feast at the end of the day. Thank you to the PTA for funding these activities which support the DT curriculum and help the children to develop important skills around food preparation and nutrition.

Easter service – Friday 31st March, 9.30am

All families are welcome to join us for our Easter service at St Mary's Church next Friday. The children have been preparing something to share with you and there will be a range of songs for you to join in with. Come and help us to celebrate this important time in the school and church calendar.

Easter disco – Friday 31st March

These will take place in the school hall on the final day of this term. For children in Wrens and Robins, the start time is 3.45pm and for those in Swallows and Hawks this will be from 5pm.

Folk band visit – 18th April

The children will get to hear from a folk band when they visit the school early next term.

Bank holiday – 1st May

Bank holiday – 8th May

Welcome

We are pleased to offer a big welcome to a new member of Wren Class. Seren and her family have recently moved into the village and started with us yesterday. We look forward to getting to know them better. Welcome to Hawkesbury!

Thank you for your support in raising money for Comic Relief last week. We were able to donate £79 from the school.

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

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

Well done to all children who got involved in the recent litter pick. We were surprised by how much we managed to collect and get rid of!

Attendance information

Our attendance information is as follows:

	Wrens	Robins	Swallows	Hawks	Whole school
Attendance last week	100%	91.48%	95.71%	85.24%	92.13%
Lates last week	0	3	4	6	13

Our whole school target is 96.5% and our overall attendance to date is 94.4%. We are also aiming for zero lates.

If you need any support with your child's attendance and punctuality please speak to a member of staff and we would be very happy to help.

Sustrans walk and wheel to school

Thank you to those who have been involved in the walk and wheel to school this week; it continues into next week. This is 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 the war memorial to get involved.**

Celebration services next term

Families are invited to join us to celebrate learning on the following dates next term:

28th April

12th May

26th May

Please do come along and join us.

Equalities

As part of our ongoing work to promote equalities, diversity and representation across our school, Governors recently reviewed our current equalities objectives.

These are:

1. To develop wider cultural awareness and celebrate diversity through a rich range of experience, both in and beyond school
2. To identify and challenge all stereotypes and discrimination through the curriculum
3. To accelerate progress and narrow the attainment gap for those receiving pupil premium funding in all year groups through high expectations and improving quality first teaching

These objectives will continue to be in place for the next academic year and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Flourish awards

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

From Wrens, **Gracie** was recognised for her work as an author, and **Varya** for her work as an engineer.

Robins – **Hattie** was recognised for her great attitude, and **Theo** for his work as an author.

Swallows – **Jack** was recognised for his spellings, **Phoebe** for her throwing accuracy and **Erin** for her great explanations in maths.

Hawks saw **Lucy** recognised for her reading progress and **Will** for his progress in maths.

Governors Ethos Committee Achievements 2022/2023

During the past year, the Ethos Committee strengthened its knowledge of the federation schools through rigorous monitoring and evaluating the impact of the schools' distinctive Christian character and values, ensuring these underpin all aspects of school life and are made clear in all public communications. The committee reviewed termly values and led on the development of the Federation Vision. The following monitoring activities undertaken were all driven by priorities identified in the Federation Development Plan. Members of the committee:

- checked that daily collective worship reflects our Christian character; Christian Values and Vision being central to the daily life of both schools with opportunities provided to develop children's understanding of prayer and different types of prayer,
- focused on monitoring progress against previous SIAMS Inspection priorities,
- reviewed links with British Values and the impact of these,
- met with RE subject leads and talked to children to find out more about the RE Curriculum where children's understanding of Christianity within a wider global society is encouraged and promoted with visible links made to courageous advocacy.

This monitoring has given the committee confidence to ask questions, check policies are reflected in practice and ensure the schools are fulfilling statutory responsibilities.

A Foundation governor for each church sits on the Ethos committee allowing links with the churches to be further strengthened for both schools.

For further information about the work of our Governors, please see the Website or contact Governors via the School Office.

Governor Update

Last term the Full Governing Body met on 5th December. A range of topics were included on the agenda, and Governors identified the headlines from the meeting as follows:

- **Academisation** – As part of the Government's target to increase the proportion of schools which are part of strong Academy Trusts, governors are in the very early stages of exploring what academisation might mean for our schools. There is a plan to hear more from different trusts in the area as to what they provide so that, when the time is right for us, we have the information available to us to progress this further.
- **Self Evaluation Form (SEF)** – the "Behaviour and Attitudes" section of the SEF was reviewed by Governors and further evidence added.
- **Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS)** – this is a self-assessment tool to evidence the effective financial management of school resources. This has been completed and thoroughly reviewed for both schools.
- **Succession planning** – Clare Hares was appointed as a Staff Co-opted Governor and Adrian Gilby joins the Board as an Associate Member.
- **Equality Objectives** – Governors received an update on progress towards achieving the Equality Objectives.

Term 4/5 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
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	
All-age service at St Mary's	16 th April, 10am	Please note the earlier time.
Folk band visit	18 th April	
Year 5 Bikeability	27 th – 28 th April	
Parent council meeting	28 th April	Please share items to feedback with your year group rep.
May bank holiday	1 st May	
Coronation bank holiday	8 th May	
KS2 SATs	w/c 9 th May	
All-age service at St Mary's	21 st May, 10am	
Outdoor learning day and last day of term	26 th May	

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