

## Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

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### **End of Term 5**

Thank you and well done to everyone for your support during the course of this very busy term.

Our Year 6 children worked extremely hard during their recent SATs tests – results will be available on 11<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you to the Hawk Class team for preparing the children so well for these tests. Children in Year 2 have also been sitting their SATs tests over the last two weeks. Thank you to all children and their teachers for their hard work here, too.

Earlier this week was this term's outdoor learning day. Mrs Heirani worked with the teachers to organise a range of activities and we were pleased that the sun shone all day! Children worked in their house groups and worked their way through the following:

- Using tools to whittle a stick; weaving art design; toasting a marshmallow on the fire
- Creating clay pots and tree faces
- Using knots and den making
- Natural art

Some pictures from the day are shown at the end of this newsletter.

We are incredibly grateful to the group of parents who came to school last Saturday to help tidy up. It was great to come into school on Monday to see the difference that had been made – thank you!

### **Pupil premium funding – is your child eligible?**

The school may be able to receive additional funding to support child; they may also be able to get free school meals in Year 3 and above if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

For information on free meals for young people in further education visit: [Free meals in further education funded institutions: guide for the 2021 to 2022 academic year](#).

**Applications can be made using the following link:**

**[https://oneb2b.southglos.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal\\_LIVE%2F](https://oneb2b.southglos.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F)**

**Please speak to a member of staff in the office if you have any questions.**

### Attendance information

Our latest attendance information is as follows:

	Wrens	Robins	Swallows	Hawks	Whole school
Attendance this week	96.3%	98.8%	94.4%	97.4%	96.9%
Lates last week	0	6	3	8	17

Our whole school target is 96.5% and our overall attendance to date is 94.7%. We are also aiming for zero lates.

We ask that all families ensure they do not book holidays during term time as this seriously disrupts your child's education and puts them behind in their learning. It is vital children do not miss out as it can be very difficult to help them to catch up again.

### Flourish awards

The following children have been recognised for excellent effort and attitude towards learning in the last 2 weeks.

Wrens – **Ruby** was celebrated for her work as an author, **Varya** was celebrated for her work as a mathematician, **Emma** was celebrated for being respectful and always being ready for learning, and **Max** was celebrated for his independence when writing.

Robins – **Wilbur** has been celebrated as an engineer and **George** was celebrated as a mathematician. **Louie** was celebrated as an athlete and **Isla** was celebrated for her perseverance as a mathematician.

Swallows – **Ivy**, **Poppy** and **Beth** have been celebrated for their writing, and **Holly** was celebrated for the Pinch Pot that she made.

Hawks – All **Year 6 Pupils** were celebrated for their completion of SATS week, **Joe** was celebrated for his cooking and **Alfie** was celebrated for his resilience in football.

### After School Club and Breakfast Club

Have you signed up for Breakfast Club and After School Club yet? – sessions for next term are available on Pay 360. You can use the system to book sessions and also to make payment – if you wish to pay by Childcare Voucher then please contact the office. We currently accept vouchers from providers such as Kiddicare, Edenred and Computershare, as well as from the Government's Tax Free childcare service.

Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am everyday, and After School Club runs until 6pm Monday to Thursday. advance booking is encouraged but last minute bookings are often possible subject to availability

Many thanks to everyone who completed our After School Club survey – we will be reviewing your feedback during next term.

### Governor information – budget update

At a recent Governing Body meeting, the budgets for both Hawkesbury and Iron Acton were scrutinised and ratified. The schools continue to manage the resources available to them efficiently and effectively, but a number of external factors, including inflation, energy costs and a significant increase in staffing costs without a sufficient increase in income have impacted on both schools. As a result, and despite a strong track record in this area, both schools face deficit budgets for the 2023-2024 financial year.

Governors would be grateful to hear from the school community about any possible areas of support.

**Parent council meeting feedback**

The following items were discussed at the recent parent council meeting.

Homework	<p>This can often be a matter which generates a wide variety of opinion. Robin Class have been trialling a new approach which doesn't include the homework jigsaw but focuses on maths and reading. Feedback had been divided in that some prefer the jigsaw approach and some prefer the new approach. School staff feel the new approach is working well.</p> <p>It was felt the current approach and expectation is pitched correctly for Wren Class. Swallow and Hawk Classes have remained the same. Again there is a difference of opinion around the matter with some liking the jigsaw approach and some being less in favour.</p> <p><b>School will review the current approach as a staff team and share any updates or adaptations in September.</b></p>
Length of school day	<p>The vast majority of feedback was highly positive of the extension to the school day; a concern was raised that children may potentially be more tired than before. It was felt that this was, on the whole, a more appealing arrangement for prospective parents.</p>
School meals	<p>Some parents are keen for their children to try the vegetarian option instead of a baguette. Jane's proactive approach was recognised and appreciated. School is currently looking at working with a new catering company from September as the council has decided to close this provision. As part of this, school will look to put in place an option for parents to select meals in advance with their child.</p> <p><b>A copy of the menu will be displayed on the noticeboard in the walkway to the left of school.</b></p>
Sports events	<p>Parents are keen for their children to sign themselves up to sports events but sometimes children do not opt to do this. There was recognition that children need to be developing skills of independence and choice.</p> <p><b>School will share the details of any future sports events in newsletters so that parents know what is likely to come up.</b></p>
Preschool on site	<p>School is currently in talks with local childcare providers about setting up preschool provision on the school site. If this moved forward, it is likely to be for children aged 2 – 4 and will run for the full length of the day. Our aim is for this to be in place by September 2023 but we recognise timescales are tight and so it is likely that it would start at a later date.</p>
After school club	<p>The club is going well and numbers are increasing. School has had positive feedback. A questionnaire has been completed by parents to explore further adaptations to session times and cost. There have been some changes to staffing recently and this remains an ongoing challenge as this is a difficult role to fill.</p> <p><b>A further update on the outcome of the questionnaire will be shared early next term.</b></p>
Extra-curricular clubs	<p>School tries to provide a range of clubs for children to attend. We are grateful to parents for running clubs too. School is looking for parents to run some clubs: gardening, electric car and cooking. Those who may be interested are encouraged to find out more from the school office.</p> <p>A question was asked as to whether all clubs could finish at the same time. <b>School will look into this.</b></p>

**Term 6 calendar**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Information</b>
First day of Term 6	5 <sup>th</sup> June, 8.30am	
Year 4 multiplication tables check window opens	5 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr Bryant will work with Year 4 on their multiplication tables checks over a 3 week period.
New EYFS parent information session	8 <sup>th</sup> June, 7pm	
Year 1 phonics screening check	w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Wiggins will administer phonics screening to all Year 1 children.
Year 5/6 residential	12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr Bryant and Mrs Eaton will accompany the children. Mr Riddington will teach Swallow Class.
Year 6 Leavers' service at Gloucester Cathedral	15 <sup>th</sup> June	
Hawkesbury Upton 5K	17 <sup>th</sup> June	Please sign up at <a href="https://www.hu5k.org/">https://www.hu5k.org/</a> to support the work of the PTA.
Health week	w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Children will take part in a range of activities designed to help them understand how to have a healthy lifestyle.
New EYFS children visits to school	20 <sup>th</sup> June, 1.30pm 6 <sup>th</sup> July, 11am	
Sports day	23 <sup>rd</sup> June, pm	All families are invited to join us on the field.
Dogs Trust workshops	27 <sup>th</sup> June	An opportunity for children to understand how to stay safe around dogs.
Moving up morning	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Children will spend the morning with their new classes.
INSET day	30 <sup>th</sup> June	School will be closed to all children.
Storyteller Clive Pig visiting school	6 <sup>th</sup> July	
Reports sent out	7 <sup>th</sup> July	
Class photos	11 <sup>th</sup> July	
African drumming workshops	14 <sup>th</sup> July	A PTA funded experience.
Parent council meeting	14 <sup>th</sup> July	
Leavers' service at St Mary's Church	17 <sup>th</sup> July, 9.30am	All families are invited to join us.
Year 6 leavers' play	21 <sup>st</sup> July, 2pm	
Last day of Term 6	21 <sup>st</sup> July	

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

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Some photos from our Outdoor Learning Day.

