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# Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

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## Remaining dates and events for Term 1

### Bag to school collection – 11<sup>th</sup> October

Flyers have been sent out this week. Please leave bags outside the black gate onto the playground. Thank you for support of our PTA.

### All-age Harvest service – 15<sup>th</sup> October

All families are invited to attend the church Harvest service next Sunday. The service begins at 10am.

### Parent / teacher meetings – 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October

If you have not already signed up for your appointment, we urge you to do this as soon as possible. This is an important opportunity for you to find out how your child's first term in their new year group has gone. If you are unable to make your appointment, please do arrange to speak to your child's class teacher at another mutually convenient time.

### Outdoor learning day – 20<sup>th</sup> October

All children will have the opportunity to spend as much time learning whilst outside in the school grounds and beyond. We will let you know if they need to wear anything different on the day or if they are going for a village walk that day. **In the meantime, please do ensure they have a pair of wellies in school which fit.**

### Final day of Term 1 – 20<sup>th</sup> October

School will conclude at the usual time of 3.00pm on the final day of term. We begin again on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30am**. Family members are invited to come into school and find out what the children have been learning about from 2.00 pm. There will be a whole school celebration service at 2.30pm.

### Advance notice of the PTA Christmas fayre – 9<sup>th</sup> December

The PTA will run this year's Christmas fayre in the village hall between 11.30am and 1pm.

## Admissions 2024 – primary and secondary

Is your child due to start primary or secondary school in September 2024?

The application process for places is now open. Read South Gloucestershire Council's web pages and admission guides by following the links below.

- The deadline for secondary school applications is 31 October 2023. [Find out more](#)
- The deadline for primary, infant and junior applications is 15 January 2024. [Find out more](#)

### **Attendance**

Attendance and punctuality for the term so far can be found in the table below.

Wrens	Robins	Swallows	Hawks	<b>Whole school total</b>
99%	96.5%	96.2%	95.3%	<b>96.4%</b>
3 lates	5 lates	3 lates	3 lates	<b>14 lates</b>

Please note: lates are from the past two weeks only, i.e. since the last newsletter.

Our whole school attendance target this year is 96% and no lates. Well done once again to Wren Class for maintaining such fantastic attendance so far this year!

The school is unable to authorise any term time holidays unless in exceptional circumstances. Please ensure this is discussed with Mr Riches and an absence request form completed.

We would like to remind families that every day in school counts so please do try to ensure your child is in school and on time every day. Thank you for your support.

### **Swimming**

Children in Hawk Class (Y5/6) have begun this year's school swimming lessons. Each year, we take our oldest children to Yate Leisure Centre for a 10 week block of sessions travelling by coach. Children must learn to swim at least 25 metres by the time they reach the end of primary school. We are grateful to parents for making a voluntary financial contribution towards the cost of the lessons given the incredibly challenging budgetary situation schools, including our own, are now finding themselves in.

### **Staff adverts**

A small number of staff vacancies have recently arisen at our school. Please take a look at the job adverts on eteach:

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs?empNo=25615>

Please speak to Mrs Parry, our school business manager, if you would like to know more about any of these roles.

Sadly, our recently appointed clerical assistant, Nicky Adams, has resigned from her position due to a change in her circumstances. This role will also now be re-advertised.

### **Black History Month**

Each October, our school participates in Black History Month. This year, the children will have the opportunity to find out more about the lives of several black Bristolians who made a difference in the past and the significant impact of their actions. We will also receive a visit from Sheba Soul Ensemble next week whereby the children will engage in a range of activities to celebrate through art, music and drama.

### **Sports events**

Mr Bryant and Mrs Brumpton have organised for the children to take part in a number of sports events over the year. We work closely with sports leaders at KLB who put these events on. We are also compiling a set of dates for sports events with other local schools including Iron Acton. Letters will be sent out in advance of each event. This is for information only and to ensure parents are aware of future sports activities.

These are the first couple of events to look out for over the next few weeks:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Year group</b>
Primary Cross Country at Dursley Running Club	21 <sup>st</sup> October, 10am 18 <sup>th</sup> November 9 <sup>th</sup> December 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Key Stage 2 (letters have been sent out this week)
Sports hall athletics at KLB	15 <sup>th</sup> November, 10am	Key Stage 2

### **Celebration service awards **last** week**

#### Flourish awards

Wrens – Eliza: creativity as an artist; Kitty: always trying her best

Robins – Erin: excellent attitude towards learning; Ruby: great author skills

Swallows – Lily: impressive skills in football; Lucy: embracing challenge as a mathematician

Hawks – Holly: demonstrating skill as a mathematician; Callum: impressive skills on the trumpet!

**Term 1 & 2 calendar**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Information</b>
Bags to School – PTA fundraising	11.10.23	
Individual and sibling photographs being taken	11.10.23	
Parent teacher meetings	16.10.23 17.10.23	Letters will be sent nearer the time.
Outdoor learning day	20.10.23	Children will spend the day learning whilst outside.
Celebration service	20.10.23 2.30pm	Families are invited to join us.
Last day of Term 1	20.10.23	
First day of Term 2	30.10.23	
Flu immunisations	31.10.23	
Anti-bullying week	06.11.23	This will include an opportunity for children to work with drama organisation, Unique Voice.
Individual and sibling photographs	29.11.23	
Non-uniform day for PTA Christmas fayre	01.12.23	Donations can be made for the tombola.
Nativity services	05.12.23, 1.30pm 06.12.23, 9.00am	In the school hall.
Christmas fayre	09.12.23 11.30am – 1.00pm	In the village hall.
Key Stage 2 pantomime	12.12.23 1.30pm and 5.30pm	In the school hall.
Christingle service	15.12.23 9.30am	This service will take place at church.

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

**Term dates for 2023-2024**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Ends</b>
Term 1	Friday 1 September 2023	Friday 20 October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30 October 2023	Friday 15 December 2023
Term 3	Tuesday 2 January 2024	Friday 9 February 2024
Term 4	Monday 19 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3 June 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024

**Remaining INSET days**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024