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## Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

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### Dates and events for Term 2

#### Anti-bullying week – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

As part of our efforts to help everyone who is a part of our school community to flourish, we will be celebrating anti-bullying week from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. All children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday which marks the start of the week. The aim is to celebrate what makes us all unique. <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/odd-socks-day/odd-socks-day-schools>

Earlier in the week, we had a visit from Unique Voice who shared some drama with the children to help them understand more about the impact of bullying and what to do about it. Thank you to those who were able to attend the parent information session. A link is due to be sent out for those who couldn't attend.

#### Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

We won't be organising any specific events this year but we will spend some time thinking about Children in Need during the day. If you would like to donate towards Children in Need, you are encouraged to do so online at the following website: <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

#### Next celebration service – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm

Families are welcome to join us in the school hall to recognise different ways the children at Hawkesbury have flourished over recent weeks.

#### Non-uniform day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Children do not need to wear school uniform on this day. Instead we ask that donations are made for the tombola stall at this year's Christmas Fayre. Items can be taken to the table in the hall in the morning and these will be processed by members of the PTA.

#### Christmas pantomime – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Children will receive a visit from Bristol Old Vic Theatre School during the afternoon. This will take place in the school hall and has been funded by the church.

#### Nativity performances

These will take place on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm** and **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 9am**. Both services will take place in the school hall. This is not a ticketed event and wider family members are invited to come along and be a part of the audience. Children in Swallows and Hawks will watch the dress rehearsal earlier in the week.

#### Christmas Fayre – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 11.30am – 1pm

This will take place in the village hall. There will be a range of activities and stalls on offer. Please come and support the work of the PTA and bring family and friends along with you.

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KS2 pantomime – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm & 5.30pm

The children are preparing to share this year's performance of 'Super Stan' and this will take place in the school hall. This is not a ticketed event and there is no maximum number of family members this year. All children in Swallows & Hawks are needed at both performances.

Christmas lunch – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Bookings for Christmas lunch can be made using our usual systems. If children would like to wear a Christmas top in place of their school jumper that day, they are very welcome to do so.

Christingle service – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am

Please come along and join us at St Mary's Church in Hawkesbury for our annual Christingle service.

Class parties – days to be confirmed

**Attendance**

Attendance for the year to date along with punctuality for the past two weeks is as follows:

Wrens	Robins	Swallows	Hawks	<b>Whole school total</b>
96.8%	97%	97.3%	95%	<b>96.5%</b>
3 lates	10 lates	5 lates	5 lates	<b>23 lates</b>

Please note: our attendance target is 96.5%.

Please ensure your child is in school and on time every day to help them to learn. If they miss out on school too frequently, even just for a few days, they are likely to quickly fall behind.

**New governors for our Federation**

After recent parent governor elections at Iron Acton, we are pleased to announce that Mrs Harmeet Turner has been nominated unopposed for this role.

In addition, Mrs Karen Foxwell who lives in Iron Acton, has also put herself forward to join the Governing Body as an associate governor.

We are pleased to welcome both members to our Governing Body. Whilst they are both from Iron Acton, they will serve the interests of the children at both schools.

**Christmas crackercraft evening**

Bookings are open for Hawkesbury School PTA's Crackercraft Evening, 2023.

The (rapidly becoming traditional) sparkly festive evening of gentle grown-up socialising is back for another year on Sunday 3rd December.

£20 per person includes warming mulls, yummy desserts & peaceful cracker-making. Tables of 8 - email [hello@hawkesburypta.co.uk](mailto:hello@hawkesburypta.co.uk) to register your group. (If you have a group smaller than 8, still message and I'll do my best to matchmake a full table.)

Presented in support of the PTA coffers to help fund both essential & exciting things for all our primary children. All welcome.

**Celebration service awards last week**

Flourish awards

Wrens – Theo as an author, writing independent sentences ; Jaxon for challenging himself as an author.

Robins – Wilbur with great technique travelling as a gymnast; Seren using phonics for spelling.

Swallows – George for his audition; Isla for using column method.

**Term 2 calendar**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Information</b>
Remembrance parade – children needed in school uniform	12.11.23	Meet at the village hall at 10.45am wearing school uniform.
Children in Need	17.11.23	
Celebration service	24.11.23, 2.30pm	Families are invited to join us.
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.
Bristol Old Vic Theatre School performance	07.12.23	Children will watch The Elves and the Shoemaker in the hall. Paid for by the church.
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. Families are invited.
Final day of term 2	15.12.23	
First day of term 3	03.01.24	

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