

# Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

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## Remaining dates and events for Term 2

### 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.

### 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. Children in Wrens and Robins will watch the dress rehearsal on Monday.

### 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 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am

Please come along and join us at St Mary's Church in Hawkesbury for our annual Christingle service. Children will travel by coach. Please note the change of date due to a planned event near the church in Hawkesbury on the Friday.

### Class parties – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

All classes will have their Christmas parties on the same day. Children can come to school wearing party clothes. Please ensure this includes sensible shoes. This is also the last day of term; we will finish at the usual time of 3pm.

Next week, Robin Class will welcome student teacher, Mr Benjamin Wharrier, to join them for 6 weeks. Mr Wharrier will work closely alongside Mrs Wiggins during that time.

We return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 8.30am.

## Attendance

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

Wrens	Robins	Swallows	Hawks	Whole school total
96.6%	97.2%	96.8%	95.1%	<b>95.7%</b>
0 lates	10 lates	8 lates	8 lates	<b>26 lates</b>

Please note: our attendance target is 96.5%.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance please speak to a member of staff. As part of our regular monitoring of attendance, we are focusing on the attendance of any child whose attendance falls below 95%.

### Recent Christmas events

A very big thank you to Landcare Nurseries for the kind donation of the Christmas tree which is currently situated at the front of the school. Thank you also to Nicky and Anna for decorating it.



Some thoughts from the children on our recent events:

#### Old Vic Theatre visit

It was very good because of the way the actors shared the story. I liked how they could do lots of different things as the same character. I liked Nel the best because she showed lots of emotions. Lenny was also good because he liked comforting people. *Beth, Year 4*

We saw the Elves and the Shoemaker. I thought it really good and I like the way they did the story. *Jenson, Year 3*

It was very funny. I liked sitting next to my buddy; he enjoyed it too. *Bella, Year 6*

#### School Nativity services

I liked doing the Nativity. I liked singing in front of all the people. We had to do star dances. *Bertie, Reception*

My favourite part was singing the last song. I was the posh innkeeper and I had some lines to say. It was really fun. *Gracie, Year 1*

My favourite part was when I said my last line: fit for a King! I also liked it when the innkeeper opened door because he made realistic sound effects. *Holly, Year 2*

**Please note: our Christmas post box is now in the hall and the Year 6 children are ready to sort the post each day.**

### Governor headlines

Our most recent Governing Body meeting for our Federation (which includes Iron Acton and Hawkesbury) took place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The headlines from this meeting are as follows:

- Attendance - Governors are confident in the work that is done by the schools to improve attendance. Governors continue to scrutinise the attendance data, and are pleased to note the systems and strategies in place to try to improve this.
- Pursuing renewables - the schools continue to work towards installing solar panels at both schools. Once planning permission is granted, panels will be installed at Iron Acton.
- Governor Development Plan – in their development plan, Governors have identified priorities for the coming year. Further information about governance can be found on the website:

<https://hawkesburyprimaryschool.co.uk/about/governance/>

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**Lunch menu**

During the first week of Term 3, the lunch menu will be as follows:

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese pizza Chicken curry Jacket potato Tomato pasta	Roast of the day Veggie option Jacket potato Tomato pasta	Fish fingers Falafel wraps Jacket potato Tomato pasta

You will have seen that toast returns from Term 3 – a letter was sent out about this earlier in the week which has to be booked by 14<sup>th</sup> December. We will only be allowing children to eat toast or fruit at breaktimes. Thank you to Jane in the kitchen for adjusting her timings to make this happen.

**Term 3 PE days**

Next term, PE days will be as follows and children should wear their PE kit on these days (with the exception of Wren Class children who should bring their PE kit into school as usual):

	Session 1	Session 2
Wrens	Forest schools on Tuesday	Thursday (Future Stars)
Robins	Monday	Thursday (Future Stars)
Swallows	Wednesday	Thursday (Future Stars)
Hawks	Swimming each Tuesday: 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan and 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan. Then PE to take place on a Friday.	Thursday (Future Stars)

**Term 2 calendar**

Event	Date and time	Information
Christmas fair	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.
Christmas lunch	13.12.23	
Christingle service	14.12.23 9.30am	This service will take place at church. Families are invited.
Christmas parties	15.12.23	Children can wear party clothes to school.
Final day of term 2	15.12.23, 3pm	
Carol service, St Mary's Church	17.12.23, 5pm	This is a church service and all families are welcome to attend.
Nativity service, St Mary's Church	24.12.23, 4pm	This is a church service and all families are welcome to attend.
First day of term 3	03.01.24, 8.30am	Please note: this is a Wednesday.

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