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Staffing and pupil numbers

Mr Riley's final day at Hawkesbury will be next Friday following his highly successful teacher training placement in Swallow Class. We wish Mr Riley all the best as he heads back to UWE to continue with his studies. We hope to see him back at Hawkesbury in the future.

This means that Mrs Gabb will return to Swallow Class for part of each morning to work alongside Mr Bryant. Mrs Gabb is a highly skilled and experienced member of the team; she has worked with Swallow Class before and so she knows the learning expectations as well as the individual needs of the children in the class and so we feel she is well placed to provide effective support.

As our school budget, like that of many other schools, remains overstretched, it is very difficult to be able to increase staffing levels much further. The school is currently running a deficit budget and this is partly due to lower pupil numbers (we currently have 79 children at the school) as well as significantly increased running costs. We are pleased to let you know that we have had 16 first choice applications for our Reception 2024 cohort so far. This will help to boost pupil numbers overall and help to ensure the school is sustainable into the future; consequently, we will have a higher level of funding to be able to provide further targeted support for the children at the school.

If anyone would like to discuss current staffing levels further please do come and speak to me when convenient.

Mr Riches

Celebration services

Thank you firstly to those who came to join us at our iSingPOP concerts yesterday. It was fantastic to see the way Emily, the lead singer, worked with the children to share a new set of songs for the school to sing during collective worship and church visits.

Our celebration services for families to attend this term will take place on:

Friday 19th January, 2.30pm (today!)

Friday 9th February (the last day of term)

On the second date, families are invited to come in to school at the earlier time of 2.15pm as the children will be sharing some of their learning from the term. We look forward to having you with us.

Letters webpage

Mrs Brumpton is in the process of creating a page on our school website which holds current letters. These will most often be linked to trips and clubs. We hope this will avoid the fact that it can be hard to find information once it has been processed on the School Comms app. The page can be found under the 'What's On/Newsletter' tab.

Attendance

	Wrens	Robins	Swallows	Hawks	Whole school
Attendance for past 2 weeks	88.8%	97.7%	95.5%	94.6%	95.2%
Cumulative attendance this year	96%	96.9%	96.5%	92.9%	95.6%
Lates over past 2 weeks	7	4	9	14	34

Please note: our attendance target is 96.5%. Our school day starts at 8.30am; those arriving after this are marked as late in the registers.

Teaching assistant support

We have an excellent team of highly skilled teaching assistants who support children's learning each day. The names of each person can be found below. Teaching assistants tend to provide class support in the mornings then individual or small group support in the afternoons – they have very full timetables.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wrens	Mrs Mockford Mrs Gabb Miss Jones	Mrs Mockford Mrs Gabb	Mrs Gabb Miss Jones	Mrs Mockford Mrs Gabb Miss Jones	Mrs Mockford Mrs Gabb Miss Jones
Robins	Mrs Mockford Mrs Eaton	Mrs Mockford Mrs Eaton	Mrs Gabb Mrs Eaton	Mrs Mockford	Mrs Mockford
Swallows	Mrs Gabb		Mrs Baxter	Mrs Gabb	Mrs Gabb
Hawks	Mrs Baxter	Mrs Baxter Mrs Choyce	Mrs Baxter Mrs Choyce	Mrs Choyce	Mrs Choyce
Reading assistants			Mrs Gabb	Mrs Gabb	

Celebration service certificates

The following children were recognised during today's celebration service:

Wrens – **Theo** for great dancing and singing during rehearsals for IsingPOP. **Rosalie** for amazing singing and dancing with enthusiasm at the IsingPOP concerts.

Robins – **Holly** for always going over and above with her learning. **Reuben** for having a great attitude to learning.

Swallows – **Isla** for incredible 'sassitude' during IsingPOP. **Emily** for cat like reflexes at Future Stars Dodgeball.

Hawks - **Ruby** for an excellent water colour painting. **Bella** for a high quality report on the Galapagos Islands.

Term 3/4 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
All-age service at St Mary's Church	21.01.24 10am	Families are invited to attend this monthly church service.
Hawk Class trip to Aust Beach	24.01.24	
LGBT history month begins	01.02.24	There will be an age-appropriate focus on this nationally recognised month. More information to follow.
Cross country event	03.02.24	For those who are a part of the school team.
Children's mental health week	05.02.24	On the Friday children are invited to wear what they like for 'express yourself' day.
Outdoor learning day	05.02.24	This will include a whole school trip to Westonbirt Arboretum.
Safer internet day	06.02.24	
Celebration service	09.02.24 2.15pm	Families are invited to join us in the school hall.
Final day of Term 3	09.02.24 3pm	
All-age service at St Mary's Church	18.02.24 10am	Families are invited to attend this monthly church service.
First day of Term 4	19.02.24 8.30am	
Parent/teacher meetings	04.03.24 & 05.03.24	Letters will be sent nearer the time.
World Book Day	07.03.24	Children are invited to wear their pyjamas into school to celebrate world book day. There is a possibility this date may change to Friday 8 March. This will be confirmed asap.
INSET day	11.03.24	School will be closed to all children as staff work together to further enhance our curriculum.
Palm Sunday school service	22.03.24 9.30am	Children will share together in a service at St Mary's Church. Families are invited to attend.

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

Term	Starts	Ends
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