

# Hawkesbury CE VC Primary School

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## Welcome back

On behalf of the staff team, I'd like to wish all families a very Happy New Year. It is great to have you all back in school with us ready for the term ahead. This is quite a short term as it finishes on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm.**

At the end of last term, we were treated to an array of fantastic events and activities. Thank you and well done to the following groups of people:

- All staff and children in Wrens and Robins for two superb Nativity plays.
- All staff and children in Swallows and Hawks for two wonderful performances of 'The adventures of Superstan'.
- All those at St Mary's Church for welcoming us to the Christingle service. We are incredibly fortunate as a school to have such a good relationship with our local church and benefit greatly from this.
- Jane and Allison in the kitchen for cooking a delicious Christmas lunch.
- Members of the PTA for organising a wonderful Christmas fair. An impressive over £1000 was raised for the school at the fair.

It was a busy build up to Christmas but all went smoothly. We look forward to what Term 3 brings.

## Staffing update

We are very pleased to have appointed Mrs Amanda Conway as clerical assistant at Hawkesbury. Mrs Conway will work in the office every Friday.

We are still looking for a second member of staff to work alongside Mrs Basanets at After School Club. If you think you know of anyone who can help please ask them to contact the school office.

Over at Iron Acton, we are also now looking for a new member of staff to carry out the role of administrative assistant over 24 hours each week. Here is the advert for anyone who may be interested:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/administrative-assistant-1393766>

## 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
96.9%	96.8%	96.6%	92.9%	<b>95.6%</b>
No lates	5 lates	3 lates	3 lates	<b>11 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%.

### **Snack and treats**

We would like to remind all families that morning snacks must consist of fruit only if the toast option is not taken. Please also note that all children in Wrens and Robins have a piece of fruit provided by the Government during the afternoons.

We also ask that children do not bring in unhealthy treats, such as sweets, biscuits and cakes to share with the rest of their class following holidays or birthdays. Thank you for your support and understanding.

### **Using the field**

We always aim to use the school field throughout the year. Please do ensure your child has a pair of wellies or old trainers in school which fit them. Those that play football are encouraged to change their trousers at lunchtime too or to put a spare pair over the top when they go outside – we hope this helps to keep their school uniform clean.

### **Celebration service certificates**

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

Wrens – Jaxon for showing creativity and imagination. Noelle for showing imagination in gymnastics.

Robins – The whole class for a fantastic contribution in the Nativity performance last term.

Swallows – Hattie for showing high standards in her work. Amelie for demonstrating a strong work ethic.

Hawks - Callum for a good report on football. Clara for a good report about paella.

### **School dinners**

Please can we remind parents that if children arrive at school after 9.30am we are unable to provide them with a school dinner unless this has been pre-booked. Please could we ask that you provide a pack lunch in this instance.

**Term 3 calendar**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Information</b>
PTA meeting online	10.01.24 time TBC	
iSingPOP workshops	10.01.24 – 12.01.24	Please see separate letter sent out yesterday.
Cross country event	13.01.24	For those who are a part of the school team.
Y3/4 dodgeball festival at KLB	17.01.24	
Census day – change to school menu	18.01.24	An element of school funding is based on school meal uptake on this day – please choose a school meal today if you can. See poster attached.
iSingPOP concert	18.01.24 2pm & 6pm	Please see separate letter sent out yesterday. <b>No Future Stars.</b>
Celebration service	19.01.24 2.30pm	Families are invited to join us in the school hall.
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	
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 2.30pm	Families are invited to join us in the school hall.
Final day of Term 3	09.02.24 3pm	
First day of Term 4	19.02.24 8.30am	

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