

'Enabling everyone to flourish' Respect, Perseverance, Creativity

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Remaining dates and events for next week

Westonbirt visit

All children are off to Westonbirt on Monday for outdoor learning day. They will spend the day engaging in a range of activities organised by Mrs Heirani and the team at Westonbirt.

Children's mental health week

Next week we will be celebrating the national children's mental health week.

On **Thursday**, our mental health champions will deliver an **assembly** they have prepared with support from Mrs Wilson. This is designed to give the message that our children's voices matter and that they have the right to an opinion and to be listened to and taken seriously. Thank you to our team: Ruby M, Callum, Freddie, Albie, Reuben, Holly, Ursula, Elizabeth, Phoebe and Masie-Mae who are working hard to champion all things mental health.

On **Friday**, all children are invited to wear what they like to school for our **Express Yourself** day.

Throughout the week conversations will take place in classes at an age-appropriate stage about mental health and how children can look after their own and help those around them.

Safer internet day

This will take place on **Tuesday 6th February**. The focus will be on 'Inspiring Change: Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. The children will discuss online safety in their classrooms during the day and take part in a whole school assembly led by Mr Bryant.

Sharing afternoon

Families are welcome to join us in school for our next celebration service and sharing afternoon on **Friday 9th February**. **Please join us from 2.15pm** in the school hall. We would love to show you what we have been learning about this term.

Important dates and events for next term

World Book Day

This will take place on **Thursday 7th March**. The aim of world book day is to celebrate all things books and reading as well as to promote a lifelong love of reading for all. As part of the day we will be talking about bed time stories and so we invite children to come to school wearing their pyjamas if they choose to do so.

INSET day

Our next INSET day will take place on **Monday 11th March**. School will be closed to all children.

Palm Sunday service

All families are welcome to join us at St Mary's Church on **Friday 22nd March at 9.30am**. The children are due to walk to church for this service.

Attendance

	Wrens	Robins	Swallows	Hawks	Whole school
Attendance for past 2 weeks	96.73%	95.83%	96.24%	93.04%	94.27%
Cumulative attendance this year	95.97%	96.78%	96.22%	93.04%	95.47%
Lates over past 2 weeks	4	5	3	15	27

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.

Attendance monitoring procedures

1. Attendance is monitored rigorously. If a child's attendance falls below 95%, this becomes a cause for concern.
2. Attendance letter 1 is sent out when concerns arise about a child's attendance falling below and remaining below 95%.
3. Attendance letter 2 is sent out if concerns remain. This letter makes it clear that further illness must be authorised by a medical professional.
4. A school attendance meeting takes place where actions and targets are agreed.
5. Formal Local Authority involvement including the possibility of legal action.

Our aim is always to work closely with families in a supportive way to ensure that all children receive the education they deserve. We recognise that there are sometimes individual circumstances which impact on attendance and that these cannot be avoided.

Science update from Mrs Heirani

We have some exciting Science opportunities we will be experiencing this year. We have some Year 12 KLB students coming in to teach Hawks in March, making Vitamin C Rockets with them. We will hopefully be having the Year 12 students in once a term to share their science knowledge and conduct some experiments with the children.

In April, we have a STEM Superstars visit where scientists will be coming in to provide a workshop for children in KS1 and KS2.

In May, Swallows will be visiting KLB for the morning as they are having a Science Learning Day. Swallows will experience creating and learning about a range of scientific experiments.

Celebration service certificates

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

Wrens – **Kitty** for independent writing of her stickman story. **Robyn** for her enthusiasm and contributions during lessons.

Robins – **Matty** for flourishing as an author and thinking about sentences. **Seren** for flourishing as a geographer when drawing a fantastic map of the classroom.

Swallows – **Ivy** for flourishing in cross stitching, demonstrating passion and skill whilst supporting others. **Aleksandar** for flourishing as an author and showing excellent progress with coherence and handwriting.

Hawks - **Suzy** for her message in bottle and her 'show not tell' character description. **Reuben** for giving his best in English and Maths this week.

Safeguarding update

The safeguarding of children and young people is one of the most important things that we can do. At school, we have a multitude of systems in place to ensure an effective safeguarding culture is in. Staff are extremely well trained on this matter and systems are in place to record and report concerns.

For families, the NSPCC website contains a lot of information to help with safeguarding matters. This includes information about online safety, drugs and alcohol and understanding consent. Please take a look at the resources of the NSPCC website: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets>

If you ever have any concerns about the safety of a child, please either contact the school for advice and support or contact the South Gloucestershire Access and Response Team using the phone number 01454 866000.

Term 3/4 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
LGBT history month begins	01.02.24 – this will be a focus straight after half term.	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	w/c 05.02.24	
Outdoor learning day	05.02.24	
Safer internet day	06.02.24	
Celebration service	09.02.24 2.15pm	Families are invited.
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 have been shared. Please book an appointment through the school office.
World Book Day	07.03.24	
INSET day	11.03.24	
Palm Sunday school service	22.03.24 9.30am	

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