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Term 4 dates and events

INSET day – Monday 11th March

Don't forget that Monday is an INSET day. The staff will be focusing on further developing our geography curriculum for the day.

Easter disco – Thursday 21st March

The PTA is organising this year's Easter disco which will take place in the school hall. **Please note this is a new date and time.** Children in Wrens and Robins are invited to attend from 4.30pm – 5.30pm. Children in Swallows and Hawks begin their hour at 5.45pm.

Palm Sunday service – Friday 22nd March

All families are invited to join us in the church for a 9.30am service to celebrate Palm Sunday. Children will be sharing their learning in the lead up to Easter. We have decided not to book a coach in the hope that the children can walk down to the church. Please feel free to join us for the walk if you'd like to – meet us by the staff car park which can be found down the lane which leads to the cricket pitch.

Attendance

	Wrens	Robins	Swallows	Hawks	Whole school
Attendance for past 2 weeks	99.4%	98.4%	98.1%	93.2%	96.9%
Cumulative attendance this year	96.4%	96.6%	96.2%	92.8%	95.4%
Lates over past 2 weeks	6	1	7	9	23

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.

Governor information sessions

The Governors will provide two opportunities to hear from them and ask questions on **14th March**. The first session will be in person at the school, starting at 2pm. The second session will be on Teams and will begin at 7pm.

The following items will be discussed:

1. The role of the Governing Body
2. Academisation – What plans does the school have to join an academy trust and what will the impact be on the school?
3. Anything else

Active travel

Thank you to all those who have been able to get involved in the Golden Lock initiative. The number of bikes and scooters on the school site has risen significantly over the last couple of weeks which is great to see. Thank you to Clara and Phoebe in Year 5 for their administrative work each morning in counting up the bikes and scooters then selecting where to place the golden locks.

It was great to see our Year 5s taking part in their Bikeability training over two days this week. They spent time on the playground initially then out on the roads in Hawkesbury too. We were delighted to receive an email from a local resident explaining how great it was to see such happy, polite and engaging children. Well done to Year 5 for representing the school so well.

Please be aware that in future years the council has decided they will need to make a small charge of £5 per child for Bikeability training – this is current free to all.

Reviewing recent events

As part of our vision to 'enable everyone to flourish', we spend time during the year focusing on the achievements of people and groups who might not otherwise be recognised and celebrated. This recently took place in the form of recognition of the medical achievements of members of the LGBT community. As a school, we think it is essential for all children to understand how to respect and value all people. The children spent time looking at the achievements of two important historical figures during the month of February.

World Book Day has now taken place and the children spent time celebrating a range of texts throughout the day, many choosing to wear their pyjamas to celebrate the importance of bedtime stories. Thank you to all for getting involved.

Thank to you our fantastic PTA for organising the recent curry and quiz night which raised £1580 for our school – this is amazing news; well done!

PTA update

Thank you to all those who came and joined us last Saturday for the Curry & Quiz. It was a fantastic evening and lovely to see the village community coming together for some brain busting fun. We raised nearly £1,600 which will help support the school with extra activities and resources for all. Thank you to our team of volunteers who cooked and served some delicious curries and did valiant work behind the bar all evening.

We are excited to invite all the children to an Easter Disco on Thursday 21st March, there will be two time slots again for KS1 and KS2. More details to follow!

Another save the date please for our annual **Hawkesbury Upton 5K** which will be held this year on **Saturday 15th June**. Any offers of help in the run-up or on the day please email info@hu5k.org Registration Opening Soon! <https://www.hu5k.org/>

Celebration service certificates

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

Wrens – **Kitty** for flourishing as an author and writing independently. **Jaxon** for flourishing as a reader showing interest in sharing books when visiting Beaufort House.

Robins – **Max** for flourishing as an artist, showing great attention to detail. **Wilbur** for taking great care when presenting his learning as an author.

Swallows – **Hattie, Fin, Ivy and Jack L** for their fantastic performances of "Oi Frog".

Hawks - **Fredie** for fantastic acting skills. **Masie Mae** for writing two excellent texts.

The following children were recognised at Celebration Service on the 1st March:

Wrens : **Eliza** for imaginative ideas when innovating her story. **Mia** for starting to say hello each morning.

Robins: **Henry** for flourishing as an author and increasing independence when writing. **Josie** for showing accuracy as a mathematician.

Swallows: **Lily** for taking the lead and showing confidence. **Jack J** for fantastic use of mirroring whilst dancing in Future Stars PE.

Hawks: **Ursula** for superb reading and comprehension. **Maisy** for a tremendous reading test result.

Term 4 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
INSET day	11.03.24	
Governor information session	14.03.24, 2pm or 7pm	
All-age service	17.03.24, 10am	Families are invited to attend the monthly service at St Mary's Church.
PTA Easter disco – please note change of date and time	21.03.24	Wrens & Robins – 4.30 – 5.30 Swallows & Hawks – 5.45 – 6.45
Palm Sunday school service	22.03.24, 9.30am	
Good Friday walk up Knoll Hill	31.03.24, 2.30pm	Hill opposite Hawkesbury Church.
Easter Sunday Services at Leighterton and Didmarton	31.03.24, 9:30am 31.03.24, 11:15am	Leighterton Didmarton
Last day of Term 4	28.03.24, 3pm	
First day of Term 5	15.04.24, 8.30am	

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

Term dates for next academic year

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 2 September 2024	Friday 25 October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Term 3	Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025

The first INSET day of the next academic year will be on **Monday 2nd September**. Other INSET days will be shared later in the year to align with our school development priorities.