

'Enabling everyone to flourish' Respect, Perseverance, Creativity

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World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March. The day will be spent celebrating some of our favourite picture books. Our pupils will then work together to plan, rehearse and ultimately perform their version of their chosen story to their classmates.

As many of our children enjoy reading their books at bedtime, we would like everyone to come to school dressed in pyjamas on this special day to celebrate all the good reading that is done each night at home.

In addition, we would like to invite our pupils to do a book swap in their classes. If your child has a book that they no longer need but feel that their classmates might enjoy, they are invited to bring it in to swap with another child's choice.

We are sending home our World Book Day vouchers this weekend. These can be used at a bookshop either to buy one of the special £1 WBD books or to receive a £1 discount off another book. Please note that we will be hosting a book fair at our school in the last week of term and that the vouchers could be used at this instead.

Breakfast club

Staffing

Over the next few weeks we will be advertising for a new breakfast club supervisor following the recent resignation of Mr Brown. We would like to thank Mr Brown for all his hard work in this role and we are pleased that he will continue in his other roles at the school.

If you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested in the role please use the following link:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-leader-1404958>

Breakfast club changes – Fridays

The number of children who attend the Friday session are very low and often there are no children present at all. We are therefore looking at reducing breakfast club to 4 days each week on a trial basis starting from **Friday 1st March** for the rest of the school year. You will be aware that the school budget is very tight and so we are unable to run breakfast club at a loss. We recognise that this may cause concern for some families and we ask that any feedback is sent in to the school office as soon as possible for consideration as we review this. Numbers from Monday to Thursday are healthy and there are currently no plans to change provision on these days.

Attendance

	Wrens	Robins	Swallows	Hawks	Whole school
Attendance for past 2 weeks	93.0%	97.4%	97.4%	89.8%	94.8%
Cumulative attendance this year	96.2%	96.4%	96.0%	92.8	95.3%
Lates over past 2 weeks	2	1	4	3	10

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. **Please help your child to flourish in their learning by ensuring they are in school every day and on time when they are well enough.**

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

If there are any other areas of school life that you would like to see discussed at the meeting please email the school office so that this can be considered in advance of the meeting.

Governor headlines

At its most recent Full Governing Body (FGB) meeting on 29th January, the main items discussed were as follows:

1. A general conversation took place about the national and local landscape regarding academisation. The potential positive and negative aspects for our schools were explored.
2. Arrangements for Governor information sessions were agreed.
3. The Federation vision was discussed in relation to its Christian distinctiveness which must be central to all Church of England schools.

The Governing Body has 3 key functions which it must carry out. These are:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
2. Holding leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.
3. Overseeing financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

To find out more about Governance at our Federation, please go to the following page on our website:

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

Active travel

This week the children heard about two council run initiatives which we are going to be using to promote active travel and the benefits of these. Here is some information about each of them.

Golden Lock

Each day this term, two of our Year 5 children will place a golden lock on one bike and one scooter. They will bring them both inside the school gates then at break time the owner of each will be given a prize from our golden lock box. One day each week, the prizes will be larger, e.g. a bike lock, helmet, bike lights, etc. On the other 4 days, the prizes will be smaller, e.g. pencil, key ring, reflectors. Our Year 5s will count the number of bikes and scooters in school each day.

Burst the bubble

Around the village, a number of blue stickers have been placed on lamp posts to indicate the start of our 5 minute walking bubble. Families are encouraged to park outside of our walking bubble if they need to drive and to walk in from there. The map can be found on our active travel page on our website:

<https://hawkesburyprimaryschool.co.uk/school-info/healthy-schools/active-travel/>

Those who walk using the walking bubble will be added to our survey and have the opportunity to win prizes too.

LGBT history month

Next week, each class will focus on the life of a member of the LGBT community in relation to their positive impact on the medical world. Children in Wrens and Robins will focus on the achievements of George Ward; those in Swallows and Hawks will focus on the achievements of Cecil Belfield Clarke.

For more information about the resources we will be using please click on the following link:

<https://lgbtplushistorymonth.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/LGBTHM-2024-Pri-Pack-FV.pdf>

Uniform and hair

Thank you to all for ensuring children wear the correct school uniform and PE kit every day. If you do not have enough of a particular item you are encouraged to speak to the PTA about the second hand uniform store.

We ask that all children with hair which is longer than shoulder length continue to have this tied back. Staff are needing to remind some children on as regular basis to bring a hair band into school.

Celebration service certificates

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

Wrens – **Rosalie** for flourishing as a mathematician, finding different ways to measure height. **Bertie** for flourishing as an athlete showing skill when bouncing and moving a ball.

Robins – **Ezra** for flourishing as an author when writing a fantastic letter about the Westonbirt trip. **Emma** for great independent writing about Little Red Riding Hood.

Swallows – **Beth** for demonstrating excellent use of shading techniques as an artist. **Lucy** for showing great agility and flexibility as an athlete.

Hawks - **Albie** for using good questions in enquiry. **Reuben** for working hard on his story.

The following children were recognised at Celebration Service on the 9th February:

Wrens – **Theo** for creativity when being a gymnast. **Noelle** for enthusiasm when being a geographer.

Robins - **Varya** for flourishing as an athlete. **Louie** for working collaboratively on a group project.

Swallows – **Amelie** for her gymnastics. **Natalie** for her cross stich.

Hawks – **Evelyn** for writing an excellent innovation story. **Mia** for her writing.

Term 4 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
Football match against Iron Acton (at Hawkesbury)	27.02.24	Mr Bryant has provided letters to those in the team.
Parent council meeting	01.03.24	Questions and comments to be shared with class reps.
Parent/teacher meetings	04.03.24 & 05.03.24	
World Book Day	07.03.24	
Celebration service	08.03.24	Families are invited to join us in the school hall.
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.
Palm Sunday school service	22.03.24 9.30am	
PTA Easter disco	22.03.24	Wrens & Robins – 3.30 – 4.30 Swallows & Hawks – 4.45 – 6.00
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.