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Happy Easter!

On behalf of all the staff at Hawkesbury School, I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Easter – after a busy term, we are very much looking forward to a well-earned break here at school. We will see you back at school on Monday 15th April.

Thank you to Clara and Phoebe in Year 5 for doing such a great job of sorting out the Golden Lock each day. It has been amazing to see so many people get involved. The aim now is to see this sustained when the Golden Lock is no longer in use next term. We do still have some prizes available so we will be looking out for ways to reward ongoing perseverance when it comes to active travel.

It was wonderful to welcome Travelling Kitchen to school this week. They worked with all children from Swallow and Hawk Classes to support their enquiry learning from this term. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to the feast at the end of the day. Thank you also to the PTA for funding this important opportunity for the children.

It was good to see the children sharing their thoughts about Easter on the stage at church last week. We are grateful to all who were able to come to our service which had more of an Easter feel than the intended Palm Sunday focus. We have explored this further with the children in an age-appropriate way this week.

The Easter disco was a huge success. Thank you to all who were involved in organising it – thank you once again to the PTA for all you do for our school.

After Easter we look forward to welcoming 7 new children to our school in various year groups. We will also sadly be saying goodbye and good luck to Jack in Year 4 as he moves on to a new school – you will be missed here at Hawkesbury Jack!

Thank you,

Mike Riches

Attendance

	Wrens	Robins	Swallows	Hawks	Whole school
Attendance for past 2 weeks	90.3%	97.7%	95.6%	91.8%	94.5%
Cumulative attendance this year	96.0%	96.7%	96.2%	92.8%	95.4%
Lates over past 2 weeks	8	4	6	4	22

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.

Staffing

Olena Basanets has kindly agreed to take on the role of breakfast club supervisor from next term. Olena is a well-established member of the team having led after school club since the start of the year. The club will continue to take place in the hall from Monday to Thursday, 7.30 – 8.30. Thank you once again to Mr Brown for all your hard work in delivering breakfast club over the last three and a half years - we are incredibly grateful to him for all he has done.

Danielle Boulton has joined the after school club team and is working alongside Olena for two sessions per week. Another member of staff is always on site during after school club and so we continue to look for a second person to join the team on a Monday and Wednesday. Please let the school office know if you can help.

Governor Headlines

At the most recent full governing body meeting, the following key points were discussed:

- Moving forward with understanding the route to Academisation: there is a meeting with both Dioceses scheduled and further information about the Academisation process is being shared with parents in the governor – parent information sessions.
- An external Safeguarding review has been completed by the Local Authority. It was a very robust review which was very positive about the arrangements in place.
- Governor Succession planning – governors discussed arrangements for governors who are coming to the end of their terms over the summer months. Governors recognised that recruiting Associate Members helps to ensure that vacancies are filled in a timely manner.

Celebration service certificates

The following children were recognised during last week's celebration service:

Wrens – Robyn for independence when being an author and a 'can do' attitude. Bertie for enthusiasm when talking about a healthy diet and healthy living.

Robins – Ruby for flourishing as a mathematician when measuring length and height. Erin for flourishing as an artist showing great attention to detail.

Swallows - Erin for flourishing as an author showing excellent cohesion. Aly for flourishing as an author, showing great control of sentence structure. (when writing letters)

Hawks - Adelaide for stunning progress as a mathematician. Jacob for fantastic writing.

Term 5 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
First day of Term 5	15.04.24 8.30am	
Y3/4 football match at Iron Acton	16.04.24 After school	Letters being sent to individual children.
Families invited to celebration service	03.05.24 2.30pm	
May bank holiday	06.05.24	School is closed to all.
Y5/6 tag rugby with Iron Acton	07.05.24 After school	Letters being sent to individual children.
KS2 SATs week	w/c 13.05.24	
Wren Class parent workshop – Forest School	14.05.24 2.15pm	Wren Class families are invited to join in with a Forest School session.
Outdoor learning day	20.05.24	Children will work in their houses for the day.
Last day of Term 5	24.05.24 3pm	Families are invited to join us for celebration service.

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.