

'Enabling everyone to flourish' Respect, Perseverance, Creativity

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Welcome

I'd like to give a special welcome to the following children and their families who have started at Hawkesbury since the last newsletter:

Wrens – Rosie

Swallows – Albie & Ben

Dates and events for Term 5

Year 6 SATs week – w/c 13th May

All children in Year 6 will take part in the statutory SATs tests once again this year. They are invited to come into school at the earlier time of 8.00am each day (except Friday) for SATs breakfast club which will take place in the school hall.

Please note: there are no longer any KS1 SATs tests for our Year 2 children.

Art day – Friday 17th May

The school will be taking part in a spirited arts competition as part of this art day. In their classes they will spend time focusing on the theme 'Green faith, green future' as they create a range of art work to enter into this national competition. Children will think about ways to take responsibility for looking after the world around them. We plan to share their art work with you at an exhibition at the end of the day on **Friday 24th May from 2.30pm.**

Walk to school week – w/c 20th May

The final week of term is walk to school week. We invite everyone to get involved in this and to aim to travel to school actively even if this is just for part of the journey, e.g. if you park at the pond or the war memorial and walk from there. There will be raffle tickets and prizes available for those who get involved.

Active travel

We hope you and your children enjoyed getting involved in last term's golden lock initiative. We were so pleased to see how many children got involved each week. The week before we began, an average of around 5 children scooted to school and 0 children cycled to school. At the peak of the initiative 25 scooted and 7 cycled which was great to see. We encourage everyone to continue to get involved in active travel now that the golden lock has gone.

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Attendance

	Wrens	Robins	Swallows	Hawks	Whole school
Attendance for past 2 weeks	97.6%	97.5%	95.2%	94.4%	96.0%
Cumulative attendance this year	96.3%	96.8%	96.2%	93.2%	93.2%
Lates over past 2 weeks	7	8	6	11	32

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.

Grounds day

We are incredibly grateful to a group of local residents organised by one of our governors – Adrian Gilby – who recently spent time on a Saturday in school helping to improve some areas of the school. You may have noticed the wall next to the KS1 corridor has now been painted and the greenhouse has been removed after it had been damaged in a storm. Several areas around the grounds have also been strimmed. Thank you to all who were involved in helping with this work.

Current music activity in school

Each year we aim to give each class a series of music lessons which are provided by external teachers who work for our local music hub. Swallow Class recently started their 10 week block of music lessons and during this time they will learn to play the ukulele; Wren Class are currently receiving visits from a singing teacher as part of the Let's Sing programme. For children in Wrens and Robins, there will be a short music concert at **9am on Tuesday 21st May** which families are invited to join us for. All of these activities are funded by the PTA and are in addition to our music curriculum which is taught each week.

Bristol Together Championships

We will once again be participating in this project whereby 5 of our Year 5 children will be invited to participate in a football activity with children from a school in a different part of the local area which has a contrasting demographic. This year, the children will be playing against children from Blackhorse Primary School which is a much larger school than ours. There will be a series of sessions at both of the two schools over the coming weeks with a tournament later in the summer.

KAPLA construction workshops

The PTA has arranged for and funded a construction day with KAPLA which will take place on Friday 7th June. During the day, additional help will be needed from a specific number of family members for each session. Please email the school office to let us know if you are happy to help. The structure of the sessions is as follows:

Wrens: 8.45 – 9.30

Robins: 9.30 – 10.30

Swallows: 10.45 – 11.45

Hawks: 1.00 – 2.15

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Celebration service certificates

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

Wrens – **Bertie** for using brilliant adjectives to describe his caterpillar. **Rosie** for settling in so well to Wren Class.

Robins – **Daniel** for being a good partner in tennis during PE. **Alice** for great perseverance when problem solving as a mathematician.

Swallows – **Martha** for flourishing as an artist, using excellent blending of pastels. **Ava** for flourishing as an author, making progress punctuating speech.

Hawks - **Holly** for giant strides in arithmetic. **Evelyn** for writing creatively. **Mia** for achieving a perfect score in the arithmetic tests.

Families are invited to join us for celebration service on Friday 24th May.

Term 5 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
May bank holiday	06.05.24	School is closed to all.
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.
Art day	17.05.24	The children will engage in a range of art activities for the duration of the day.
All-age service at St Mary's Church	19.05.24 10am	All families are invited to attend this monthly Sunday service.
Outdoor learning day	20.05.24	Children will work in their houses for the day.
Wrens and Robins music concert	21.05.24 9am	Families of Wrens & Robins are invited to a short music concert in the school.
Families invited to celebration service	24.05.24 2.30pm	This will include a showcase of the art work produced the previous week.
Last day of Term 5	24.05.24 3pm	Families are invited to join us for celebration service.
First day of Term 6	03.06.24 8.30am	
KAPLA construction day	07.06.24	See information above.
Hawkesbury 5K (HU5K)	15.06.24 11am	Event to raise funds for the school. HU5k Run – Run 5k in the Cotswolds

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

INSET days for the next academic year

Monday 2nd September

Monday 30th September

Friday 29th November

Friday 14th March

Friday 27th June