

'Enabling everyone to flourish' Respect, Perseverance, Creativity

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Important dates and events

Health week

This takes place **week commencing 17th June** and activities are as follows:

1. Giant dartboard activities with First Sports.
2. Smoothie making and fruit kebabs with Jane from the kitchen.
3. Fitness activities with Tess Bateman (local resident and parent).
4. Wake and shake / daily mile activities.
5. Sports day will take place on Friday afternoon (see below).
6. Other activities during the week to promote sustainably healthy lifestyles.

Please note: children need to wear school uniform as usual except on PE days. They must also wear their PE kit on sports day.

Sports day

Come along and join us on the school field on **Friday 21st June from 1pm**. The children will be involved in a range of activities through the afternoon and the schedule for this will be sent out by email ahead of the event. Please be aware that not all children will participate in every activity – the activities each child will enter have been agreed in advance. Children will represent their house groups (Mars, Saturn, Jupiter and Mercury) but will take part in events alongside their year group.

Some points to be aware of:

- We politely ask that families stay on one side of the field and children stay on the other. Children will not be able to cross the field to find their families during the afternoon as they will be needed for events. We ask that family members do not come over to the children's side of the field unless asked to do so by a member of staff.
- Please apply sun cream to your child as they come out onto the field at 1pm.
- Please ensure your child has a hat and water bottle in school.
- If you are able to lend the school a gazebo for the afternoon we would be very grateful. We will need around 4 if possible. If you can help please let the school office know.
- Please bring a chair or picnic blanket to sit on.

We look forward to celebrating this important event with you.

School and church all-age service – **Sunday 16th July, 10am**

The next all-age service will take place in the **school hall**. Please do come along and support the church – school partnership for this short service.

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Attendance

	Wrens	Robins	Swallows	Hawks	Whole school
Attendance for past 2 weeks	97.2%	96.0%	94.7%	89.8%	94.1%
Cumulative attendance this year	96.4%	96.8%	96.2%	92.9%	95.5%
Lates over past 2 weeks	5	3	4	10	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.

Statutory testing

Children in **Year 1** will participate in the phonics screening check **next week**. This will be carried out with Mrs Wiggins on a 1 to 1 basis in a quiet space in the school. Results of the screening will be shared with families as part of end of year reports.

Children in **Year 4** will participate in the multiplication tables checks **next week**. There is no pass mark for these tests so there will be limited information to share with families. The children have been working hard to develop their understanding of the times tables.

Menu tasting

All families are invited to come into school to sample some items from our lunch menu. This will take place on **Friday 14th June, 2.30pm** in the school hall. Please do come along and try some of the food choices on offer to the children each day.

Values

This term, the value that we will be focusing on through daily acts of collective worship is **respect**. All schools are required by law to provide a daily act of collective worship which is broadly Christian in character. As a church school this is particularly important to us. This is always delivered in an inclusive and invitational way – no child is ever expected to pray or worship. Collective worship usually includes a story with a message which is often taken from the Bible. It may include singing, an opportunity to think and reflect. Children often tell us that they enjoy the opportunity to come together as a school during these times.

Earlier in the year, the children have focused on these values: **generosity, compassion, courage, forgiveness and friendship**.

Thank you...

Firstly, to all who were able to get involved in walk to school week. It was great to see the number of families travelling actively to school increase during the week despite the weather. We know that many families did this through the park and stride approach.

Secondly, to everyone who came along to celebrate the children's art work as part of our spirited arts day last term. It was great to see the wonderful work the children had produced and to know how much thinking had gone into understanding the importance of looking after the world around us. Winners of our own school competition will be announced in celebration assembly soon and entries sent off to the national event.

Holiday activities and food programme (HAF)

The **Holiday activities and Food (HAF) programme** is running again during the summer holidays for children and young people in South Glos.

Dates are generally between Monday 29 July and Friday 30 August but will vary by provider.

The HAF programme is for **children and young people aged 5 to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals**. Before booking funded HAF places, you need to have successfully applied for free school meals at www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Children receiving universal free school meals, automatically offered in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 without needing to apply, do not qualify for funded HAF places unless they have completed a successful application.

Please follow these steps:

- Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF for full information on the HAF programme and further support available to families.
- Click on '**book a space for your child now**' – this will take you directly to our booking platform with full listings of all the available activities and clubs.
- You will need to **register your child on this system** unless they have previously attended a HAF programme– in which case you will already have an account, so you will simply need to book the dates.
- The system will run an eligibility check to ensure that your child is registered on our benefits-related free school meals list. The list is kept up to date on a weekly basis, so it's best to build in time to apply for benefits-related free school meals ahead of booking HAF places.
- The booking system is mobile friendly so should be accessible to most families.

If you do not have online access, you will need to contact the HAF club provider directly to book places for you.

Celebration service certificates

There was no celebration service this week due to the KAPLA workshop.

Severe peanut allergies

There are several children at our school who have severe allergies to peanuts – not only if they are eaten but through cross-contamination. Whilst the national guidance is that schools do not put in place a nut free policy, our preference as a school is that children do not bring nuts or peanut butter into school in order to reduce the risk of harm to these specific children, particularly when some of them are younger and therefore the risk is harder for them to manage themselves. We also ask that families talk to their children about this at home and discourage them from sharing food with their peers in the lunch hall. We thank you for your co-operation.

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Term 5 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
Phonics screening checks	w/c 10.06.24	Year 1 children will participate.
Multiplication tables checks	w/c 10.06.24	Year 4 children will participate.
Year 6 visit to Gloucester Cathedral	12.06.24	This is an annual leavers service organised by the Diocese of Gloucester.
Food sampling in the school hall	14.06.24, 2.30pm	See above
Hawkesbury 5K	15.06.24	Please book: https://www.hu5k.org/
All-age service held at school	16.06.24, 10am	All families are invited to join us at school for the monthly all-age service with St Mary's.
Health week	w/c 17.06.24	See above
District sports field event	17.06.24, 4pm	Letters have been shared
District sports track event	19.06.24, 6.30pm	Letters have been shared
Sports day	21.06.24, pm	See above
INSET day	28.06.24	School will be closed to all children.
Hawk Class residential week	w/c 01.07.24	
Moving up morning	09.07.24, am	All children to spend the morning in their new classes.
End of year reports sent out to families	12.07.24	
Swallow Class ukulele concert	12.07.24, 2:15pm	Families of children in Swallow Class are invited to attend.
Leavers service	19.07.24, 9.30am	We hope to hold this service at the church.
Friday frolic – PTA event	19.07.24, 3pm	
All-age service at St Mary's Church	21.07.24, 10am	All are welcome to attend.
Last day of Term 6	23.07.24, 3pm	Leavers play will take place at 2pm in the school hall.

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