

'Enabling everyone to flourish' Respect, Perseverance, Creativity

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Important dates and events

Moving up morning – Tuesday 9th July, am

All children will spend the afternoon in their new classes to help them prepare for September. They will spend time with the staff who will be teaching them as well as their peers – for some of them this will be in a new classroom environment if they are moving to a new class. There will be other opportunity for teachers to get to know the children over the coming weeks; teachers will also spend time hearing about each individual child from their current teacher.

Inflatable slide – 17th July

The PTA have organised for an inflatable slide to be on the field throughout the day. Each class will have a time slot to use the slide. Thank you to PTA for organising this event for the children to enjoy at the end of a busy term.

Leavers' service – 19th July, 9.30am

Our annual leavers' service will take place on 19th July at 2pm. All are welcome to come along and join us for this special celebration. The service will take place in the church.

Leavers' play – 23rd July, 2pm

Our Year 6 children have been busy preparing their end of year play which will be shared with all children and families on 23rd July. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Wiggins on this occasion.

Recruitment

After a rigorous interview process earlier this week, we are pleased to inform all families that Miss Emily Shapcott was appointed as class teacher and will join us in September when she will be teaching Robin Class. Miss Shapcott will be visiting the school over the next few weeks to get to know the staff and children. She will be with us for our moving up morning on 9th July and will be there to say hello to families at the start of the day.

Miss Shapcott joins us having completed her placement at Minerva Primary Academy in Bristol where she has been teaching Year 2 and Year 6 children.

Attendance

	Wrens	Robins	Swallows	Hawks	Whole school
Attendance for past 2 weeks	75.0%	96.1%	91.7%	91.3%	91.0%
Cumulative attendance this year	95.2%	96.8%	96.0%	92.9%	95.3%
Lates over past 2 weeks	7	7	14	9	37

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

All statutory tests have now been completed. This includes: Year 6 SATs, Y1 phonics screening and Y4 multiplication tables checks. You may be aware that Y2 SATs are no longer statutory and so the school has opted to align its approach to those taken in all other year groups.

Hawkesbury was selected by the Local Authority to take part in a Year 6 writing moderation process this year – this is statutory for all schools every 4 years and we were last visited 6 years ago. I am delighted to say that Mr Riddington was highly commended by the external moderator for the accuracy and quality of the judgments made about Year 6 writing at our school. This is excellent validation of the hard work and expertise of our staff.

End of year reports will be shared with families on 12th July along with outcomes from statutory tests.

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.

News from the PTA

KAPLA Workshop Friday 7th June

The children enjoyed a fantastic workshop from the KAPLA Clubs UK STEM workshop last Friday.



Thank you to Dyson for contributing towards the cost of this. It was wonderful to see the children's creation at the end of the day, each year group having contributed brilliantly.

HU5K Saturday 15th June

A HUGE thank you to the HU5K team extraordinaire for another spectacular day of fundraising fun last Saturday. Record entries and the weather behaving (just!) contributed to making this year's 12th HU5K one of very happy memories. We have had a lot of very positive and public comments about the HU5K run, all echoing the same themes; our event atmosphere, our enthusiasm to taking the younger age classes seriously, the great course, and how well-organised we are. The most common feedback is "we'll be back next year, with friends!"

Final figures are still to be confirmed, but the overall fundraising total is shaping up to be one of the best years this event has seen for a long time.

The HU5K is one of the key events in our PTA's annual calendar and to raise such a healthy amount in a year when schools really do need the support more than ever is just wonderful.

The PTA is very proud of the event and cannot thank the current HU5K team enough for their efforts in producing a record year.



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Term 5 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
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.
Chess club tournament at Iron Acton	09.07.24, pm	
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.
Inflatable day	17.07.24	The PTA have funded an inflatable slide for the children to enjoy for the day.
Leavers service	19.07.24, 9.30am	We hope to hold this service at the church.
All-age service at St Mary's Church	21.07.24, 10am	All are welcome to attend.
Leavers' play	23.07.24, 2pm	This will take place in the school hall.
Last day of Term 6	23.07.24, 3pm	
First day of Term 1	03.09.24, 8.30am	

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