

'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 **morning** 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.

Bishop Robert visit – Wednesday 10th July, am

We are pleased to be hosting a visit from Bishop Robert next week. He will lead collective worship and meet with staff and children. We look forward to hearing what he has to share with us.

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.

Celebration service certificates

There was no celebration service this week.

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Attendance

	Wrens	Robins	Swallows	Hawks	Whole school
Attendance for past 2 weeks	89.4%	95.4%	91.9%	95.1%	93.5%
Cumulative attendance this year	94.9%	96.7%	95.5%	93.0%	95.1%
Lates over past 2 weeks	5	6	11	5	27

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.

Free school meals & pupil premium funding – all families

If you're on a qualifying benefit, applying for free school meals makes sense for your child, your finances and your school! You could be one of thousands of families across South Gloucestershire missing out on saving over £400 each year, per child.

[This flyer](#) explains more about applying for benefits-related free school meals and the extra help it offers your child and family. Or visit www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

If you need any help or further information please speak to the school office.

If your child is currently in Year 2...

Government funding for universal infant free school meals for pupils in reception, Y1 and Y2 will stop when your child starts Y3.

We would encourage you to apply for benefits-related free school meals if you're on a qualifying benefit.

You could be one of thousands of families across South Gloucestershire qualifying to save over £400 each year, per child.

If you apply successfully to receive benefits-related free school meals, your child will get a hot, healthy, freshly prepared meal at lunchtime. Extra help will also be available through funded HAF holiday club places in the main school holidays and help towards school uniform and school trips.

You will also be helping our school, as we get extra funding that's called Pupil Premium Funding, to improve educational outcomes.

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Summer reading challenge

We encourage all families to get involved in this year's summer reading challenge. Information has been sent out with your child. Click here for more information: <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/holiday-activities/> There will be a celebration service on 13th September, 2.30pm where children can show their certificates.

Sports day

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at our recent sports day. Well done to Jupiter for their win! Thank you to Mr Bryant and his team for organising such a positive and successful event.

Attendance penalty notices – new guidance

The Department for Education have announced changes in relation to the issuing of Penalty Notices, which will come into effect on 19 August 2024, in relation to absences which begin after 19 August.

A new national threshold for penalty notices

If a child has 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence within 10 school weeks, a parent may be issued with a Penalty Notice. There are two sessions in each school day (morning and afternoon). The sessions of absence can be consecutive (for example 10 sessions of unauthorised holiday in one week) or not (for example 10 sessions of unauthorised absence, spread across the 10 school weeks). This is a change from South Gloucestershire Council's current threshold.

An increase in the amount a penalty notice is charged at

On the first occasion that a parent is issued with a Penalty Notice in respect of their child, the Penalty Notice will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This amount will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

If a second Penalty Notice is issued within 3 years of the date of issue of a previous Penalty Notice to the same parent in respect of the same child, the Penalty Notice will be charged at a flat rate of £160. There will be no reduction if the Penalty Notice is paid within 21 days.

If the threshold for issuing a Penalty Notice is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within three years of the first Penalty Notice being issued, a third Penalty Notice cannot be issued. Instead, alternative action will be considered, which may include prosecuting a parent for the offence of failing to ensure their child's regular attendance at school. This will apply even if one, or both, of the previous Penalty Notices were issued by another local authority.

If you have any questions about these newly announced changes, please speak to Mr Riches.

Term 5 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
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	
Bishop Robert is visiting Hawkesbury	10.07.24, am	
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	
Celebration service	13.09.24, 2.30pm	Children are invited to share their Hawkesbury Show entries. Families are invited.

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