

'Enabling everyone to flourish' Respect, Perseverance, Creativity

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Messages of thanks

We have just two days to go until the academic year draws to a close and I would like to wish you all a relaxing, happy and healthy summer holiday. School begins again for children in Years 1 – 6 on **Tuesday 3rd September, 8.30pm**. For those in Wren Class, school begins on **Thursday 5th September, 8.30pm**.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the school during the course of the year: staff, families, governors, volunteers and the church. There has been much to celebrate and some of the more recent reasons are detailed below.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the inflatable slide activity earlier this week. The children seemed to have a wonderful time! And thank you in general to everyone on the PTA for all that has been achieved this year – your hard work is very much appreciated by us all. I'd like to give a special mention to Rosie, Jo and Sophie for carrying out the officer roles over the past year.

Well done to those who played in our recent chess club tournament against Iron Acton. All players showed great skill and determination in every match.

Staffing updates

You will already be aware that Mrs Wiggins is sadly leaving Hawkesbury at the end of this term. During her time with us she has been an expert at enabling the children in her care to flourish and she will very much be missed. On Tuesday we will say goodbye to her as part of the leavers' assembly so please do come along to give her a good send off.

We will also be saying goodbye to Olena Basanets who has run breakfast club and after school club for us over recent months. Olena has worked hard during this time and we are incredibly grateful to her. Danielle Boulton will continue to run after school club and will be joined by Nicola Boulton each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. **We are still looking for someone to run after school club for us on a Wednesday – if you know of anyone who might be interested please contact the school office.**

Mr Brown has kindly agreed to resume running breakfast club for us from September. We will be opening the club on a Friday once again. **Please do ensure you book for both clubs in advance.**

Important note: from September we will be introducing a penalty charge if children are collected late from after school club. More communication will be shared regarding this in the new school year.

Attendance

| | Wrens | Robins | Swallows | Hawks | Whole school |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cumulative attendance this year | 95.1% | 96.6% | 95.2% | 92.9% | 95.0% |

Every day at school counts. We are grateful to those who have prioritised their child's education to ensure they make the best possible progress by ensuring they are in school every day.

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.

The community library will be open on **Friday 2nd August** and **Friday 16th August** at the usual time. The library is supporting the summer reading challenge.

Term 1 calendar

| Event | Date and time | Information |
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| First day of Term 1 for Years 1 – 6 | 03.09.24, 8.30am | |
| First day of Term 1 for Reception | 05.09.24, 8.30am | |
| Celebration service | 13.09.24, 2.30pm | Children are invited to share their Hawkesbury Show entries. Families are invited. |
| All-age service | 15.09.24, 10am | All are invited to the monthly all-age service at St Mary's. |
| Circus skills workshops | 20.09.24 | All classes will be involved in this PTA organised event. |
| Parent meeting – smart phone free childhood initiative | 27.09.24, 2pm | All are invited to join this meeting in the school hall. |
| INSET day | 30.09.24 | School will be closed to all children. |
| Black history month begins | 01.10.24 | |
| Hawk Class swimming begins | 02.10.24 | Letters will be sent separately. |
| Back to school bash | 04.10.24 | Organised by the PTA. |
| Harvest service | 11.10.24, 9.30am | Please come and join us at St Mary's Church for this service to which the children will contribute. |
| All-age service | 20.10.24, 10am | All are invited to the monthly all-age service at St Mary's. |
| Outdoor learning day | 21.10.24 | |
| Parent / teacher meetings | 21.10.24 23.10.24 | |
| Last day of Term 1 | 25.10.24 | |

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

Next year's term dates:

| 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 |

INSET days:

Monday 2nd September

Monday 30th September

Friday 29th November

Friday 14th March

Friday 27th June