



Wren Class Newsletter



Term 1, 2025

Welcome everyone to Wren Class and the start of your time at Hawkesbury Primary School. All the children seem very happy and have already settled well into the class, establishing routines and making new friends. Thank you for making us very welcome during the home visits. We find this helps with a smooth transition into school. It is so lovely to see excited faces looking out for us and being shown those new school shoes!

Communication

Every morning, we have been taking out our 'correspondence basket' for notices or anything that needs to come into school, thank you if you have already used it. We have a 'going home arrangements' sheet in the basket, if your child is being picked up by someone different on that day, please could you record this on the sheet.

Phonics

We use an accredited phonics scheme called 'Unlocking Letters and Sounds' to teach early reading and writing. We begin teaching phonics in the first few weeks of term 1 in Reception and children make rapid progress in their reading & writing journey. Children begin to learn the main sounds heard in the English language and how they can be represented, as well as learning 'Common Exception Words', these are words that cannot be blended. We will be starting with the phonemes 's, a, t, p' soon, meaning that, even at this early stage, simple words can be formed, and books can be introduced. We will explain more about our approach to teaching reading and writing at our phonics information session, which will be at **2.30pm** on **Wednesday 17th September 2025**. Please can you inform us or the office if you can attend. At this meeting we will discuss how we are going to teach reading and writing and how you can support at home.

Maths

For our Maths lessons we follow 'White Rose Maths' scheme of learning and we supplement this by teaching 'Mastering Number' alongside it.

Mastering Number teaches the children to secure firm foundations in their number knowledge through a fun and practical way.

PE Lessons

The children will be starting their PE lessons when they are in school full time, these will be held on a **Thursday afternoon** and will be led by our sports coaches from Future Stars. To begin with the lessons will focus on learning basic PE skills as well as listening skills, social skills and fitness. Please make sure your child has their PE kit (named) in school as soon as possible.

Forest School

Forest school will take place every **Monday afternoon**. Please can you bring in some named waterproofs that can stay in school, these will be used for Forest School sessions and very wet play!

Your child will also need a pair of named wellies at school. Please put them on the Wren Class welly rack (just inside our small brown gate) so children can access them at any time.

Themes

The topics that we follow in class are taken from and led by the children's interests. However, we also cover seasonal related themes and important celebrations. These are outlined in our Pinnacle Federation EYFS Curriculum Map along with specific skills children will be taught each term. The Curriculum map is on our website [Curriculum - Hawkesbury Primary School](#). If your child is particularly interested in something, please tell us so we can develop this in our learning. Please remember your 'WOW' vouchers we gave you at your home visit, these can be used to inform us about special moments or learning at home. Please help yourself to further WOW vouchers from the noticeboard in our cloakroom.

Well done for making such a smooth start to your child's time at school. We know it is a big change for parents as well as children, so if you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to chat to us. If a longer chat is necessary, we can arrange an appropriate meeting time. We are both in school together on a Wednesday afternoon.

Many thanks for your support,
Mrs Wilson and Mrs Heirani