

'Enabling everyone to flourish' Respect, Perseverance, Creativity

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Term 1 thanks

I'd like to say a huge thank you to you all for your ongoing support of the school during the course of Term 1. It's been a successful term and we've achieved a lot!

We have had a significant amount of interest in the school for next September's Reception intake which is great news. Please do signpost any prospective families to the school office as we'd love to show them round and share the great work the school is doing.

It was great to see so many of you with us at the harvest service recently. The children did a great job of sharing what they had learnt. A large number of items were donated to the Yate and Chipping Sodbury Foodbank as a result of your generosity.

Thank you to all who came along to parent/teacher meetings this week. We hope you found it helpful to know a bit more about how your child is getting on in school. If you were unable to make your appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to meet with you at a mutually convenient time.

Please note: next Wednesday is outdoor learning day. Please ensure your child has a coat and a pair of wellies / old shoes / football boots in school.

I'd like to wish you all a restful half term break when it comes. Please note that we finish for the term on **Wednesday 22nd October**. School begins once again on **Monday 3rd November**.

Mr Mike Riches

Headteacher

Attendance

So far this year, our attendance percentages are hugely improved when compared to the previous two years. Thank you to all for your support with this important aspect of our school development work this year.

Our target for the year is **96.5%**. Our current attendance is **96.9%**.

We are also trying to reduce persistent absence which is when a child's attendance falls below 90%. This is currently **9%** so far this year which is in line with the end of year figures for last year.

This great news will impact positively on the education we are able to provide to the children across the school.

Safeguarding at Hawkesbury

We take safeguarding very seriously and work hard to ensure every child is kept safe both within school and beyond it. If you ever have any concerns about the safeguarding of a child please report it to a member of staff.

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mr Riddington.

Our deputy designated safeguarding leads are Mr Riches and Mrs Wilson.

All staff are fully trained in all safeguarding matters.

There is a range of advice for families on the NSPCC website. We encourage all families to take a look:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/>

We'd also like to signpost you towards the Child Accident Prevention Trust website which has some important information in the lead up to Halloween for those who will be celebrating:

https://capt.org.uk/halloween/?utm_source=capt&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=parentsoc25&mc_cid=376a41f0ed&mc_eid=d72f37d350

Parking

We ask that all families who drive to school park safely so that children can cross the roads safely. Families are politely reminded that parking in the village hall car park is discouraged.

Severn Federation Academy Trust (SFAT) news

Earlier in the year and after much research, governors made the exciting decision for our schools to join Severn Federation Academy Trust. It is likely that the official start date for our schools will be 1st November or 1st December. The trust is growing at a steady rate and will welcome other schools in the area later in the year.

We are pleased to be a part of a growing trust and this means our schools will be able to collaborate with other schools in the area to share resources so that the children at our school have the best possible education.

Year 6 SATs results 2025

Last year's Year 6 children did incredibly well in their end of key stage SATs tests. We were thrilled with the progress they made and the outcomes that the school achieved. Results were as follows:

	Hawkesbury results	National comparison
Reading expected standard	77%	75%
Reading greater depth	46%	33%
Writing expected standard	69%	72%
Writing greater depth	15%	13%
Maths expected standard	77%	75%
Maths greater depth	31%	26%
Reading, writing & maths combined expected standard	62%	62%
Reading, writing & maths combined greater depth	15%	8%

This shows the excellent effort the children put in and the super job our staff did in helping them to get there. We are proud of them all and their determination to succeed!

Term 1/2 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
PTA disco	21.10.25	Wrens/Robins 3.30-4.15pm Swallows/Hawks 4.30-5.15pm
Last day of Term 1 including outdoor learning day	22.10.25	23 rd & 24 th are INSET days
Bonfire design competition closing date	22.10.25	
First day of Term 2	03.11.25	
Hawk Class swimming resumes	03.11.25	
Earth day	07.11.25	Children will spend time thinking about how to care for the planet.
Celebration service with families	07.11.25, 2.30pm	Please join us in the school hall.
Anti-bullying week including odd socks day on the Monday	w/c 10.11.25	Children will learn all about bullying and what they can do about it.
Children in Need – non-uniform day	14.11.25	
Celebration service with families	21.11.25, 2.30pm	Children will share what they learnt during anti-bullying week.
Flu vaccinations	26.11.25	
Non-uniform day for tombola prizes for Christmas fair	28.11.25	
PTA Christmas fair	06.12.25	This will take place in the village hall.
Whole school trip to Redgrave Theatre	08.12.25	
Wrens & Robins Nativity	10.12.25, 9am 11.12.25, 2pm	This will take place in the school hall.
Swallows & Hawks pantomime	16.12.25, 1.15pm & 5.30pm	This will take place in the school hall.
Christmas lunch	17.12.25	
Christingle service	19.12.25, 9.30am	Come and join us in the church.
Last day of Term 2	19.12.25, 3pm	
First day of Term 3	05.01.26, 8.30am	

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

2025-2026 term dates

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 1 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
Term 2	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Term 3	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
Term 4	Monday 23 February 2026	Thursday 02 April 2026
Term 5	Monday 20 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1 June 2026	Tuesday 21 July 2026