

*'Enabling everyone to flourish'    Respect, Perseverance, Creativity*

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### **Welcome back to Term 2**

I hope all families had a great half term break. The new term is in full swing and we have a great deal to look forward to as we seek to enable all children and adults at our school to flourish in all aspects of school life. Staff continue to be present at the beginning and end of the school day – please do speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have any questions, comments or feedback.

Poppies have been on sale this week. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Royal British Legion ahead of Remembrance Sunday. Please do come along to the Remembrance Day procession, starting at 10.35am from the Village Hall this Sunday. Children are invited to wear their school uniform.

We have received a thank you from the Yate and Chipping Sodbury Foodbank **for the generous donations made as part of our harvest service. Along with the church, a fantastic 14.26kg of food and toiletries was donated.**

We look forward to working with you again this term.

Mike Riches, Headteacher

### **Dates and events for November**

#### Anti-bullying week – week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> November

Next week we will spend time thinking about bullying – what it is, what it is not and how we can do something about it if it ever occurs. On Monday, the children are invited to wear odd socks to school as part of the national campaign – the purpose of this is to celebrate self-expression and diversity whilst raising awareness of bullying. KS2 children will get involved in an online workshop led by CBBC and there will be a range of other activities available throughout the week for all children to be a part of.

We invite families to a celebration service on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November** during which time the children will share what they learnt during anti-bullying week.

#### Inter-faith day – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Children from all classes will join together with other schools across South Gloucestershire for a day of learning about a range of different faiths and perspectives from around the world. This is an important part of our Religious Education curriculum which seeks to help children to understand and celebrate the diverse world in which they live.

#### Non-uniform day 1: Children in Need – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Children are invited to wear non-school uniform for the day. Donations can be made to Children in Need online at the following website: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>.

### **Attendance matters**

Thank you all for your support in ensuring your child is in school and on time every day. This is the best way to help them to succeed in school. Please be reminded that, for this reason, term time absence requests will only ever be agreed in exceptional circumstances. If you would like to request a term time absence please speak to the Headteacher in the first instance.

We ended last term with significantly improved attendance statistics.

Our whole school target for this year is 96.5%.

At the end of Term 1, our whole school attendance stood at 96.6%. This is well above comparisons to last academic year and puts us at 33<sup>rd</sup> place out of 93 schools in South Gloucestershire. We are grateful to all families for supporting us with this important aspect of the school's work.

Please be reminded that the NHS has advice and support to help families determine whether or not their child can attend school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### **Staffing changes**

At the end of this week we will say goodbye to Mia in Year 1. We wish Mia and her family well as they move on to a different part of the country. It's been a pleasure to have them with us at Hawkesbury.

This change means we will also be saying goodbye to Miss Jones who has been a teaching assistant at our school for the past two years. Miss Jones has kindly agreed to take on some additional hours at Iron Acton from next week.

**Term 2 calendar**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Information</b>
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.
Hawk Class science workshops	11.11.25	Children will receive a visit from an external provider for the day.
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.
Robin Class synagogue visit	24.11.25	
Flu vaccinations	26.11.25	
Non-uniform day for tombola prizes for Christmas fair	28.11.25	
Hawk Class visit to Parliament	02.12.25	
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

<b>Term</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Ends</b>
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