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### **Welcome back**

It's been great to welcome you all back to school this week following the Christmas and New Year break. The children have settled well and are quickly getting back into the swing of school life. It's a much quieter term than the last one but I hope you enjoyed all the school events we put on in the lead up to Christmas. Please see a list of dates and events at the end of this newsletter including celebration services that you can attend.

We said goodbye to Theo in Year 2 and Poppy in Year 1 at the end of last term. We wish them well as they move on to new schools.

The closing date for Reception 2026 applications is next Thursday. Please make sure to apply by then if you'd like to come and join us at Hawkesbury next year.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year.

Mike Riches

### **Value of the term**

This term we will be focusing on 'people Jesus meets' through our daily collective worship (or assemblies). We will explore several different characters from the Bible to help the children to understand a range of important values such as hope, wisdom, dignity, community and joy. Sessions are usually led by Mr Riddington and are always done in a very inclusive way whilst recognising that we are part of a church school.

### **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.

Our whole school target for this year is 96.5%. Our current attendance is 97.2% - this is excellent and deserves to be celebrated! Attendance for each class currently stands as follows:

Wrens: 98.2%

Robins: 97.8%

Swallows: 96.9%

Hawks: 96.5%

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/>

### Weather

We aim to keep the school open at all times even if it snows. However, there may be times when it is necessary to close the school at short notice if we do not feel it is safe to be open. We will aim to inform you as soon after 7am as possible if the school is closed and this will be through the school texting system.

Please do let us know if your contact details have changed so that we can keep our systems up to date.

### Term 3 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
Y5/6 athletics event	12.01.26, 3.45pm	
Celebration service	16.01.26, 2.30pm	Families are invited to join us in the hall.
Y3/4 dodgeball event	21.01.26, pm	
Celebration service	30.01.26, 2.30pm	Families are invited to join us in the hall.
LGBT history month begins	01.02.26	We'll share more information nearer the time.
Children's mental health week	02.02.26	We'll share more information nearer the time.
Safer internet day	10.02.26	
Outdoor learning day	12.02.26	
Celebration service	13.02.26, 2.30pm	Families are invited to join us in the hall.
Last day of Term 3	13.02.26, 3pm	

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