

'Enabling everyone to flourish' Respect, Perseverance, Creativity

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Dear families,

I want to say a huge thank you for your kind words and wishes following my recent letter explaining that I will be moving on from being the Headteacher at Hawkesbury at the end of this academic year. As I mentioned, it has been a great pleasure to be a part of the team over the last 8 years. The interview process for a new Headteacher for Iron Acton and Hawkesbury will take place before the end of this term and you will be notified of the outcome of this as soon as information is available.

Please note: Rangeworthy will be pairing up with Old Sodbury Primary School from Easter and this means I will be handing Rangeworthy over to a different Headteacher at that point.

In other news...

School will be closed to all children this coming Monday. Staff will be working together to understand and begin to implement the Government's newly published writing framework so that we can continue to raise standards in writing.

Thank you to all for your attendance at parent/teacher meetings this week. We hope you found it helpful to understand more about your child's progress across all aspects of school life. If you were unable to make your appointment please arrange this through the school office or with the class teacher.

Thank you all for your support of the school.

Mike Riches, Headteacher

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 97.4% - this is fantastic! Attendance for each class currently stands as follows:

Wrens: 98.1%

Robins: 98.2%

Swallows: 97.4%

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/>

Safeguarding update

Mobile phones

You may have recently heard media coverage about mobile phones being banned in schools. As you will be aware, we don't currently allow children to bring phones into our school anyway. We do now have a mobile phone policy which sets out expectations regarding this – if you would like to see a copy, please contact the school office or check the school website policy page.

The NSPCC has published some useful guidance for families which focuses on children, phones and online safety: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>

Online safety

The UK government has launched the 'Kids Online Safety' campaign to help parents and carers support their children to navigate the digital world safely and confidently.

The campaign brings together practical, trusted guidance on how to start meaningful conversations about online life, understand the types of content children may encounter, and build critical thinking skills so young people can question what they see and make safer choices.

It also offers advice on using tools such as parental controls, recognising potential risks, and knowing where to seek help or report concerns. The overall aim is to make online safety an ongoing, open dialogue within families rather than a one-off conversation, helping children feel supported as they explore apps, games and social media.

You can find the resources here:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

Immunisations

The School Immunisation team can offer the MMR vaccine to any school aged child who has not yet had 2 doses. The MMR vaccine helps to protect your child against Measles, Mumps and Rubella and 2 doses are required for full protection [A guide to the MMR vaccination for all](#) If you are unsure whether your child has had 2 doses please contact your GP or the School Immunisation team at sirona.mmr@nhs.net

Mental health support

The mental health support team has asked for the following message to be shared along with a flyer which is attached with this newsletter:

In January we launched a new offer specifically for parents and carers – online webinars in small groups together with EMHPs and senior staff from the MHST. We had an incredible response to this offer which far exceeded our capacity to deliver. **I am writing to let you know that we have now decided to make this a rolling offer to all our schools.** Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtime (12-1pm) we will be running online webinars for parents and carers on a variety of topics.

As there was such a response to our last topic of **'An introduction to anxiety'**, we will once again be offering these in March and April. Please see attached a leaflet, which includes a link to register interest. Once submitted, we will contact parents / carers directly with instructions on how to book a suitable date and time.

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Children's mental health week

We made a map of who we would go to if we were worried - Ivy

We learned that we all have people to talk to when we are feeling low - Aly

LGBT history month

We made a poster that represents the message that no one should be on their own - Martha

We learned that it is OK to be LGBT - Natalie

We found out about Charles Beyer, an important engineer who was LGBT. - Isla

World Book Day

We are designing covers for a mystery book. We are also knowing not to judge a book by its cover - Amelie

We brought in special books to read to our friends and buddies - Hattie

Celebrating this week

The following children were celebrated during our Friday celebration service for 'flourishing in their learning':

Wrens – Hugo for his reading and writing. Sophia for always giving 100% effort in everything.

Robins – Bertie for great work in spelling. Royce for working hard in authors.

Swallows – Lucy for great effort and care in her writing. Daniel for wonderful work in Authors.

Hawks – Hattie for tremendous contributions in RE. Martha for excellent reasoning in maths.

Well done to each of you for your efforts.

Term 4 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
INSET day	09.03.26	School closed to all children.
Explorer dome visit	10.03.26	Workshops funded by PTA.
Neurodiversity week	w/c 16.03.26	
Magic Lantern art workshops	18.03.26	Workshops funded by PTA.
Travelling Kitchen visiting Hawk Class	24.03.26	Funded by PTA.
Y5/6 netball tournament	25.03.26	
Earth day	27.03.26	We will spend the day focusing on the environment.
Easter service	27.03.26, 9.30am	Please note new date.
KS2 tag rugby event	27.03.26, pm	
Wren Class parent workshop	27.03.26, 2.15pm	
Final day of Term 4	02.04.26, 3pm	
First day of Term 5	20.04.26, 8.30am	

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

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