

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

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### **Term 3 comes to an end**

We've come to the end of another term and it's now the mid-point of the year. It's been a much quieter term than the one before Christmas but during this time it's been great to see the children working well in their classes and making excellent progress.

We've celebrated children's mental health week and we hope you can come along this afternoon to the hall from 2.30pm to see what they've been doing. We've also learnt about people who've made a difference as part of our LGBT history month celebrations. It's great to see the positive and inclusive attitudes that the children at Hawkesbury have towards each other.

I'd like to say a huge thank you once again for all you do as families to support the school. We aim to be a friendly and approachable team so please do speak with us if you ever have any questions or comments about school life.

Next term, we will hold our second set of parent/teacher meetings. Please do sign up for an appointment through the school office so that you can find out more about how your child is getting on at school. We look forward to meeting with you.

In the meantime, we will continue to do all we can to ensure the children and staff at Hawkesbury flourish in every aspect of school life.

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 97.3% - this is fantastic!  
Attendance for each class currently stands as follows:

Wrens: 98.1%

Robins: 98.1%

Swallows: 97.3%

Hawks: 96.4%

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/>

### **World Book Day**

World book day is due to take place on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. Teachers will prepare a number of activities which are aimed at immersing the children in a range of books. As part of the day, we invite children to wear their pyjamas to school for the day. Please note: we are not asking children to dress up as a book character this year as we know this adds a lot of pressure at home for many families.

### **Visiting author**

We are delighted to tell you that Helen Peters will be visiting our school on Tuesday March 3rd. Helen is a very popular children's author, whose books have received recognition both in the national press as well as national children's book awards. She will be giving two talks to the school, the first to children in Wrens, Robins and year 3 and the second being for pupils in Hawks and year 4.

After each talk, Helen has offered to do a book signing. If you would like your child to buy one of her books, please send them to school with some cash in a sealed envelope with their name and class written on the front. As the book prices will vary from £7 up to £10, we recommend that you enclose a five pound note together with pound coins. We will not be able to accept card payments.

To find out more about Helen, please follow the link below:

[Helen Peters | Children's Author](#)

### **Celebrating this week**

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

Wrens – **Freya** for beautiful handwriting. **Matilda** for working hard in discovery time.

Robins – **George** for writing an amazing letter using persuasive language. **Bertie** for performing brilliantly in the concert.

Swallows – **Rosalie** for great progress in Authors. **Aria** for her gymnastics and being a team leader.

Hawks – **Albie** for great work about how a pine marten might adapt in the future. **Natalie** for great progress in maths.

Well done to each of you for your efforts.

### **Mental health support**

Please see attached flyers for more information about each of the following support services.

#### **SilverCloud Mental Health and Wellbeing Service:**

Open to parents of children age 5+ and children aged 13+.

Available programmes:

- Living Well with ADHD - young people (age 13 yrs and upwards)
- Space from Anxiety - young people (age 13 yrs and upwards)
- Space from Low Mood - young people (age 13 yrs and upwards)
- Space from Low Mood and Anxiety - young people (age 13 yrs and upwards)
- Supporting a Child with ADHD - parent/carers
- Supporting An Anxious Child - parent/carers
- Supporting An Anxious Teen -parent/carers
- Supporting an Autistic Child - parent/carers
- Supporting an Autistic Teen -parent/carers

These are self-guided programmes based on CBT principles, where a supporter checks in weekly online.

For further information and contact details: [South Gloucestershire Council- SilverCloud Page](#).

#### **Self-Harm Support group available for parents and carers:**

A 4-session online support group for parents and carers of young people who self-harm. Running in March 2026. Facilitated by a qualified Mental Health Support Worker with specialist expertise in suicide prevention and self-harm.

#### **Free webinar from Thrive for Children's Mental Health Week**

Free live webinar, [The Neuroscience of Feeling 'At Home': Why mattering supports belonging and wellbeing.](#)

Live online between 12:00-12:45 GMT on 11th February. As the date has already passed, you can sign up anyway to receive a recorded version.

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**Term 3/4 calendar**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Information</b>
LGBT history month	01.02.26	
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	
First day of Term 4	23.02.26, 8.30am	
Year 5 cycle training	27.02.26 – 03.03.26	
Swallow Class visit to Jenner Museum	02.03.26	
Author visit	03.03.26	Please see above.
Parent/teacher meetings	04.03.26 05.03.26	
World Book Day	06.03.26	Please note different date from national event due to PE day.
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.
PTA curry & quiz night	21.03.26, 7pm	Hawkesbury Upton Village Hall
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	

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