

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

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Dear families,

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the Big Wheel and Walk to School this week. We will continue with this next week so please keep going! Some families have parked further afield and walked in from there – thank you for getting involved where you can. Next Friday we encourage children to take part in the council's 'bling your bike / scooter / shoes' initiative. You will have seen a photo of some examples in last week's Friday email. There will be prizes for the winners.

This week we have also spent time celebrating neurodiversity week. We began with an assembly all about neurodiversity, what it means and how it impacts on people in different ways. We focused on some well-known celebrities and the positive side to neurodiversity for them such as dyslexia, ADHD and autism. For more information please take a look at the website:

<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/>

We had a great week last week with a visit from the science explorer dome and a range of science workshops on Friday. Mrs Heirani organised a number of activities for the children to participate in as part of science week. Thank you to the PTA for funding all activities.

Our recent INSET day gave staff the chance to explore the newly published writing framework in more depth. Whilst our writing results are always very good at Hawkesbury, this will be an area of focus for us over the coming academic year as we strive for the highest possible academic standards.

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/>

### **Headteacher recruitment update**

Trust leaders will join together with Governors and Diocese representatives to carry out interviews for a new Headteacher on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. They will update you soon after to keep you informed of any decisions made.

Further staffing information ahead of the next academic year will be shared during the summer term once all arrangements have been finalised.

### **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](mailto:sirona.mmr@nhs.net)

### **Easter service**

Our Easter service will take place in the church on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am**. All families are invited to come and join us for the service. The children will be sharing their learning about Easter and spring time. If you'd like to walk with us please join us in the school car park at 9am.

### **Celebrating this week**

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

Wrens – **Felicity** for great perseverance in reading. **Freddie** for brilliant writing and handwriting.

Robins – **Ella** for creative writing and illustrations. **George** for being incredibly creative and making a fabulous flip book

Swallows – **Max G** for amazing sketching in Art. **Bobby** for excellent focus, dedication and diligence.

Hawks – **Aly** for working hard with co-ordinates. **Jack** for showing great geography knowledge.

Well done to each of you for your efforts.

**Term 4/5 calendar**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Information</b>
Travelling Kitchen visiting Hawk Class	24.03.26	Funded by PTA.
Y4/5/6 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	Come and join us in the church.
KS2 tag rugby event	27.03.26, pm	
Wren Class parent workshop	27.03.26, 2.15pm	
Robin Class visit to Hawkesbury Monument	30.03.26, pm	
Final day of Term 4	02.04.26, 3pm	
First day of Term 5	20.04.26, 8.30am	
Football match against Rangeworthy	23.04.26, 3.30pm	This will take place at Hawkesbury.

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

Remaining INSET days:

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

*Please note: the 1<sup>st</sup> September will also be an INSET day. Further dates will be notified in the summer term.*

Term dates for the next academic year are as follows:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Ends</b>
Term 1	Tuesday 1 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3	Monday 4 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027