



Hawkesbury

CE VC Primary School

Newsletter, 18th September 2026



Enabling Everyone to Flourish

Respect, Perseverance and Creativity

Headteacher's message

It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled into the new school year. Across the school, they are demonstrating positive learning behaviours, showing enthusiasm for their learning, and embracing our school values each day. I am incredibly proud of both our children and our staff, who work so hard to create a nurturing and inspiring environment where everyone can flourish.

Thank you to all those parents who have already taken the time to complete our questionnaire. Your views are highly valued as we continue to develop our school community together. We are always keen to hear your feedback and ideas, so please do not hesitate to speak to me or contact the school office if there is anything you would like to share.

We would also love to hear more from anyone who might be interested in setting up a club or activity for our children. As always, our doors are open, and we welcome opportunities to chat and work in partnership with you to make our school the very best it can be.

Thank you all for your support of the school.

Best wishes,
Christine Wilson
Executive Headteacher

Celebration Service

Our next celebration service with families will be on **Friday 25th September at 2.30pm**. Please come along early as we are holding a MacMillan coffee afternoon prior to this at 2pm, further details are below.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON – FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

We are hosting a coffee afternoon on Friday 25th September, starting at 2pm and we would like to invite you all to come.

Please support this worthy cause by bringing along a cake to share, together with cash to make a donation on the day.

Your generosity will help raise vital funds so that Macmillan can support people with cancer, whoever and wherever they are.

We hope to see you there.

Our Christian value for this term is **Generosity**

PTA

Please come along to our **Back to School Bash** today at 3pm in the school hall.

Our PTA AGM will take place on Thursday 8th October at 8.00pm in the school hall. We warmly invite all parents to attend and support the fantastic work the PTA does for our children and school.

Parent Council

We are looking to establish a Parent Council and would love to hear from parents who are interested in getting involved. The council will include one representative from each year group and will provide an opportunity to share ideas, celebrate successes, and work together to support the ongoing development of our school.

If you would like to express an interest, please contact the school office.

Visits to EYFS and spaces

It has been fantastic to welcome families to the school as we look ahead to next year's Reception cohort. We are very proud of our school, and it is always a pleasure to hear our children enthusiastically sharing with visitors what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow. If you would like to arrange a tour, please contact the school office. We would also be grateful if you could encourage any families you know who may be considering a school place to come and visit. We look forward to showcasing all that our wonderful school has to offer.

Attendance

One of the things we are particularly proud of is the enthusiasm children show for coming to school. Seeing happy children arrive each morning, ready to learn, is a real pleasure. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting strong attendance and punctuality, which play such an important role in helping children flourish both academically and socially.

Class Attendance

Wren Class	100%
Robin Class	99.1%
Swallow Class	97.8%
Hawk Class	98.9%
Whole School	98.7%

99% plus	Excellent attendance
95-99%	Good attendance
95-90%	At risk of persistent absence
90% or below	Persistently absent

We are aiming for at least 96% whole school attendance.

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Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

Our school is now using a new PSHE scheme: SCARF. It is a comprehensive health and wellbeing programme designed by the children's charity Coram Life Education. Standing for Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, and Friendship, SCARF helps us deliver our PSHE curriculum through age-appropriate and engaging lessons.

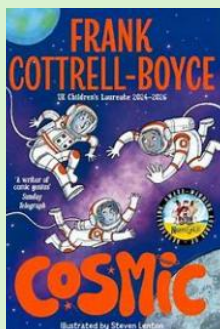
Throughout the year, children will explore different units that support their emotional literacy, positive mental health, online and offline safety (delivered on top of our E-Safety throughout computing), and the development of healthy relationships. By teaching these essential life skills, we are helping our pupils build the resilience they need to thrive both in and out of the classroom.

More information will be shared with parents and there will be an opportunity to have a look at resources later in the year.



Book recommendation Chosen by Mr Riddington

Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce



Cosmic is a hilarious novel about a group of children who are selected to go on a special mission. One of the children is Liam, an abnormally tall 12-year-old, who - quite by accident - ends up going into space. Along the way, he has to learn a thing or two about being a parent.

Contact details

If you have any queries, please get in touch. We will be happy to help.

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News and Events

Term Dates for 2026 – 2027

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 1 st September	Friday 23 rd October
Term 2	Monday 2 nd November	Friday 18 th December
Term 3	Monday 4 th January	Friday 12 th February
Term 4	Monday 22 nd February	Thursday 25 th March
Term 5	Monday 12 th April	Friday 28 th May
Term 6	Monday 7 th June	Wednesday 21 st July

INSET Days – The school will be closed to pupils on 5 training days spread throughout the year:

Tuesday 1st September, 2026

Thursday 22nd October, 2026

Friday 23rd October, 2026

Monday 8th March, 2027

Friday 25th June, 2027

Term 1 Clubs

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
		Taekwondo	Future Stars	USports

If you are interested in supporting our enrichment offer by organising a club please do contact the school.

Dates for your diary

18 th Sept	Life Skills trip for Year 6 (am)
18 th Sept	PTA Back to School Bash
23 rd Sept	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
25 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee afternoon at 2pm
25 th Sept	Celebration service with families, 2.30pm
October	Black History Month
2 nd Oct	Hawk Class swimming lessons start
8 th Oct	PTA AGM at 8pm in the school hall
9 th Oct	Harvest Festival, 9.30am in church
12 th Oct	Parent / teacher meetings 3.30pm-5pm
14 th Oct	Parent / teacher meetings 3.30pm-7pm
20 th Oct	Wren Class STEM Workshop
21 st Oct	Outdoor learning day
21 st Oct	Last day of Term 1
22 nd Oct	INSET day
23 rd Oct	INSET day
Term 2	
2 nd Nov	First Day of Term 2
6 th Nov	Earth Day
6 th Nov	Celebration service with families, 2.30pm
9 th Nov	Individual and sibling photographs
10 th Nov	DT Workshop for Hawk Class
16 th Nov	Anti-bullying week
27 th Nov	Celebration service with families, 2.30pm
4 th Dec	PTA Christmas shopping evening
8 th Dec	Nativity performance, 2pm
9 th Dec	Nativity performance, 9.30am
15 th Dec	KS2 pantomime, 1.15pm and 5.30pm
17 th Dec	Whole school pantomime visit
18 th Dec	Christingle service, 9.30am in church
18 th Dec	Last day of Term 2