



Hawkesbury

CE VC Primary School

Newsletter, 4th September 2026



Enabling Everyone to Flourish

Respect, Perseverance and Creativity

Headteacher's message

Welcome to Hawkesbury

It is with great pleasure and honour that I am able to welcome you back to school as Headteacher. It is a delight to see all the children returning so positively, settling into their new year groups and having a great attitude to their learning.

We are particularly excited to welcome our new starters in reception – Digby, Vienna, Sonny, Seb, Oliver, Freddie, Joe and Lando.

We also welcome Mrs Hierro who will be teaching Wren Class alongside Mrs Heirani, and also Mrs Barton and Mrs Woodman who will be taking our after-school club alongside Mrs Roberts and Mrs Miller. Mrs Lyall is our new SENCO and will be part of the leadership team; she has taught at Iron Acton for a number of years and recently led inclusion at another local school.

As advertised last term, we would like to invite you to a 'meet the Headteacher and SENCO' for an informal chat with tea and biscuits on Tuesday 8th at 2.30pm. Please do come along to meet us.

We are a friendly and approachable team so please come to chat to us if you have any questions or comments about school life.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,
Christine Wilson
Headteacher

Reading Suggestions



Hilarious adventures of a seed that turns into a tree, and then into a wonderful book.

Recommended by Mrs Wilson

Celebration Service

Please do come to join us in the school hall for our first celebration service with families on **Friday 11th September at 2.30pm**. If any children have awards from Hawkesbury Show it would be lovely if they are brought in then.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held in the church at 9.30am on Friday 9th October. The children will be preparing something to share during the celebration. We would love to see you there.

Parent meetings

Parent / teacher meetings will be held on Monday 12th October between 3.30pm and 5pm and on Wednesday 14th October between 3.30pm and 7pm. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

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

Nut allergies

We have several children at our school with severe nut allergies. Whilst we are not a nut-free school, we do ask that children do not bring peanuts into school. We also ask that parents discourage their children from swapping food during the school day in order to reduce the risk to those with allergies.

Attendance

Term dates and inset days for this academic year are published below and can be viewed on our school website. We hope that by publishing them early, families will be able to book holidays that avoid the children missing any time off school.

Good attendance is one of the key factors in helping children succeed. Being in school every day allows children to benefit from high-quality learning, develop strong relationships and feel fully involved in school life. We appreciate the support of our families in helping children attend regularly and arrive on time, ready to learn.

Visits to EYFS and spaces

Our school currently has 91 children in total out of a maximum of 105. We are full in some year groups but have a few spaces still. If you know of anyone who is looking for spaces please do ask them to contact the school office for more information.

We are already receiving requests from prospective parents who would like spaces for Reception in 2027. If you are interested or know of anyone else who might be, please contact the school office to find out more about visits to the school.

Class Attendance

Wren Class	100%
Robin Class	100%
Swallow Class	95.7%
Hawk Class	100%
Whole School	98.8%

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.

Contact details

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

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A message from Mrs McCaul about PE

I am writing to let you know about some important changes that will affect our PE and sport provision from the start of the new academic year. As you may be aware, the long-standing Primary PE and Sport Premium has begun to be phased out as of the end of the 2025/26 academic year. As a result, our school, like many others, is facing reduced funding for sport and physical education.

This has meant that we have had to reduce the amount of time spent with Future Stars. Felix will be teaching two classes every Thursday afternoon, and each class will have an equal amount of time with him throughout the year. We are very sorry for any disappointment this may cause, but this decision is beyond our control. We remain committed to ensuring that children continue to receive high-quality PE lessons and opportunities to stay active. Please refer to the class newsletters for PE days and keep an eye on this as these may be subject to change throughout the year.

Future Stars Club will continue to run on Thursdays after school but this will now be booked directly with Future Stars themselves. More information will follow.

We also want pupils to be able to take part in as many sporting events as possible. However, due to national PE and Sport budget cuts, we do not have the funding to provide coaches for every event. This means that, for some occasions, we will need to charge for transport.

Please be assured that we are doing all we can to maintain a wide range of sporting opportunities for the children. We value the benefits of PE and sport highly, and we will continue to prioritise participation, enjoyment and positive experiences wherever possible.

Mrs McCaul

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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

We are currently reviewing our clubs offer and will be sending out a parental questionnaire in the next couple of weeks. If you are interested in supporting our enrichment offer by organising a club please do contact the school.

Dates for your diary

Term 1	
1 st Sept	INSET day
2 nd Sept	First day of Term 1 for Years 1-6
4 th Sept	First day of Term 1 for Reception
11 th Sept	Celebration service with families, 2.30pm
14 th Sept	Reception children are full time
18 th Sept	Life Skills trip for Year 6 (am)
23 rd Sept	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
25 th Sept	Celebration service with families, 2.30pm
October	Black History Month
2 nd Oct	Hawk Class swimming lessons start
8 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