



Wren Class Newsletter



Term 1, 2026

Welcome everyone to Wren Class and the start of your time at Hawkesbury Primary School. We are very excited to have you join our school community and for us to be a part of your child's educational journey. It was lovely meeting all your children at our taster sessions and visiting them at their preschools to learn a little bit more about them. We cannot wait to welcome them into Wren class in the next couple of days 😊

Communication

Every morning, we will be greeting you at the little brown gate where we will be available for a quick handover. We have a 'going home arrangements' sheet which we will take out every morning; if your child is being picked up by someone else on that day, please could you record this on the sheet. If you would like a longer chat then we will be available at the end of the day where we will have more time to focus and concentrate on your needs without rushing.

Phonics

We use an accredited phonics scheme called 'Unlocking Letters and Sounds' to teach early reading and writing. We begin teaching phonics in the first few weeks of term 1 in Reception and children make rapid progress in their reading & writing journey. Children begin to learn the main sounds heard in the English language and how they can be represented, as well as learning 'Common Exception Words', these are words that cannot be blended. We will be starting with the phonemes 's, a, t, p' as soon as the children are in school full time, meaning that, even at this early stage, simple words can be formed, and books can be introduced. We will explain more about our approach to teaching reading and writing at our phonics information session, which will be at **8.30am** on **Wednesday 16th September 2026**. Please can you inform us or the office if you can attend. At this meeting we will discuss how we are going to teach reading and writing and how you can support at home.

Maths

For our Maths lessons we follow 'White Rose Maths' scheme of learning and we supplement this by teaching 'Mastering Number' alongside it. Mastering Number teaches the children to secure firm foundations in their number knowledge through a fun and practical way.

PE Lessons

The children will be starting their PE lessons when they are in school full time, these will be held on a **Thursday** and will be led by our sports coach, Felix, from Future Stars. To begin with, the lessons will focus on learning basic PE skills as well as listening skills, social skills and fitness. Please can your child come into school wearing their PE kits and trainers every Thursday.

Forest School

Forest school will take place every **Monday afternoon** with some of our Year 1 children to encourage socialising, learning from others and skill sharing. Please can you bring in some named waterproofs that can stay in school, these will be used for Forest School sessions, welly walks and very wet play! Your child will also need a pair of named wellies at school. Please put them on the Wren Class welly rack (just inside our small brown gate) so children can access them at any time.

Themes

The topics that we follow in class are taken from and led by the children's interests. However, we also cover seasonal related themes and important celebrations. These are outlined in our Pinnacle Federation EYFS Curriculum Map along with specific skills children will be taught each term. The Curriculum map is on our website [Curriculum - Hawkesbury Primary School](#). If your child is particularly interested in something, please tell us so we can develop this in our learning. Please remember your 'WOW' vouchers we gave you at your home visit, these can be used to inform us about special moments or learning at home. We will give you more vouchers at the end of every term but please just ask us if you would like anymore before then.

We know it is a big change for yourselves and for your children starting school, so if you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to chat to us at any time.

Mrs Heirani and Mrs Hierro

