

Friday 9th February 2024



*A message from Miss Poleon...*



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy half term, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some exciting events and share a few reminders for the coming weeks.

Firstly, as you know, we recently had our SIAMS inspection and it was a resounding success. I hope you had the chance to read the report and share in our pride. The inspection highlighted our school's commitment to fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment, where every child is supported to reach their full potential. We couldn't have achieved this without your ongoing support and partnership.

Our school prides itself on providing enriching experiences for our pupils, and this half term has been no exception. We were fortunate to welcome back Sue Guthrie, the renowned artist, who worked with our talented Year 4 and 5 pupils to create some truly remarkable artwork related to our learning in My Happy Mind. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the final result is a testament to their creativity and hard work.

Additionally, we hosted several workshops for both parents and children throughout the past few weeks. These workshops were specifically designed to provide you with valuable insight and advice on various aspects of your child's education. We hope you found them useful and were able to gain some new strategies to support your child's learning journey. Huge thanks to the Mental Health Support Team and Pathfinder who have contributed to this.

I want to congratulate all our pupils for their exceptional dedication and hard work this half term. It brings us such joy to see their enthusiasm and progress. They have truly excelled, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

However, I would like to address a concern that continues to persist: attendance. It remains crucial for your child's progress and development that they attend school consistently. Therefore, I kindly request that you ensure your child is present every day, unless they are genuinely too poorly to be here. Every day of absence means missed opportunities for learning and growth.

Related to attendance, punctuality is another significant focus for us. Arriving promptly in the morning sets the right tone for the day and allows the children to settle in and prepare for their lessons. Your support in getting your child to school on time is greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead to the next half term, we have an array of exciting and educational experiences in store for our pupils. Trips to enrich their learning will continue, and we are eagerly preparing for World Book Day. Our aim is to foster a love for reading and inspire imaginations through various literary activities.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community. We are truly fortunate to have such dedicated parents, who play a vital role in their child's education. I hope you and your family have a restful break filled with peace, love, and quality time together.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are always here to support you and your child.

God bless,

Miss Poleon

## Collective Worship

# TRUST.

I. firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something.

This week we have continued focusing on the value of *Trust*.

### Isaiah 26:3-4

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.



Each term the children gather into their houses during Worship, where different teachers retell the stories of our Ethos role models from the Bible: Noah, David, Ruth and Esther.

In the words of John Wesley...

Do all the good YOU CAN.  
**BY** all the means you can.  
 IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN.  
**IN ALL THE PLACES** YOU CAN.  
 At all the times YOU CAN.  
 To **ALL THE PEOPLE** you can.  
**AS LONG** as you ever can.

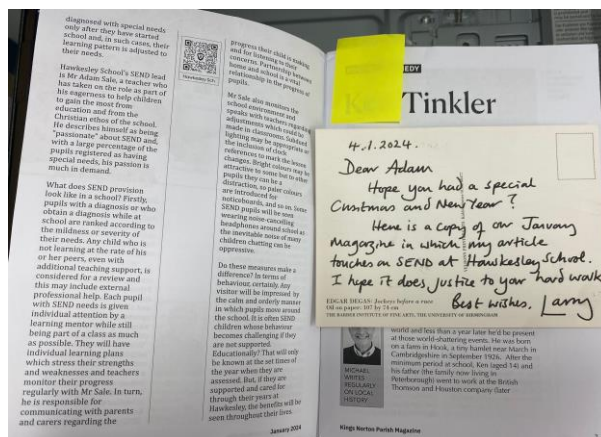
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## SEND Provision

Thank you to all the parents who came to our SEND parents' evening this week. The meetings were a great success.

Our Chair of Governors, Rev Larry Wright, recently wrote an article in the Kings Norton Parish magazine about SEND provision at Hawkesley after spending the day with our Inclusion Leader, Mr Sale. See image below.

Please also see below a picture of our fantastic sensory circuit. This provides a time of relief for children with high sensory needs to they can focus throughout the day.





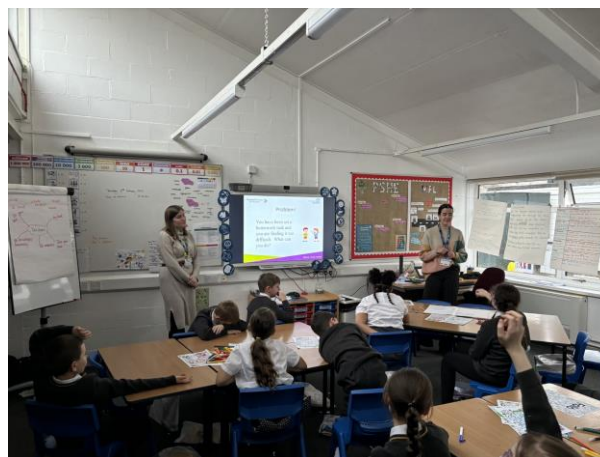
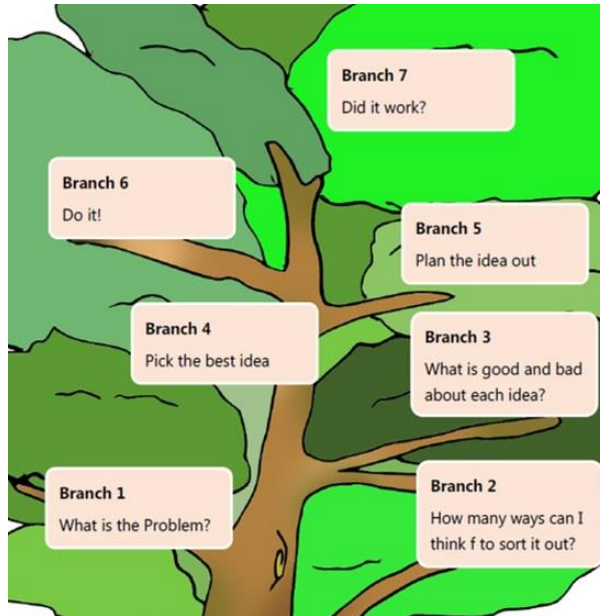
## Mental Health Problem Solving Workshop

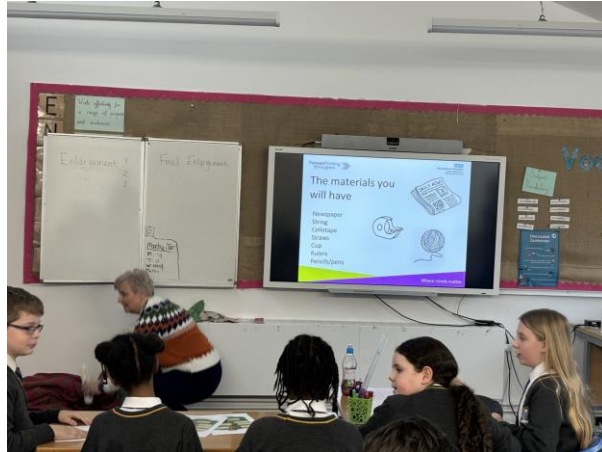
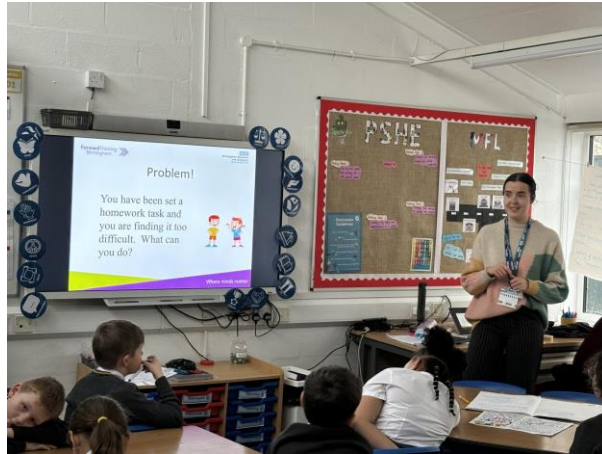


The Mental Health Team were in school on Thursday to deliver workshops to the children in Years 3,4,5 and 6.

The workshops focused on problem solving. These are the 7 steps to problem solving and the children spent time looking at these steps in the workshops.

Problem solving can be used for lots of different problems, they can be used for problems we have at home, school or with friends. Problem solving can be useful for practical problems and worries and the children will probably already be doing some problem solving in their everyday life.





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## Problem Solving Workshop



Where minds matter

## Who we are



Our job is to help children and young people with their thoughts, feelings and emotions.

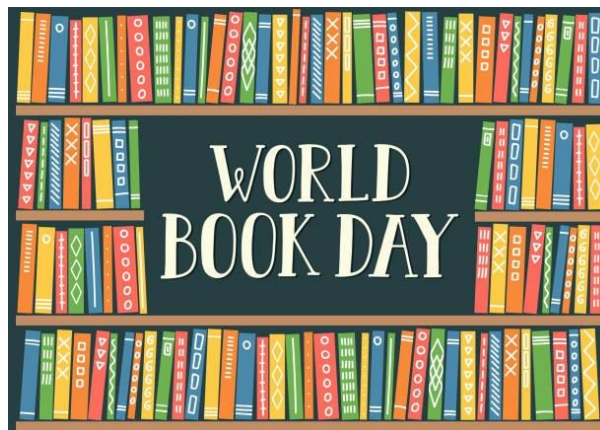
We support young people in school through 1-1 work, group work, workshops and assemblies.

Where minds matter





## World Book Day 2024!



We will be celebrating World Book Day here at Hawkesley on **Thursday 7th March!** You should all have received the information via email and on Class Dojo. Rather than dressing up as a book character, we will be having a vocabulary parade where each child can come in dressed as a word! Have a look at the images for more information.

**Competition Time!**

**EXTREME READING**

Please take a photo of yourself completing some **extreme reading!** This means a photo of you reading your book in an unusual way/place. Maybe reading in the bath tub...under the bed...in the boot of your car...in the kitchen cupboard...maybe in Sainsbury's (other supermarkets are available).

Prizes will be given out to one person from each class for the most creative photos.

Please email your photos (**BEFORE WORLD BOOK DAY**) to [enquiry@hawkesley.bdmf.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@hawkesley.bdmf.org.uk)

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
7 MARCH 2024

**Dressing up!**

Instead of dressing up as a book character this year, we thought we would do something a little different. This year we will be having a Vocabulary Parade! Each child can choose an interesting word and create a costume that represents it. Each class will parade around the hall showing off their designs. Please see overleaf for some examples of what we mean!

**Make sure your word is written on your costume!**

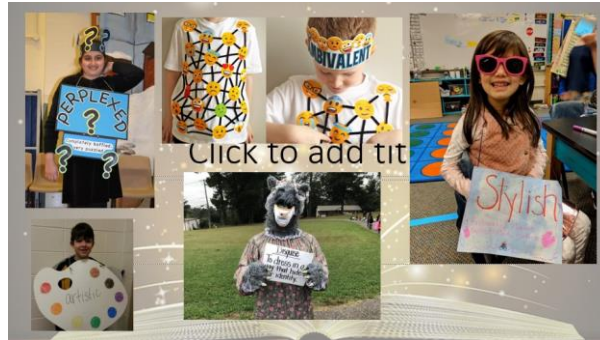
**A Day of Fun!**

The day will be filled with lots of fun book activities for the entire day!

**Library**

Every class will enjoy some school library time!





## Year 3 and 4 Trip!



Year 4 immersed themselves in the fascinating journey the Anglo-Saxons took to get to Britain. We began our day by gathering supplies we would need, made an Anglo-Saxon hunting shelter in the woods, and then watched our guide make a fire using flint and metal. After lunch, we headed back out and went into a replica Anglo-Saxon home. Our guide then showed us various Anglo-Saxon skills and we made metal amulets, clay bowls, and thread from wool. The children loved being outside and exploring the grounds of Bishops Wood. Well done Year 4, you all showed off the best of Hawkesley!







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Year 3 had the pleasure of visiting Bishops Wood in Worcester to get an insight into life in Ancient Rome. As soon as we arrived, our lovely instructor fed us a wealth of knowledge and prepared us, so we were ready to join the Roman Army! Fun fact: Romans soldiers had to stay in the army for 25

years and couldn't get married until they had left, although we weren't too worried about the marriage part! Once we had our briefing, we set off on our journey to join the Roman Army. First, we learnt that Roman soldiers travelled and lived in groups of 8 called a contubernia. They needed to have excellent teamwork to be successful in battle and survive. To demonstrate this, we split into groups and had to build a tent from scratch with no instructions! However, with excellent communication and resilience we were able to complete the challenge. After that, we learnt how Roman soldiers built their straight roads using a groma. We then had a go at building our own straight roads, again displaying excellent teamwork skills. Before the next activity, we had a quick rest for lunch to refuel ready to be Roman soldiers again. Back in ancient Rome, they used to communicate using the language Latin. Therefore, to join the Roman army, we had to learn the Latin phrases for the important items that the Romans brought with them to Britain. We had to hunt in the forest and find clues to decode what the Latin phrases meant. Finally, it is important to remember that even though the Roman Soldiers had a very important job to do, they still had lots of fun. As a result, for the final activity, we learnt all about some famous stories from the Roman era, dressed up and acted them out in our very own amphitheatre. We then made our way back to base where we discovered the origin story for the well-known phrase 'getting the wrong end of the stick'. Let's just say there were many giggles. Overall, it was an extremely successful, exciting, informative day!















Attendance!



# Attendance Matters



At Hawkesley, we are committed to the continuous raising of achievement of all our pupils. Regular attendance is critical if our pupils are to be successful and benefit from the opportunities presented to them. Good attendance is fundamental to a successful and fulfilling school experience.

In partnership with parents we have a duty to promote good attendance.

## **Parental Responsibility**

Parents have a legal duty to ensure that their children attend school regularly and arrive on time. Regular attendance is essential to the all-round development of the child and they should be allowed to take full advantage of educational opportunities available to them in order to make good progress in their learning.

## **Why is attendance important?**

Attending school on a regular basis is the key to your child doing well at school and sets them up with good habits from an early age through to adulthood and the working world.

It also gives children the opportunity to:

- make friends and feel included
- boost social skills, confidence and self-esteem
- develop the skills to learn new things
- achieve their full potential

- improve their prospects

**Small changes can make a big difference**

**Parents are advised to:**

- Show your child that you think school is important
- Not keep your child off school if they are worried or have a problem – you should come and talk to the school. There is no problem we cannot solve together.
- Praise your child’s achievements
- Avoid getting your child into bad habits from an early age; these are hard to break later in life

**Does Attendance Really Matter?**



**Our attendance winners this week are Nursery with a wonderful 97%!!**

**Well done Nursery!!**

<b>ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK:</b>							
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97%	93%	93%	95%	88%	96%	91%	93%

**Stars of the Week**



<b>Stars of the Week</b>	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	
Nursery	Natasha
Reception	Dolly
Year 1	Jayla
Year 2	Bonnie
Year 3	Matthew
Year 4	George
Year 5	Harvey
Year 6A	Jumana
Year 6B	Ellie-Mai CP

## Merit Awards!



At the end of each half term, six children are chosen as merit award winners. There are three categories: warm hearts, personal growth and academic achievement. The winners get to enjoy a delicious pancake brunch after assembly. See and watch below.

## Year Nursery Merit Awards

Warm Hearts

Natasha & Dylan

Personal Growth

Ryan & Abbey-Rai

Academic Achievement

Caine & Seamus

## Year Reception Merit Awards

Warm Hearts

Elleouise & Poppy

Personal Growth

Lucas & Micah

Academic Achievement

Theo & Wynter

## Year 1 Merit Awards

Warm Hearts

Cleo & Elijah

Personal Growth

Rowan & Sienna

Academic Achievement

Frankie & Joshua

**Year 2  
Merit Awards**

Warm Hearts  
Christopher & Lucy

Personal Growth  
Amelia & Kian

Academic Achievement  
Maja & Layla

**Year 3  
Merit Awards**

Warm Hearts  
Florence & Seb

Personal Growth  
Amy & Dua

Academic Achievement  
Abigail & Scarlett

**Year 4  
Merit Awards**

Warm Hearts  
Taelea & Molly-Mae

Personal Growth  
Rowan & Harvey

Academic Achievement  
Malik & Dillon

**Year 5  
Merit Awards**

Warm hearts  
Tayah & Tommy

Personal Growth  
Alicia & Lyla

Academic Achievement  
Tayah & Tommy

**Year 6  
Merit Awards**

Warm hearts  
Miley & Charlie W

Personal Growth  
Taliyah & Amelia

Academic Achievement  
Joshua & Jessica







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Miss Poleon's Shining Light Award!



### Miss Poleon's Shining Light Awards



Nursery	Riley
Rec	Charlie
Y1	Selindia
Y2	Payton
Y3	Zara
Y4	Michael
Y5	Scarlett
Y6	Ameer

### Hawkesley Sponsored Walk!



In the first week back after half term, the whole school will take part in a sponsored walk. This will take place at the end of each day before the children are dismissed. The children will walk around the perimeter of the grounds with a partner and their class teachers. The aim is for children to walk a mile a day! Sponsor forms will be sent out today. The money raised will go towards outdoor resources and equipment for our school. Please look out for forms today which will contain more information.



## *Fundraising form!*

WE ARE GOING TO BE COMPLETING A DAILY MILE TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUTDOOR RESOURCES AND EQUIPMENT!  
 CHILDREN ARE GOING TO BE PAIRING UP WITH OTHERS ACROSS THE SCHOOL TO COMPLETE THE DAILY MILE FOR 1 WEEK STARTING ON MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY.  
 WE ARE ASKING FOR ALL MONIES RAISED TO BE SENT INTO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 1ST MARCH.

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	PAID

TOTAL RAISED: .....

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

## Swimming!

A reminder of our swimming dates below. Year 4 have been thoroughly enjoying their lessons this half term.

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<b>Year 4</b>	Spring 1 Lesson -1:30 - 2:00pm Every Tuesday 16th January – 6th February
<b>Year 5</b>	Summer 1 Lesson -1:30 - 2:00pm Every Tuesday 23rd April – 21st May
<b>Year 3</b>	Summer 1 Every day for 2 weeks WB 13.05.2023 WB 20.05.2023 Lesson -10:30 - 11:00 am
<b>Year 6</b>	Summer 2 Every day for 2 weeks WB 01.07.2023 WB 08.07.2023 Lesson - 10:30 - 11:00 am

## Diary Dates



Diary Dates Spring Term	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School reopens to all children.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	Year 3 class worship
W/C 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	School Sponsored Walk
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book Day!
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Year 4 & Year 6 trip to Shakespeare's Birthplace Trust
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Parent Mental Health Workshop – Healthy Sleeping
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Parents' Consultations
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Flute Ensemble Concert Trip
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Nursery Trip to Attwell Farm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Easter Music Concert
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	St Nicolas Easter Service
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	Break up for Easter Holidays
<i>There will be further details to follow on some of the events above.</i>	

## Sunday's Reading from St Nicolas

### Matthew 5:12-20

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### Salt and Light

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, **let your light shine** before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

### The Fulfillment of the Law

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is

accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Join us at 10:30am on Sunday for our family worship!

**Rev. Larry Wright**



## We have been listening to Bhangra



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## Community Notices...

### Hawkesley Church Activities

Hawkesley Church	
Event	Date
Coffee and Chat	Every other Tuesday
Knit and Natter	Wednesdays 10am-12pm
Prayer Meeting	Wednesdays 12pm
Pancake Day Pancake & Quiz	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Family Activity Day (parents must stay with their children)	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 11am – 1.30pm in Hawkesley Pastoral Centre
Forest Church Hawkesley Pastoral Centre	
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> March 13 <sup>th</sup> April 11 <sup>th</sup> May 8 <sup>th</sup> June 13 <sup>th</sup> July These are 2-4pm on Saturday (these are all 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month) and meet at Hawkesley Pastoral Centre.	



Other activities...

THE FIELDS MILLENNIUM GREEN  
COME TO OUR ANNUAL WASSAIL  
AT THE ORCHARD! Saturday  
February 10<sup>th</sup> 2pm.

*We walk around the orchard, making noise,  
hang bread dipped in apple juice on the trees,  
drink warm apple juice and sing the wassail  
song! This is to encourage a good fruit crop  
next autumn.*



*Meet at the carpark opp.the cemetery on  
Longdales Road at 2pm. Contact  
[clivesweet967@gmail.com](mailto:clivesweet967@gmail.com) for more details.*

Have a wonderful half term break!