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6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### Dates and events for the term ahead

#### Key Stage 2 SATs week

Next week, our fantastic Year 6 children will be taking part in the annual statutory SATs tests. They have been working incredibly hard (as have their teachers) to get ready to do their best in the tests and we'd like to wish them well. Results of the tests will be shared with parents once they are returned in July.

We encourage all Year 6 children to come into school at 8.30am each day for SATs breakfast club; this really helps them get settled and ready for the day. Siblings of Year 6 children who need to arrive early can stay on the playground as long as they are supervised.

#### Key Stage 1 SATs

Statutory tests for children in Year 2 will also be taking place through the month of May. Once again, the staff in Falcons Class have been working hard to help them prepare although the tests in Key Stage 1 are much more discrete and low key; they form part of an overall teacher judgement of a child's academic achievement. Results will be shared with parents as part of the children's end of year reports.

#### Walk to school week

Please see further detail below which introduces our Park and Stride site for this year's walk to school week, which takes place during week commencing **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**. Active travel champions from the council will be giving out raffle tickets on certain days of the week to those who get involved; these will then be placed into a draw in school giving children the chance to win a prize.

#### Art day

We will be holding our next art day on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. The theme is 'Our big beautiful blue planet'. The children will engage in a range of art opportunities throughout the day to help them develop their art skills further and to give them the chance to provide some high quality art.

#### Platinum Jubilee celebrations

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**. Children will work in their house groups (mixed with children from across the school) to take part in activities related to the Queen's reign. Integra Catering have adapted the lunch menu to help us celebrate (please see attached). We would like to invite families into school for an assembly at **2.30pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** to hear more about the children's learning from the day.

Please note: this is also the last day of Term 5. We return to school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**.



### **Introducing Park and Stride during Walk to School Week**

As you may be aware, our school encourages our pupils and their families to travel actively to school and enjoy the many benefits this simple act brings.

Walking, scooting or cycling to school helps children feel happier and healthier and even do better in class, because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn. And more families travelling actively means fewer cars on the road during the school run, helping to reduce congestion and air pollution at the school gates.

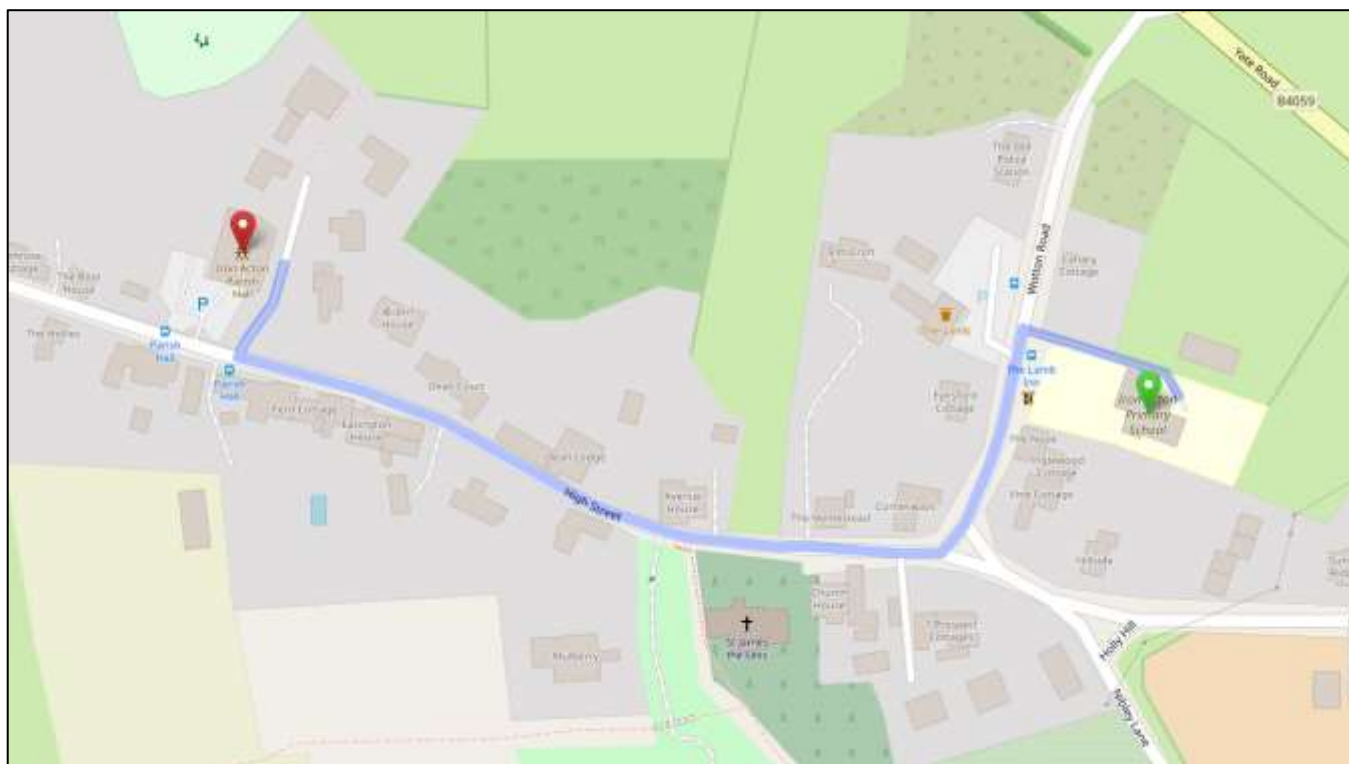
We understand that not all children are able to walk or cycle the whole way to school due to distance, family work commitments or a variety of other reasons. One way in which we hope to help is by setting up a Park and Stride scheme. This is a simple idea where families can park their car a 5-to-10-minute walk from school and then walk the rest of the way.

From **Monday 16 May**, families who need to drive to school can park at **Iron Acton Parish Hall** on the High Street and walk the rest of the way to school.

If, for some reason this is not a suitable parking place, we encourage you to choose another suitable place 5 - 10 minutes away from the school gates and walk the rest of the way. There is an Active Travel Map which you can view from the Active travel section on our school website, visit [www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/school-info/travel-to-school](http://www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/school-info/travel-to-school).

Thank you for your continuing support.

#### Location of the Park & Stride site



### **Attendance and punctuality**

All schools have a statutory responsibility to ensure all children attend school on time every day unless they have a good reason not to. At Iron Acton, we monitor the attendance and punctuality of all children rigorously as we believe it is essential for all children to attend every day – we do not want them to fall behind in their learning and be put at a disadvantage. We recognise that in the majority of situations there is good reason for a child to miss school, particularly if they are too unwell to attend.

Attached to the newsletter, you will find a useful list of illnesses and whether or not it is okay for your child to attend school if they have them.

Schools are unable to authorise any term time holiday except in exceptional circumstances. If you need to take your child out of school during term time, please speak to Mr Riches in the first instance. You will then need to complete a red form. As we move on from the pandemic, it is increasingly likely that all schools will be required to issue fixed penalty fines when a child has more than 10 half days of **unauthorised** absence in a 7 week period.

For more information about the issuing of fixed penalty fines please visit the council web page:

[Fixed penalty notices | South Gloucestershire \(southglos.gov.uk\)](https://www.southglos.gov.uk/parents/fixed-penalty-notice)

We are here to offer our support. As part of our approach to ensuring high standards of attendance and punctuality, we will initiate an informal conversation when your child's attendance falls below 90%. This is very much a supportive process, which is designed to ensure we can work together in the best interests of each child.

### **Fantastic May Day celebration**

Thank you to all who were able to support this year's May Day – what a wonderful day of celebration!

The children who were involved in the 'Fish and Chip' dance and the May Pole dancing did incredibly well – thank you to them all for getting involved. Thank you also to Mrs Jones for preparing the youngest children. And to Mrs Bagnall, Mrs Hampson and Mrs Curtis for preparing the older children.

It was great to see the following children getting involved as King, Queen and attendants. Well done to:

Vincent (Y6) – May King

Ruby (Y6) – May Queen

Maya (Y3) – attendant

Cara (Y5) – attendant

The Friends tombola stall raised over £400 for the school. Thank you to all those who contributed their time on the stall and to those who donated tombola prizes.



### Safeguarding information

The government has launched a campaign called 'Together we can tackle child abuse'. The resources, aimed at everyone in the community, could be used with parents and include four very short videos explaining physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect and online abuse.

The simple mnemonic, ABC, is used to remind people that they should look out for changes in appearance, behaviour or communication. The webpage has a search engine to find out where to report abuse.

For more information, go to: <https://tacklechildabuse.campaign.gov.uk>

### Staffing information

Mr Brown's baby is soon to be born, which means his paternity leave is due to start straight after May half term. Mr Brown will be out of school for 2 weeks and during this time Mrs Banerjee from our regular supply agency will cover the class. Mrs Banerjee will also be in school at the end of this term to get to know the children.

Over the next few weeks, we will be interviewing for a new teacher to join the team from September as Mrs Detzler nears the end of her time at Iron Acton. Once we have completed the interview process, we will inform all members of the school community and share some information about the new member of staff.

### INSET days 2022-2023

Our INSET days for the next academic year are as follows:

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Please note: we have one remaining INSET day for this academic year which will take place on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. Please see the calendar on the final page of the newsletter.

### Children and Young People Mental Health Awareness – Parents and Carers Session

The Local Authority has organised two parent information sessions about Children's Mental Health. Please click below to access information and to book.

Friday 17 June (10.00 – 11.30) - [View Details | South Gloucestershire CPD Online \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

Tuesday 6 December (19.30-21.00) - [View Details | South Gloucestershire CPD Online \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)





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# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT



# Folk at Church

**Jo & Steve**  
**John Turner**  
**Tam Lin**  
**Kevin Adams**  
**Bonner & Blake**  
**Steffan Lewis**  
**Cooper + Toller**

**Saturday 14 May**  
**7pm**

**St Michael's Church**  
Winterbourne BS36 1SE

**TICKETS £10**

**Refreshments for sale**  
pork rolls, pies, etc.  
**& bar**  
real ales, cider,  
wine etc

Tickets from  
the Benefice Office 01454 776518  
email:office@fromesidechurches.org.uk

Messy Church will start again on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022 at 3.30pm  
New Venue at St Saviour's Church Hall  
Beesmoor Road, Coalpit Heath BS36 2RP



The Messy Church Team  
look forward to seeing you all again for activities, food and fun  
[www.fromesidechurches.org.uk](http://www.fromesidechurches.org.uk)



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**HU5k  
2022**  
18th June at 11am

Sponsored by  
*Williams Automobiles Ltd*

Be part of our  
**10<sup>th</sup>**  
annual event

Hawkesbury Upton's 5k run through stunning Cotswold countryside

- Open to all ages & abilities • Awesome BBQ • Epic Cake • Music
- Entries: £10 Adult / £8 under-18 / £6 under-11
- Follow HU5ky Bear @HU5kRun

Enter now at [www.hu5k.org](http://www.hu5k.org)

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# Yate Heritage Centre High Street

**Exhibition**  
**27th April — 18th June**



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**Term 5 dates for the diary**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Information</b>
All age service at St James the Less in Iron Acton	08.06.22 10am	All families are invited to join.
Year 6 SATs week begins	09.05.22	See above
Walk to school week begins	16.05.22	See above
Art day	23.05.22	See above
Platinum Jubilee celebration including picnic lunch	27.05.22	See above
Last day of Term 5	27.05.22	
First day of Term 6	06.06.22	
Year 1 phonics screening checks begin	06.06.22	
Year 4 multiplication tables checks begin	06.06.22	
All age service at St James the Less in Iron Acton	12.06.22 10am	All families are invited to join.
Health week begins	13.06.22	
Sports day	17.06.22 1.15pm	All families are invited to join us on the field.
Hawkesbury Upton 5K 2022	11am	Fundraising event for Hawkesbury Upton Primary School.
Key Stage 2 performance	29.06.22 5pm	This will take place in the Parish Hall.
INSET day	01.07.22	School closed to all children.
Year 5/6 residential	05.07.22 – 08.07.22	
All age service on the field at school	10.07.22 10am	All families are invited to join.
Last day of Term 6	21.07.22	

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

