

*'Courage to Care' Listening, Welcoming, Nurturing, Celebrating*

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#### **End of Term 4**

We have come to the end of another term and I would like to express my thanks to all members of the school community for their support of the school over recent weeks. It has been great to work alongside you so that we can ensure all children receive the best possible education each day.

I look forward to welcoming you to our Easter service later today. The children have been busy preparing for their service and are ready to share with you their learning. Thank you to Elyza, Ruby, Ted, Walter, Grace and Millie for helping to set up the special Easter garden which you will see inside the church.

You will no doubt have seen the letter from Rachel Dare at The Severn Federation Academy Trust outlining the appointment of Mrs Wilson as the next Headteacher at Iron Acton (and Hawkesbury) when I leave in the summer. This followed a hugely rigorous interview process earlier in the term. Well done to Mrs Wilson on this successful appointment! Over the next few weeks, we will look to ensure we have a new special educational needs co-ordinator for Mrs Wilson to pass this role on to.

Further information about teachers and teaching assistants for next year will be shared early in Term 6.

Well done to everyone who got involved in the recent sponsored swim to raise money for the Friends of Iron Acton. The total amount for the additional learning space is getting increasingly close and we look forward to moving this project forward soon. It was great to see so much support of the movie night last week too. Thank you to all involved in organising these events.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

Mike Riches, Headteacher

#### **Iron Acton May Day celebrations**

This year's May Day football match will take place on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May** on the Iron Acton school field straight after school. Mr Taverner will be in touch to organise a team in the coming weeks.

Children from Barn Owls and Falcons are invited to get involved in the Fish and Chip dance and this will be followed by the maypole dancing for those in Buzzards and Golden Eagles who have opted in.

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April**. In exchange for this we ask that children bring in items for the tombola stall at May Day. This is usually a busy event so we need quite a few donations – thank you in advance for your generosity.

Congratulations to Scarlett (Year 6) who will be this year's May Queen and to Bethany (Year 4) who is one of the attendants along with two children from North Road.

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**Attendance matters**

Our whole school target for this year is 96%. Our current attendance now stands at 95.6%. Attendance for each class has recently risen and currently stands as follows:

Barn Owls: 93.6%

Falcons: 96.3%

Buzzards: 96%

Golden Eagles: 95.4%

Please be reminded that the NHS has advice and support to help families determine whether or not their child can attend school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

**Friends of Iron Acton School update**

Easter egg hunt – straight after Easter service

Children are invited to take part in the Easter egg hunt on the school field after the Easter service. A donation of £3 is required with £2 per sibling. Siblings who are not primary aged are invited to participate. If cost is an issue please speak to a member of staff.

Bag to school collection – 21<sup>st</sup> April

Please leave donations in the bus shelter at the bottom of the hill on the morning of the collection. For further information about what is collected please refer to the website:

<https://www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Algars Manor open day – 26<sup>th</sup> April

Each year, Friends are invited to sell refreshments at Algars Manor open gardens between 1pm and 5pm. We are looking for donations of cakes which can be sold on the day and volunteers who are willing to do a stint on the stall. This is usually a very busy event so as many volunteers as possible are needed. **Please let a committee member or the school office know if you can help.**

Thank you to everyone for supporting this important aspect of school life.

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**Term 5 calendar**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Information</b>
Easter service	02.04.26, 2pm	All families are invited to join us in the church.
Easter egg hunt	02.04.26, 3pm	See above
Final day of Term 4	02.03.26, 3.15pm	
First day of Term 5	20.04.26, 8.45am	
Bag to school collection	21.04.26	See above
Non-uniform day	24.04.26	See above
Algars Manor open day	26.04.26	See above
Forest school sessions for all classes	29.04.26	
May Day football match against North Road	01.05.26, 3.30pm	This will take place on the Iron Acton school field.
Iron Acton May Day	04.05.26	
Family celebration service	08.05.26, 2.45pm	
KS2 SATs week	11.05.26	
Last day of Term 5	22.05.26	

INSET days for the next academic year:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2026

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2027

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2027

Term dates for the next academic year are as follows:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Ends</b>
Term 1	Tuesday 1 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3	Monday 4 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027