

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

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### **Staffing updates**

After recent interviews, we are pleased to let all families know that **Mrs Lyall** has been successfully appointed as the SENCO at Iron Acton (and Hawkesbury) from September when Mrs Wilson becomes Headteacher. This is great news as Mrs Lyall already knows the school and the children incredibly well. Mrs Lyall will continue to teach Barn Owls at the end of the week.

Next Friday will see the start of **Mrs Adams's** maternity leave. We wish her and her husband well as they look forward to the arrival of their baby. During celebration service we will say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Adams. This will take place at 2.45pm in the school hall. We'd also like to remind you that, from the start of Term 6, Mrs Frohlich will teach Falcons every day and Mrs Bagnall will teach Golden Eagles every day until Miss Bishton starts with us in July.

**Mrs Sparey** is currently too unwell to return to school following a short hospital visit. We are looking forward to seeing her back in school after half term and we wish her all the best as she continues to recover over the next two weeks. Thank you to other members of our team who have supported the children in different parts of the school during Mrs Sparey's absence.

Our staffing structure for next academic year will be shared with all families at the start of Term 6.

### **Attendance matters**

Our whole school target for this year is 96%. Our current attendance now stands at 95.5%. Attendance for each class has recently risen and currently stands as follows:

Barn Owls: 91.1%

Falcons: 96.2%

Buzzards: 97%

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/>

### **Careers fair – a message from Mrs Bagnall**

We are keen for the children to experience more about the world of work and understand what a range of careers entail. We will be holding a careers afternoon for KS2 children from local schools on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July. We would be very grateful to have a range of jobs represented. If you are available to come and speak to the children please get in touch with the school office.

### **Iron Acton May Day**

What a fantastic weekend we had celebrating May Day at Iron Acton! It was great to see so many families participating and supporting the event. Thank you to all who came along and to our wonderful staff team who were a part of the weekend too.

#### Football match

The annual football match against North Road was a great success. This year it took place on the Iron Acton school field after school on the Friday. Buddy (Year 6) did a great job at pulling the team together and coach Katie supported the team well with great energy. Well done to Mr Taverner for remaining impartial as referee too! The final score was 3-1 to Iron Acton – the trophy remains at Iron Acton for another year!



#### Bank Holiday Monday

For some children at Iron Acton, this was their first chance to dance around the Maypole as part of the fish and chip dance. It was wonderful to see the children getting involved and braving the crowds as part of this annual celebration. Congratulations to Scarlett (Year 6) and Bethany (Year 4) who were part of the royal procession and got to arrive in style on the green ready for their crowning. Thank you to Mrs Bagnall and Mrs Hampson who worked closely with the children over several weeks in advance of the event to prepare the children so well.



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**Term 5 calendar**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Information</b>
Buzzards trip to Clifton Down	18.05.26	
Outdoor learning day	22.05.26	
Family celebration service	22.05.26, 2.45pm	Join us in the school hall.
Last day of Term 5	22.05.26	
First day of Term 6	01.06.26	

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