



Bisley Blue Coat C of E School

Weekly Newsletter

Term 1 Newsletter 6: 6th October 2025

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

10th World Mental Health Day (#HelloYellow)
 14th Trip to Literature Festival
 13th Harvest Service, Church, 2.15pm
 20th New Reception Worship with Parents, 2:40pm
 20th Parents Evening, 3:30—6pm
 21st C3 Forest School
 22nd Parents Evening, 3:30—6pm
 22nd Whole School Flu Immunisations
 24th Individual and Sibling School Photographs
 27th Start of Half Term
 31st Closing Date for Secondary School Places Applications for September 2026

NOVEMBER

1st Bonfire & Fireworks Night 3rd
INSET DAY - School Closed for Pupils
 4th Return to School
 6th Outdoor Classroom Day 10th 'Odd Socks' Day
 10th—14th Anti-Bullying Week
 11th Remembrance Worship, 11am
 14th Children In Need
 17th Open Day for New Parents, 9am
 19th Open Day for New Parents, 9am

DECEMBER

1st Marvellous Mondays Open Classrooms, 3.15pm
 2nd Experience Advent, Gloucester Cathedral TBC
 10th Class 2 Nativity Performance, PM, Village Hall
 11th Class 2 Nativity Performance, AM, Village Hall
 11th Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
 17th Christmas Lunch in Village Hall



Message from the Executive Headteacher

I hope you all enjoyed a restful weekend, and that those who attended had a wonderful time at our Autumn Fair on Saturday. It was a fantastic community event, and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our amazing PTA for all their hard work in organising it. Although final figures are still to be confirmed, it's estimated that around 75% of our community attended — a

brilliant turnout, especially given the blustery weather! It was also lovely to see a few Oakridge families joining us for the occasion. This week promises to be another one packed full of learning and exciting opportunities for our pupils. On Wednesday, Class 3 will continue with their swimming lessons — we're so pleased to see their confidence and skills developing each week. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a lovely week ahead.

With love ♥
 Mrs Broadbent



World Mental Health Day

This Friday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. Poor mental health is not inevitable, and World Mental Health Day is an opportunity for us all to talk about mental health and consider how, together, we can help everyone have better mental health.

This year's theme set by the World Federation for Mental Health is access to services - mental health in catastrophes and emergencies. The theme highlights the importance of people being able to protect their mental health whatever they're going through, because everyone deserves good mental health.

During worship on this day, we'll be discussing mental health with our pupils and sharing ways we can all look after our wellbeing and support each other.



CHEL TENHAM Literature Festival

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Next week is a particularly exciting one for Class 3, who will be visiting the Cheltenham Literature Festival to hear from the wonderful author Frank Cottrell-Boyce, as he talks about his brilliant book *The Blockbusters!*. Alongside the talk, the children will also have the chance to explore the festival village and share a picnic lunch together after the session — a fantastic experience that I know they will thoroughly enjoy.

Flu Immunisation – Wednesday 22nd October

Information has been sent via Epraise regarding the upcoming flu immunisation. Please complete the online form found on the school website under [Parent/Carer Information/ Flu Immunisation](#) in order to consent or decline your child's participation.

17th Christmas Party in Class
18th Christmas Panto Day,
Subrooms, 1pm
19th Christingle Service, Church
2.15pm
19th Last Day of Term - Break up
for Christmas

A reminder that all diary dates for the school year can be found in the 3-fold calendar we provided you at the end of last academic year. It can also be found on the 'Term Dates' page of our website.



Our value this term is
THANKFULNESS



Swimming

A reminder that Class 3 begun their swimming lessons on Wednesday 10th September and will continue every Wednesday for a 10-week block. Please ensure your child comes into school with their swimming kit on these days. Thank you.



A reminder of PE days:

Class 1- Monday and a Thursday Morning (starting next Thursday)
 Class 2- Tuesday and Thursday
 Class 3- Friday
 Children can come into school in their PE kits on their PE day.

Harvest Appeal

Our Harvest Service will take place next Monday 13th October in All Saints Church at 2:15pm. Parents/carers are most welcome to join us.

We will be collecting donations for Stroud Food Bank.

Please see the shopping list in their flyer below which shows the items they need most.

We will be collecting donations from Monday 6th October which should be left in the office porch.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.



Harvest Appeal

Help support your food bank this Harvest

We're collecting donations to support local households across the district. Every gift makes a big difference!

Donate Food

Donate whilst you shop at:
 Waitrose Stroud • Tesco Stroud, Cam & Merrywalks • Sainsbury's Stroud • Most local Co-ops

Or drop off at our warehouse:
 Unit 19, Canal Iron Works, Hope Mill Lane, Brimscombe, Stroud GL5 2SH
 Monday to Friday 10am-12pm

Or visit us on our Open Days:
 Thursday 23rd October 10am-4pm
 Saturday 25th October 10am-12pm

Donate money

Prefer to give financially? Your donation helps cover the costs of buying, storing and distributing food, and supports sustainable projects for those facing hardship.

Please click the QR code to donate

<https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk>



Stroud District Foodbank Registered Charity in England & Wales 1176306 office@strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk



Shopping list

Tinned Ham
 Fray Bentos Pie
 Pasta Sauce
 Tinned Potatoes
 Nuts or Crisps
 Biscuits
 Fruit Juice (long-life)
 Milk (UHT)
 Shampoo & Conditioner
 Laundry Detergent

EPraise

Thank you all for your support in the launch of our new Behaviour Policy and communication system, EPraise. We hope that the Parent/Carer Information Sessions, Parent/Carer User Guide and Powerpoint shared was useful in understanding new procedures and supporting you in logging in and using EPraise for the first time.



From this point on, EPraise will be our Primary communication platform - the newsletter, letters, messages from teachers etc will all be sent by EPraise to streamline communication for all. Likewise, we encourage you to message us through EPraise, rather than email, and we will do the same when contacting you.

Paper copies of the newsletter/letters will still be made available from the school office should you want them.

We hope that this fantastic new app will strengthen the connection between home and school.

Join Us for Collective Worship



A reminder that those parents/carers whose children are receiving an award in Celebration Worship, are warmly invited to join us on Fridays at 2:40pm in Church. We will ensure a message gets to you if your child is receiving an award – please understand that we award children for their work during that week, hence it not possible to communicate this message to you any sooner than we do. We look forward to seeing some of you there!

NHS Parental Feedback Questionnaire

Do you have a child aged 3–11? We'd love to hear from you.

Gloucestershire School Nursing Service is gathering parent feedback to help us provide the best possible support for children as they begin and move through primary school. Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey.

https://online1.snapsurveys.com/starting_school

As a thank you, you'll also have the chance to be entered into a prize draw for a £50 Love2Shop voucher.





Absence due to illness

If your child is unwell we ask that you contact the school by telephone no later than 9.00am on the first day of illness.

It is unnecessary to contact us daily if your child is going to be off due to the illness but we do ask that you keep in touch so that we remain aware of the situation and can offer help if appropriate. After the fifth day of absence, we reserve the right to ask for evidence of this illness; for example a doctor's appointment card. If this evidence cannot be provided, we may record the absence as 'unauthorised'.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



and performers, craft sessions for creative hands-on activities, singing for those who love to use their voices, and country dancing to learn traditional steps and have fun with friends. We'll be sending out sign-up details and more information about each club very soon, so please keep an eye out for further updates. We look forward to seeing students explore their interests and develop new skills through these engaging activities.

Extra- Curricular Clubs

We're excited to announce that after the October half term, we'll be offering a wonderful range of after-school clubs for pupils to enjoy. Our club programme will include drama for budding actors



Lateness

If your child is late to school, please ensure that you sign them in via the School Office who will escort your child to class. Many thanks.



School Policies

The majority of our school policies can be found online. Some are school-based and some are Federation-based. A reminder that a copy of our most up to date policies can be found on the policy page of our school website or Federation website -

https://www.bisleybluecoatcofeprimary.co.uk/statutory_information/policies/policies.html or <https://heartwoodfederation.co.uk/Key-Information/Polices/>



Mobile Phone Disclaimer

Free School Meals

If you think you qualify for your child/ren to receive free school meals then please take a look at the following link to apply.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>



Free School Meal support during the October Half Term 2025

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/noticeboard/schoolsnet-bulletin-board/free-school-meal-support-during-the-october-half-term-2025/?es_c=59891A4E22B8CD4796B937D4C711B27A&es_cl=D2CA84FE994637E5A83826E1A5BF7AD&es_id=phc%c2%a3h7

Attendance

We would like to remind all parents and carers that we follow Department for Education guidance regarding term time absences. Holidays taken during term time are not authorised except in exceptional circumstances.

Taking your child out of school for a holiday can significantly disrupt their learning and makes it difficult for them to keep up with their classwork. Please be aware that if you choose to take your child on holiday during term time, you may receive a penalty notice fine from the local authority. We encourage all families to plan holidays during the school breaks to ensure your child doesn't miss valuable learning time. For further information, please see our attendance policy that can be found here: [Heartwood Federation - Policies](#).



Driving on School Site

Please be reminded that parents and carers are not permitted to drive onto the school site at any time. This policy is in place to ensure the safety of all our children, staff, and families. The school grounds are busy areas, particularly at drop-off and pick-up times, and we need to keep them safe for pedestrians. We ask for your cooperation in parking considerably in the surrounding area and walking onto the site. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us keep everyone safe.

A reminder that generally, we do not encourage children to bring mobile phones into school. We do however, understand that some older children do, as they use them to communicate with parents/carers when travelling to and from school. Should your child bring a mobile phone into school, these **MUST** be handed into the School Office.

The mobile phone remains your responsibility and we will not take responsibility for any loss or damage to devices.



No Dogs on Site

A kind reminder that no dogs are permitted on site except for therapy or assistance dogs, or those that are purely passing through on the footpaths. Many thanks.



Vacancies – The Great Plate

The Great Plate has a vacancy for a dinner lady
<https://www.thegreatplate.org.uk/about-us-1>

COLLECTION

School Contact List & Collection Policy

A kind reminder for parents/carers to return their 'Walking home from school' consent slip if they have not done so already. In addition, please ensure that your contact list is up to date with the school office – we suggest that your 3 contacts are people who you authorise to collect your child from school. Our policy is that we only dismiss to people on your child's contact list. If somebody else is collecting, please make a note in your child's Reading Record and sign it to give permission.



Safeguarding

Please help us to keep our children safe. When you leave the school premises and you know we have children on site, please ensure the school gates are closed behind you. Many thanks for your support.

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
Thread worms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

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

Bisley Bonfire Night

**BISLEY BONFIRE
NIGHT 2025**
**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 1ST**
**KING GEORGE V REC,
VANDERBREEN ST**

5.30PM GATE OPENS
6PM GUY COMPETITION
6.30PM BONFIRE LIT
7PM FIREWORKS
8.45PM EVENT ENDS

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS BBQ
VEGGIE & NON VEGGIE CHILLI GLOW
TOYS HOT CHOCOLATE SWEET TREATS
**THE FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE WILL RUN
A BAR AS A SEPARATE EVENT ON THE NIGHT**

All monies from ticket sales will go to Bisley Community Group to fund the 2026 bonfire night and other village events

The Bisley Community Group is made up of Bisley Blue Coat School, All Saints Church, The Flower Show and the WI Village Hall. Each group will be running a section of the event. Bisley School will be responsible for the sale of Glow Items, Hot Chocolate and Sweet Treats. If you would like to help with this event please get in touch with Dawn Lane in the school office.



Bisley Bonfire Night is back!

Fireworks... a bonfire... a barbecue... chilli (veggie and non-veggie)... hot chocolate and sweets... glow toys.

The Flower Show committee will be operating a separate licensed bar with real ale, lager and cider, and mulled wine. All monies raised will go into the Bisley Community Group coffers to ensure the future of Bisley Bonfire Night going forward, as well as to put on and support other events in the village.

You are buying an 'early bird' advance ticket at a lower price.

On the gate on the night the prices will be:

Over 18: £10

Under 18: £5

Under 5 will remain free.

Please note: There will be no on-the-gate group ticket option - only individual tickets will be sold at the event.

Buy Tickets Online: www.ticketsource.co.uk - search for Bisley Bonfire and select Book Now

Admission Time at 5:00PM

From 5:30PM to 8:45PM