



Bisley Blue Coat C of E School

Weekly Newsletter

Term 1 Newsletter 7: 13th October 2025

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

- 13th Harvest Service, Church, 2.15pm
- 14th Trip to Literature Festival
- 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 Bikeability starts for Class 3
- 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 YR-Y3
- 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



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: Watmore Stroud • Tesco Stroud, Cam & Merrywalks • Sainsbury's Stroud • Most local Co-ops

Or drop off at our warehouse: Unit 15, Canal Inn Works, Hope Mill Lane, Bromcombe, 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://stroudistrict.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

Message from the Executive Headteacher

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely weekend. We have a very special week ahead as our school community comes together to celebrate Harvest — a time of thankfulness, generosity and reflection.

Today, we will gather in church for our Harvest Festival. Each class will be bringing a Harvest offering, and we warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for this important occasion in our school calendar.

Harvest holds a special place in the Christian calendar. Traditionally, it is a time to give thanks to God for the abundance of food we receive and to recognise the hard work of those who grow and produce it. It also encourages us to think of others and to share what we have with those in need — a powerful reminder of the values we

seek to live out every day in our school community.

We are supporting Stroud District Foodbank through our Harvest collection this year. A huge thank you to those who have already donated. If you haven't yet had the chance, any contribution of non-perishable food items would be gratefully received and will make a real difference to local families.

Later in the week, Class 3 will have an exciting opportunity to visit the Cheltenham Literature Festival on Tuesday. They will attend a session with author Frank Cottrell-Boyce, who will be talking about his brilliant new book *The Blockbusters*. The children will also have time to explore the festival village and enjoy a picnic lunch after the session — a wonderful way to inspire a love of reading and storytelling.

It promises to be a joyful and inspiring week, full of community spirit and new experiences.

With love ♥

Mrs Broadbent

Cheltenham Literature Festival

This 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.



A Special Welcome for Our New Reception Children

Next week, we will be holding a very special collective worship to formally welcome our new Reception children into our school community. We hope this will be a lovely and memorable occasion, as we come together to celebrate the start of their school journey.

Parents and carers of Reception children are warmly invited to join us for this special event at 2:40pm on Monday in school. We look forward to sharing this moment with you as we welcome the newest members of our school family.

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



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 -

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.



Menu

Emma

Assessment

Jessica

Points

Demerits

Badges

Attendance

Assessment

Community

Activities

Parents' evenings

Parents Consultation Meetings

We would like to invite you to attend our upcoming Parent Consultation Evenings, which will take place on Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd October. Appointments are available from 3:30pm to 6pm. We have moved away from paper signing to Epraise appointments.

To make a booking:

1. Log into your Epraise account
2. Navigate to 'Community' and select 'Parents' Evenings'
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to choose your appointment slot(s)

If you have any questions or need assistance with booking, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Extra- Curricular Clubs

After half term Miss Probert will be running a creative club on a Tuesday after school. This will start on Tuesday 4th November. 3.15-4.15. For children in Year 1-Year 6. To sign up to this club



To make a booking:

1. Log into your Epraise account
2. Navigate to 'Community' and select activities.

Here you will be able to sign up to this club.

After Christmas Mrs James will be running a country dancing club. All the details are available on epraise and you can already sign up for this club on the system.

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



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!



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.



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.

PTA News

In addition to the money raised at the Autumn Fair, the PTA made an additional £64 selling ice creams and sweets after school last week. Due to the success of this, they plan to do it more regularly. Next date- Friday 24th October to mark start of half term. A huge thanks for all that they do for our school.



FREE
SCHOOL
MEALS



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/>

Bisley Bonfire Night



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.

We would be looking for people to do a half hour stint on our stall.

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

