



Bisley Blue Coat C of E School

Weekly Newsletter

Term 2 Newsletter 7: 15th December 2025

Diary Dates

DECEMBER

17th Christmas Lunch in Village Hall
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

JANUARY

5th INSET Day
6th School Opens for Term 3

MARCH

6th In the Net Performance at Nailsworth

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

Weekly Reminders



Message from the Executive Headteacher

Today is a very special day at Bisley Blue Coat as we officially launch our new school vision, 'Love, Learn, Live as One,' alongside our four underpinning values of 'community, love, respect and trust.' This marks an important moment in the life of our school and sets a clear and shared

direction for the future.

Throughout the day, the whole school will come together in the hall to explore each element of our new vision and values. Children will then return to their classrooms to deepen their understanding through thoughtful discussion, creative activities and art. The work produced will be brought together as key artwork, which will be displayed in our main hall and serve as a lasting reminder of what we stand for as a school community.

At the end of the day, parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for a short act of worship, where we will share the learning and reflections from the day and celebrate what the children have achieved together.

I am very sorry that, due to illness, I am unable to be with the school today to share in this important occasion. I am disappointed to miss such a meaningful moment, but I know the day will be led with care and purpose by the team, and that the children's work will truly reflect the spirit of our new vision.

Later in the week, the children will enjoy a Christmas lunch together, and on Friday we will gather at Bisley Church for our Christingle service, sending our community into the Christmas holidays with a message of hope, light and togetherness.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With love ♥

Mrs Broadbent

Christmas Dinner

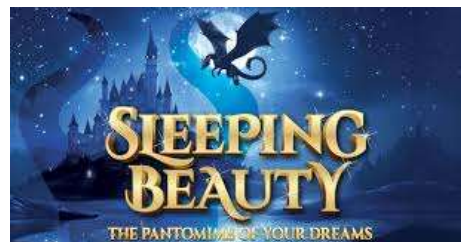
We will be having Christmas Dinner in the WI Village Hall on Wednesday 17th December.



If you have not pre-ordered a Christmas dinner, please provide a festive packed lunch.

Pantomime

Children in Reception to Year 6 will be going to the panto on Thursday 18th December. This will be an afternoon performance, and children will need collecting from the Sub Rooms in Stroud at 3.30pm. Please see the letter sent out last week.



Live Life, Love Learning!



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/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!

There will be no school dinners on Thursday due to our early departure. **Please bring a packed lunch.**

Arrangements for Blossoms:

Pick up will be at 3pm on Thursday due to staffing arrangements. Blossoms should also bring a packed lunch.

Christingle Service

Our Christingle Service will take place in All Saints Church on Friday 19th December. Please join us for this festive service. The service will commence at 2.15pm and will last about 1 hour.

We will be joined by the children and families from Oakridge School.

At the end of the service the children will return to school to collect their belongings and then will be released for parents to take them home for Christmas. Children have been sent home with collection candles to raise funds for The Children's Society.



Vision and Values

Following on from the letter that was sent out at the end of last week regarding the review of our vision and values, we welcome feedback to help shape our vision.



Our Proposed Christian Vision and Values



[Our Proposed Christian Vision and Values – Fill in form](#)

After School Club – Last Week of Term

Due to the activities taking place in the last week of term, please note the following changes to After School Club Hours:

Wednesday 17th December – Only a half session available to 4.30pm due to filming at the Bisley Lock-Up

Thursday 18th December – Children at Panto with pick-up from Stroud

Friday 19th December – School finishes at 3.15pm after Christingle Service.





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 Christmas Raffle



A big thank you to all those who donated the wonderful prizes for our Christmas Raffle. Thank you to parents, staff and the wider community for buying the tickets.

A special thank you to Lizzie Morris for her hard work on behalf of the PTA in working with all her community contacts to secure the donations for the raffle.

The raffle raised £402 which will go to our PTA who work to improve our pupil's experiences at school by covering the cost of the transport to the Panto and many other such activities.

Gift Giving Grotto

The children really enjoyed the afternoon choosing and wrapping presents and having a delicious hot chocolate. Thank you to Miss Cratchley and Mrs Greenway for organising this. Thank you to our volunteers who helped on the day. A donation of £68 was given to the PTA after the cost of wrapping paper etc was paid for.

Thank you all for your support of this festive event.



ELSA Support

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Greenway, our Class 3 Teaching Assistant, will be supporting children across Bisley in her role as our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA).

Mrs Greenway will deliver short, focused sessions for pupils who may need help with their emotional wellbeing, friendships, confidence, or any challenges they may be facing. She will also be available on the playground each morning as a friendly, consistent point of contact for both children and parents, and will run a small invitation-only lunch club to offer additional support where needed.

This support will begin rolling out after Christmas, allowing time to settle into the new term. However, if you would like to speak to Mrs Greenway about ELSA support in the meantime, please feel free to catch her on the playground or contact the school office.

We are delighted to have Mrs Greenway's expertise helping to nurture and guide our pupils.

Drop Off and Pick Up Supervision

A polite reminder to parents and carers to ensure that they are monitoring their children on the playground when dropping off and picking up. We currently have skips on the grounds which we ask you to avoid as they may contain broken/sharp objects and could cause harm.

A Polite Reminder

Overcourt is the property next to the school. Its entrance way is next to our school gate. This is private property. Vehicles should not enter the property in order to turn around to exit School Road.

Road Closures - Update

There will be road closures in Bisley in December due to the BBC filming in the village for The Reluctant Vampire. Please see a map and dates below. The production team are aware that parents and staff will need to access the school and they will work around drop off and pick up times.

The main filming will take place on Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 18th December. Access will still be available to the school, but there will be no parking on George Street or the High Street – please allow plenty of time for school drop off.

After School Club will finish at 4.30pm on Wednesday 17th as the filming will be taking place at the Bisley Lock Up. Film crews will be setting up in the afternoon for filming after dark.

