



Bisley Blue Coat C of E School

Weekly Newsletter

Term 3 Newsletter 1: 5th January 2026

Diary Dates

JANUARY

5th INSET DAY - School Closed for Pupils
6th Return to School
6th Music Tuition resumes
12th Writing Open Lesson Event, 9am
15th New Reception places deadline

FEBRUARY

6th NSPCC Numbers Day
10th Safer Internet Day
13th Fabulous Friday Open Classrooms, 3.15pm

16th Start of Half Term
23rd Return to School

23rd—6th Heartwood Literature Festival

MARCH

2nd Notification Date for Secondary School Places
5th World Book Day & Cosy Reading
6th In the Net Performance at Nailsworth
11th Experience Easter, Gloucester Cathedral TBC
20th Sports Relief (Red Nose Day)
23rd Parents Evening, 3:30—6pm
25th Parents Evening, 3:30—6pm
27th Easter Service, Church, 2.15pm
27th Last day of Term— Break up for Easter

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.



Message from the Executive Headteacher

As we begin a new year, I would like to warmly welcome all our children, parents, carers and staff back to school and wish everyone a very Happy New Year. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable break and were able to spend time with family and friends. We are delighted to be back together for the start of the Spring Term, which promises to be an exciting and busy one, full of engaging learning opportunities and a range of events for our school

community to enjoy. We look forward to working in partnership with you as the term unfolds.

With love ♥

Mrs Broadbent

SEN Review Fortnight

We are pleased to inform parents and carers that next fortnight will be SEN Review Fortnight. During this time, parents/carers (along with their child, where appropriate) of pupils who are on the SEN Register and have a My Plan, My Plan+ or an EHCP are invited to meet with their child's class teacher.

The purpose of these meetings is to review progress and targets from last term and to agree new targets for the forthcoming term. We value these conversations and the opportunity to work in partnership with families to support each child's learning and development. Parents/carers are asked to make contact with their child's class teacher via EPrise or face to face to book an appointment at a mutually convenient time before Friday 16th January 2026.

If you would like the school-based SENCo or Mrs Bird, Federation SENCo, to attend the meeting, please make this known when booking your appointment.

We hope that these meetings prove useful and we thank you for your continued support.



Primary School Admissions – Important Deadline

The Gloucestershire County Council Primary School Admission deadline closes next Thursday 15th

January. If your child is due to start school in September 2026, it is essential that you submit your application by this date.

All applications must be completed online via Gloucestershire County Council. Parents and carers can list their preferred schools (up to three) and should ensure that all information is accurate and complete before submission.

Please note:

- Applications submitted after the deadline will be treated as late and may be less likely to be offered a place at your preferred school.
- If your child has an EHCP, admissions are handled separately through the SEND team.
- National Offer Day takes place in April, when parents/carers will be informed of their child's allocated school place.

If you require any support or guidance with the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Our value this term is
Perseverance



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



Join Us for Collective Worship



Pupil Wellbeing Survey 2026- Years 4, 5 and 6

As part of our Personal Development and PSHE curriculum, pupils will be invited to take part in a confidential and anonymous survey on health and wellbeing, led by Gloucestershire County Council. This survey helps us gather pupil voices and identify areas for improvement; this process adheres to UK GDPR and has been approved by the council's Information Governance team.

Opting out: Participation in the survey is voluntary; children and young people can choose not to participate at all, or they can skip individual questions/sections. If a pupil wishes to skip a question, simply click 'Next' and proceed to the next question. The only question that is mandatory is their year group.



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.



We are currently looking for a Midday Supervisor.

Please check the school website for more information or ask at the school office.

Music Tuition

If you would like your child to commence music tuition with Mr Dunn, our peripatetic music teacher, please ask at the school office.

Lessons take place each Tuesday.

Mr Dunn offers guitar or keyboard lessons.



School Closures

In the event that the school has to close due to bad weather, we will contact you at the earliest opportunity via EPrise, post on Social Media and post the closure on the school website and on Gloucestershire County Council website:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures>

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.



Did you know that Bisley Blue Coat has its very own Trust Fund?

Established at the end of 2019, the Trust Fund was created by parents of the school to provide a way of providing financial support to the school in these uncertain times. Due to events of the past few years, we have been on a snooze but feel now is the time to bring the Trust back to life. Your trustees will be sharing more information soon but, in the meantime, if you have any questions, would like more information or want to get involved, please send an email to bbctrustfund@gmail.com



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