



Bisley Blue Coat C of E School

Weekly Newsletter

Term 4 Newsletter 5: 23rd March 2026

Diary Dates

MARCH

23rd Parents Evening, 3:30—6pm

24th Experience Easter,
Gloucester Cathedral Class 3

24th – Newborn calves visit Class 1

26th Parents Evening, 3:30—6pm

27th Easter Service, Church,
2.15pm

27th Last day of Term— Break
up for Easter – **No After School
Club**

APRIL

30Mar – 12Apr – Easter Holidays

22nd – Y6 Grammar, Punctuation
& Spelling Tests

MAY

8th School Photos – Class &
Leavers

11th – 14th May – SATS week

14th May – Ascension Day

JUNE

29th – C3 Performance Playhouse

JULY

8-10 – Y5/6 Residential

*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

Perseverance

Message from the Executive Headteacher

As we begin the final week of the Spring Term at Bisley Blue Coat C of E Primary School, we look ahead to a week that brings together opportunities for reflection, partnership and shared experiences.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming families to our Parents' Evenings this week. These important conversations allow us to celebrate each child's achievements and discuss the next steps in their learning, strengthening the partnership between home and school.

On Tuesday, our Class 3 pupils will be visiting Gloucester Cathedral to take part in "Experience Easter." This is a special opportunity for the children to engage more deeply with the Christian story of Easter in a meaningful and interactive way, enriching their understanding as part of our life as a church school.

Also this week, our Class 1 children will be enjoying a Forest School trip to meet the calves. We are sure this will be a memorable and enriching experience, giving our youngest pupils the opportunity to connect with nature and learn more about the world around them.

On Friday at 2:15pm, we will come together for our Easter Service. This is always a significant moment in the school calendar, giving us time to reflect on the message of Easter—hope, sacrifice and new life. Families are warmly invited to join us as we gather in worship.

We will then break up for the Easter holidays at the end of the day on Friday, marking the close of a busy and successful term.

As a church school, this season reminds us of the importance of community, compassion and renewal. I would like to thank our staff for their continued dedication, and our children for the enthusiasm and positivity they bring to school each day.

Finally, I wish all our staff, children, parents and carers, and governors a peaceful and restful Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the Summer Term.

With love ♥

Mrs Broadbent

Parents Evenings

We would like to invite you to attend our upcoming Parent Consultation Evenings, which will take place on Monday 23rd and Thursday 26th March.

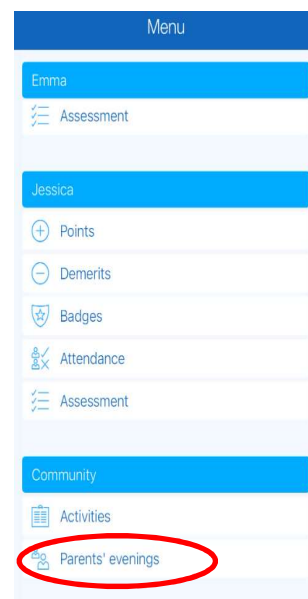
Appointments are available from 3:30pm to 6.00pm

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.



Weekly Reminders



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.

Reporting an absence.



Pupil Absences

If your child is absent from school, please call the school office by 9am stating the reason for absence. Alternatively, you can message the school via E-Praise.



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/>

Bear Inn Pub Quiz

A big thank you to all those who attended the pub quiz on Sunday 22nd March. The quiz was organised by the Bisley Bonfire Committee as part of their ongoing fundraising for the Bonfire & Fireworks night in November 2026.

The committee represents the four community groups of the Flower Show, All Saints Church, WI Village Hall and Bisley Blue Coat PTA.

The quiz raised over £100 for the PTA!



Attendance & Term Time Holidays

We are seeing an increase in the number of requests for time off during term time and wanted to take this opportunity to remind families of our position. In line with the DfE's statutory guidance *Working Together to Improve School Attendance* (August 2024), we are unable to authorise holidays taken during term time. Holidays are not considered an exceptional circumstance, and any absence of this nature will be recorded as unauthorised. Where a child reaches 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-week period, we are required to consider a Fixed Penalty Notice. Fines are issued per parent, per child — starting at £80 if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid within 28 days. We appreciate your understanding and support in ensuring your child is in school every day that they can be.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

We are planning to hold a second-hand uniform sale on 24-25 March.

Uniform will be placed under Class 3 Annexe and will be available for rummaging after school and at parent's evenings.

Please bring in any donations over the next couple of weeks.



We are currently looking for a Midday Supervisor.

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



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.



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

School Drop Off

We have noticed an increasing number of children being dropped off in the playground before 8.45am. Please be reminded that the school day does not begin until 8.45am, and until that time, children remain the responsibility of their parents and carers. Staff are not available to supervise pupils before this time, so we kindly ask that children are not left unattended in the playground prior to 8.45am. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to keep all of our children safe.



<https://www.parentpay.com/>

Parents are reminded to check ParentPay regularly to ensure that all payments are up to date.

There should be sufficient credit on your account before ordering school meals.

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.



Nut Free School

We now have an individual within our school community that has a severe nut allergy.

Please ensure therefore ensure that all food items brought into school are nut free.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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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Easter Extravaganza

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STALLS**

**SATURDAY 28TH MARCH
1:00-5:00PM**

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GUESTS**

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CENTRE**

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*Directed by
Cal McCrystal*

**2ND APR - 27TH SEP
2026**



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Fennells Farm, Stroud

2nd Apr – 20th April

10th Sept – 27th Sept

Minchinhampton Common

30 July – 10 Aug



Copsegrove Farm

Family Farm Open Day

Date: Sunday 26th April

Time: 11.30 - 4.30pm

Location: Copsegrove Farm, Bisley, GL6 7AH

Please come and join us at Copsegrove for the day to celebrate Spring and see what our farm is all about!

- Welsh Black calves
- Derek Blewgi, our handsome bull
- 12pm-2pm Meet Midnight and Moonlight the Owls
- Metal detecting for Roman relics
- Farmyard games
- Spring walk to woodland to toast marshmallows over open fire
- Hawthorne and Hare Morris dancers and music
- BBQ serving Copsegrove burgers, hot dogs & veggie options
- Teas, coffees and ice creams
- Bull pen bar (minus the bull!) soft drinks or something stronger

Limited tickets on sale now



£4.75 per adult, £2.50 per child

We hope very much to see you there!

Kate and Martin

www.copsegrovefarm.com





Forestry England

Magic of maples

Haiku competition

Under 18?

Westonbirt, the National Arboretum, in partnership with the British Haiku Society, is hosting a haiku competition.

Young writers can submit a maple-inspired haiku and enter the under-18s category celebrating emerging talent.

Submissions 1 - 31 March

forestryengland.uk/westonbirt/maple-haiku




All Seasons Forest School
Spring
WILD PLAY
HOLIDAY SESSIONS
Ages 5 - 12

EASTER
MARCH 31ST & APRIL 1ST
APRIL 7TH & 8TH

HALF TERM
MAY 26TH & 27TH

RODBOROUGH
SCOUT ACTIVITY SITE
& NATURE RESERVE

[HTTPS://BOOKWHEN.COM/ALLSEASONSFORESTSCHOOL](https://bookwhen.com/allseasonsforestschool)
contact@allseasonsforestschool.co.uk




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Easter Holidays Week One

Free Peter Rabbit activities and games

Tuesday 31st 10-12
Wednesday 1st April 10-12
Thursday 2nd April 10-12

Sunday 5th April – CLOSED!

Easter Holidays Week Two

Free Cruise Ship Kid themed activities

Wednesday 8th April 10-12
Thursday 9th April 10-12



SEN SESSIONS

Saturday 11th April

10-11am BE YOU Session
(For those who need space to be themselves and don't mind noise.)

11am-midday Quiet Hour
No music & calm atmosphere

Sunday 12th April
10am- 1pm Warehouse Open Day Open to all

2pm-4pm Dyslexia Awareness Afternoon.
Our popular dyslexia drop in session is back and we are very pleased to announce we will be joined once again by Dyslexia Assessor Kate Morris & members from Gloucestershire Dyslexia Association.
Join us for this free event to ask questions to the professionals, try useful resources such as coloured overlays and reading pens and meet other families who understand the world of dyslexia. We also stock the largest range of dyslexia friendly books in the South of England.

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DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION

All events are open to everyone - No need to book - All activities are free
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Building 12B Vantage Point, Mitcheldean, Gloucestershire, GL17 0DD
For more info please visit www.booksforbugs.co.uk

HAF Spring 2026 is coming!

Make sure you're signed up and ready to book!



Bookings open

Monday 23 March at midday

View events from midday on Friday 20 March.
Scan the QR code and press 'start onboarding' to begin your sign-up process.
Visit <https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk>



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HAF
holiday activities & food

Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

Love, Learn, Live as One

BRIMSCOMBE MILL

EASTER HOLIDAYS AT THE MILL

Pay as you can kids jacket potatoes 12-2

School of Larks Workshop

Daily craft table 10-12.30

Pool table, table tennis, games machine

Hannah Shaw Workshop

Daily Scavenger hunt with a prize

The Disgusting Sandwich

Craftermoons sessions

Visit the website for booking and the full programme



Kids Stuff Stroud

WHAT'S ON EASTER HALF TERM... Holiday fun

Kids Stuff will be hosting themed **daily craft tables** throughout the Easter holidays:
Monday 30th March - Saturday 11th April | 10am-12:30pm



Week 2: Tuesday 7th April - Saturday 11th April

Tuesday 7th Clothes Rummage: 10am-2pm
The first Tuesday of every month - come and have a rummage in our overstock boxes of sorted clothes - shop by size, prices start at 60p.

Tuesday 7th Craft Table: 10am-12:30pm
Hama Bead Easter Decorations

Wednesday 8th Craft Table: 10am-12:30pm
Bug on a Leaf

Thursday 9th Craft Table: 10am-12:30pm
Paper Bag Kite

Friday 10th Craft Table: 10am-12:30pm
Rainbow Collage

Saturday 11th Craft Table: 10am-12:30pm
Rainbow Streamers

All Offered: Drop-in, Join-in, Pay-As-You-Can
If you enjoy our activities and are able to, please pop a donation in the pot at the till or donate online. This helps us provide more sessions to support local families. Thank you!

No booking required. Activities subject to change. Children must be supervised.

The Long Table Stroud will provide **pay-as-you-can Jacket potatoes** throughout the Easter half-term holidays. Lunchtimes daily | 12-2pm
All event details here: www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk
Find us at: Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN



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