



Bisley Blue Coat C of E School

Weekly Newsletter

Term 5 Newsletter 5:11th May 2026

Diary Dates

MAY

11th—15th Year 6 SATS Week
12th Mossing of Figures, 2pm
13th Flowers onto
Figures, 1.30pm
14th Ascension Day Service &
Well Dressing, 1.15pm
14th No After School Club
20th Wonderful Wednesday
Open Classroom, 3.15pm
25th Start of Half Term

JUNE

1st June Return to School
1st - 4th Pre-School Visits for
New Reception
5th Sports Day with Oakridge
8th World Oceans Day
8th - 12th KS1 Phonics Screening
Week
8th - 12th Y4 Multiplication
Tables Check
9th Y6 Leavers Service Cathedral
Visit, 10.30am
12th Reserve Sports Day
15th New Reception Parents'
Meeting, 3.15pm
22nd New Reception Teddy
Bear's Picnic, 12pm
22nd—26th New Reception
Home Visits
22nd—1st Assessment Weeks
24th TK Open Morning 9-11am
25th TK Open Morning 9-11am
29th Class 3 Production,
Cotswold Playhouse

JULY

2nd—3rd Transition days
2nd New Reception Stay and Play
Session 1, 10am
3rd New Reception Stay and Play
Session 2, 2pm
8th—10th Class 3 Residential,
Wilderness Centre
10th Reports to Parents/Carers
13th—17th SEN Review Meetings



Message from the Executive Headteacher

This week is an incredibly important one for our school community.

Firstly, we would like to wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best as they take part in their SATs assessments this week. The children have worked exceptionally hard and shown great determination and resilience throughout the year. We are

immensely proud of them all already. We encourage them to approach each day with confidence, take their time, and simply do their very best — that is all we ask. We know they will shine.

This week is also one of the most significant weeks in Bisley's church calendar — Ascension Week. Ascension marks the Christian celebration of Jesus ascending into heaven, forty days after Easter. It is a time of reflection, hope, and joy for Christians, symbolising new beginnings and the promise of God's continued presence.

In Bisley, this tradition holds a special place within our community, bringing together school, church, and village in a shared celebration that has been upheld for many years.

Our children will be actively involved in the week's events:

- Tuesday: Class 3 will moss the figures
- Wednesday: Class 3 will decorate the figures with flowers
- Thursday: We will come together for our special Ascension Service at 1:15pm in the church

Following the service:

- 2:00pm: Dressing of the village wells
- 2:30pm: Tea, coffee, and cake in the Village Hall — all are warmly welcome

We very much look forward to sharing this special time together and celebrating both the hard work of our children and the rich traditions of our community.

With love ♥

Mrs Broadbent

Ascension Week

Thursday 14th is Ascension Day, the service is at 1.15pm in the church and everyone is welcome. Directly after the service, Class 3 will arrange themselves in the playground ready for the procession to the Wells (other classes and parents to follow).



Parents of children in Year 6, you will be invited to stay behind at the Wells for a photographic opportunity. After the Blessing at Wells, you are all cordially invited to join us for tea and cake at the Village Hall. A kindly reminder, that when you leave the Village Hall children are signed out with their Class teacher. Please sign up on the office noticeboard to help with the organisation of the day. It can't happen without your support!

**17th Year 6 Leavers Service,
2.15pm Church
17th Last Day of Term - Break up
for Summer
20th INSET DAY - School Closed
for Pupils**

*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
FRIENDSHIP**



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.



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.

Class 3 only

Friday 8th - Year 6 photos in Ascension costumes (during the school day).

Tuesday 12th – 2pm onwards - Mossing of the Figures

Wednesday 13th – 1.30pm – Flowers onto the Figures

Thursday 14th All other members of the community are invited to bring a posy of flowers to the Wells, buckets will be left of water on the playground to keep these fresh until collection for the procession.

We invite you to make a donation to our chosen charity of Dig Deep Africa who put clean water into villages in Kenya. The charity has links to the village.

Please note that there will be no after school club on Ascension Day.



Wonderful Wednesday!

Next Wednesday 20th May is our next Federation Open Classroom event. This is an opportunity for children to share with their parents/carers what they have been learning about this term. Once children have been dismissed as usual, parents/carers are invited back into the

classroom with their child to look at their child's books & displays. A member of school staff will also be on hand in case you have any questions. We hope this provides you with another useful opportunity to expose you to what your child is experiencing in school.

Breakfast Club

Please note that breakfast is only served up to 8.25am so that children have time to eat before the start of school.



Younger Siblings

A polite reminder that as we head into busy pick-up times, we kindly remind all families to help keep our playground a safe space for everyone. If you are collecting siblings, please ensure younger children stay close to you and are supervised at all times. Please encourage children to walk calmly, be aware of others and avoid using bikes or scooters on the playground. By staying attentive and modelling safe behaviour, we can work together to ensure the playground remains a happy and secure environment for all our community. Thank you for your support with this.

Bear Inn Parking

The Bear Inn kindly allow parents to use their car park for drop off and pick up. Please do not park in front of or side of the Bear as this blocks access. You should not be parking by their garden area where the picnic tables are. Thank you for respecting their private space.





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!



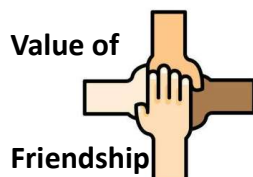
No Dogs on Site

A kind reminder that no dogs are permitted on site except for therapy or assistance dogs, or those that are purely passing

Celebration Worship - Last Week's Awards



Class 1 - Milo
Class 2 - Jessie
Class 3 – Harvey



Class 1 - Rupert
Class 2 – Walter
Class 3 – Ruby



Class 1 - Matilda
Class 2 – Teddy
Class 3 – Seren



All Saints Church – Ice Cream Fridays

Ice cream will be served in the church at the end of the day on Fridays during the summer term.

Enjoy!

SEND Reform

As part of the governments proposed changes to SEND all stakeholders are invited to respond to the proposals.

[SEND reform: putting children and young people first - Department for Education - Citizen Space](#)

It is a lengthy survey, but it is important that families of SEND children have their say. The survey closes on the 18th of May.



SEND REFORM

Putting children and young people first



Atlas Sports – KS1 After School Club

A reminder to sign up for the after school club that will run each Wednesday from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Printed copies of the letter are available in the school office.

Bikeability Holiday Course – May Half Term

Gloucestershire County Council is running a Bikeability Holiday Course during the May half term for pupils who may have missed Bikeability training in school, or who would like additional practice. This is a great opportunity for children to build confidence, independence and essential road safety skills through cycling. There will also be



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



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.

additional courses offered later in the year during the summer holidays and October half-term.

For further information and booking details, please visit:

<https://www.thinktravel.info/upcoming-events/bikeability-holiday-courses>



<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.

Thomas Keble Open Mornings

June 24th and June 25th

9am – 11am

<https://www.thomaskeble.gloucs.sch.uk/>

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS... SORTED ✓
Trusted Ofsted-registered kids clubs children love!

Every day packed with games, sports & lots of fun!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS
OFSTED REGISTERED
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WHAT WE GET UP TO...

- GET ACTIVE: Football, Dodgeball, Gymnastics, Nerf Wars
- GET CREATIVE: Arts & Crafts, Face Painting, Slime Making, Glitter Tattoos
- OR CHILL: Board Games, Marble Run, Lego, Top Trumps

...and the best part, children always get to choose!

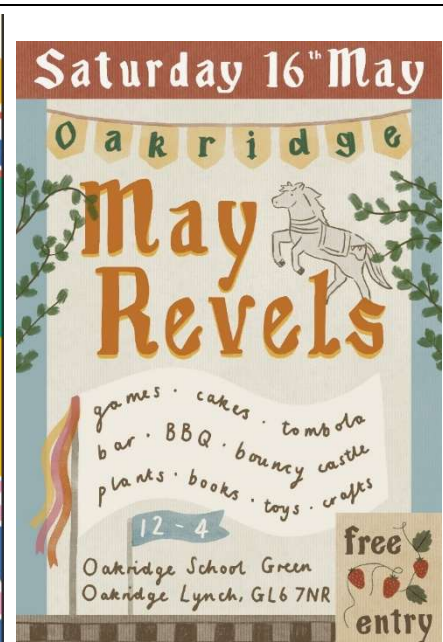
WHY PARENTS CHOOSE atlas camps

- ★ Ofsted-registered
- ★ Award-winning childcare
- ★ Accepts childcare vouchers & Tax-free childcare
- ★ Designed for ages 4-14

BOOK NOW - LIMITED PLACES

Scan the QR code to see dates & venues near you, or visit: atlas.camps.co.uk





Let's Talk about Domestic Abuse

The Sanctuary, Brimscombe Mill

at 6.30 to 8.30pm
on Thursday May 14th

Would you like to understand more about domestic abuse?

Can you listen to and have supportive, sensitive conversations if someone close to you needs help?

Would you recognise signs of coercive control?

Stroud Women's Refuge invite you to join us for an evening to learn about how domestic abuse affects the lives of women and children around us. This is an opportunity for you to hear about the work of Stroud Women's Refuge from our staff and survivors. There will be time for you to talk to us and ask any questions you may have.

This event would be a good introduction for anyone wondering how they can advocate for women and children in families, communities, work places, churches, and social clubs... or anyone who would like to help us keep women safe and support our work. Let's build safer communities together!

The bar at The Long Table will be selling refreshments until 8pm

To reserve a place, scan the QR code below. This is a FREE event.



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

At Kids Stuff Stroud



Monday 25th - Friday 29th May

Daily Craft Tables: 10am-12:30pm

Suitable for all ages and abilities.



Tuesday 26th - Orbeez Stress Balls

Make a water bead Orbeez stress ball, squidge, squeeze and shape sensory fun.



Wednesday 27th - Sharpie Tie Dye

Get designing and tie dying with coloured sharpies. Take home your own design on fabric!



Thursday 28th - Badge Making

Get making your own badge, draw, collage, decorate your own design and wear it with pride!



Friday 29th - Skewer Sculpture

Get creative with paper, beads and clay and make a colourful Skewer sculpture!



Saturday 30th - Toilet Roll Windsocks

Recycle a toilet roll and transform it into a colourful windsock to enjoy in your garden, window or bedroom!



Scavenger Hunt all week - Pick up a sheet from the till area



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 need to book - A member of the team will be hosting 10:30am-12pm

The Long Table will be offering **pay-as-you-can lunches and kids jacket potatoes** throughout the Half term holiday. Lunchtimes daily, 12-2pm *Subject to availability
All event details here: www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk
Find us at: Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN
@strouddistrictkidsstuff Stroud District Kids Stuff



WHAT'S ON MAY POP-UP SALES



We are excited to be popping up with sales across Gloucestershire this May

Saturday 16th May

Nailsworth Festival - 10am - 3pm

Nailsworth Festival, Mortimer Gardens, 17 Fountain St, Nailsworth, Stroud GL6 0BL

Find us at the Nailsworth Festival Market, we will be bringing Kids Stuff's circular economy shop to the market with toys, games, books and clothes for ages (0-12 years), TeenStuff (12-16 years), and a family drop-in craft table.

Saturday 24th May

St John Churchdown & Innsworth - 10am-12:30pm

St John the Evangelist Churchdown and Innsworth, Johns Ave, Gloucester GL3 2DB

We are bringing our Circular Economy pop-Up Sale back again to St John the Evangelist Churchdown and Innsworth to support local families this spring. There will also be Pay-as-you-can refreshments available.

May Half Term Family Fun - 10am-1pm

FREE - Drop in - All Welcome

Kids Stuff in partnership with Family Action, Sportily and World Jungle are inviting community partners to join us with planning a number of pop-up events this May half term.

Bringing families together this May half term with free fun, food and activities, an affordable Kids essentials pop-up sale and community support - everyone welcome.

Tuesday 26th - Stonehouse, Old Ends Park

Oldends Lane Playing Fields, Oldends Lane, Stonehouse, GL10 2DG

Wednesday 27th - Dursley, Treetops Family Centre

Treetops Children and Family Centre, School Rd, Dursley GL11 4NZ

Thursday 28th - Upper Rissington, Village Hall

Upper Rissington Village Hall, GL54 2QW

Friday 29th - Bourton-On-The-Water

Naught Park, GL54 2AR



All event details here: www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk

Find us at: Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN

@strouddistrictkidsstuff

Stroud District Kids Stuff



The Christian Community
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2026**

Saturday 25th July – Saturday 1st August **7 DAYS**

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Uckfield,
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World Textiles Weekend 2026

SATURDAY, May 16th

10.00am - 5.00pm

SUNDAY, May 17th

10.00am - 4.00pm

Bisley Village Hall, Manor Street,
Nr STROUD, Gloucestershire, GL6 7BJ

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Delicious food by the lovely Jo - offering coffee, teas, cakes and light lunches.
Admission £1.00, children under 15 free. Please bring cash
See our website for more details
www.textilefairs.co.uk



Information from Bailey Curtis on 01452 877007
baileycurtistextiles@gmail.com or www.textilefairs.co.uk

Wonderful World Textiles Include

- Imogen Catling** - Lovely woven shawls and throws from Kutch
- Linda Cuff** - Textiles, workwear and trimmings from England and France
- Martin Conlan of Slow Loris** - Tribal textiles from Southwest China
- Nataliya Cummings from Experience Ukraine** - Handmade rugs, embroidered ethnic dresses and homewares
- Sallie Ead** - exotic textiles and wearables from Asia and other faraway lands
- John Gilhew** - African, Indian and South East Asian Textiles plus his own textile books
- Diane Logan** - Upcycled garments from blankets, tablecloths and more
- Polly Lyster** - Hand Dyed indigo clothes, accessories and homeware
- Dorothy Reglar** - Beautiful Handmade designer clothes (Saturday Only)

Outside

- Fabazaar** - Wonderful wearables & homewares from India and beyond
- Naomi Ocean** - Eclectic selection of handmade wearable world textiles, hangings & throws from Peruvian Mantas to Uzbek Suzanis
- Michael Parish** - Handmade Alpaca weavings, plus knitted sweaters & ponchos from Peru and Bolivia

www.textilefairs.co.uk

<https://bisleywivillagehall.org/>

Bisley WI Village Hall



Open Space for
parties, events
and classes



Theatre Space
for formal
performances



Meeting Space



Formal
Dining



Café Space for
informal eating



A live music
venue



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A fully-equipped
kitchen