



Bisley Blue Coat C of E School

Weekly Newsletter

Term 1 Newsletter Week 7: 12th October 2026

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

14th Class 2 Swimming
 15th Harvest Service, Church, 2.30pm
 16th Class 2 Forest School
 19th Individual and Sibling School Photographs
 19th - Parents Evening, 3:30—6.30pm
 20th - New Reception Worship with Parents, 2:40pm
 21st - Parents Evening, 3:30—4.30pm
 21st - Whole School Flu Immunisations
 23rd - Start of Half Term
 31st - Closing Date for Secondary School Places Applications for September 2026

NOVEMBER

2nd Return to school
 5th Class 2 Stroud Book Festival
 6th Class 1 Stroud Book Festival
 13th Children In Need

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
 GENEROSITY**



This week, across Heartwood Federation, we celebrate Harvest - a special time in the Christian calendar when we give thanks to God for the food we eat, the land that sustains us, and all those who work hard to grow, produce and provide our food. Harvest reminds us of the importance of gratitude for the blessings we have, while also encouraging us to think about those who may not have enough. It is a time to reflect on how we can share what we have with others and put our Christian values into action.

At Heartwood, our core values of *love, respect and perseverance* are at the heart of everything we do. We want our children to understand that these values extend beyond our school gates and into the wider community. One charity particularly close to our hearts is the food bank, which provides vital support to individuals and families experiencing difficult times. This is especially meaningful to us because some of our own Heartwood families access this support. We know that circumstances can change for anyone, and that a little kindness and generosity can make a real difference.

As we celebrate Harvest, I would encourage every family who is able to do so to consider donating to our food bank collection. Please look out for the list of requested items later in this newsletter. Every contribution, however small, can help another family and demonstrate to our children the true meaning of compassion, community and looking after one another.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and for helping us to live out our Heartwood vision: placing children at the heart of all we do, nurturing love, respect and lifelong learning.

With love ♥

Mrs Broadbent
 Executive Headteacher



It's wonderful to see how many opportunities our children have each week to learn, explore and grow. Alongside developing new skills, they continue to demonstrate our vision of *Love, Learn, Live as One* through their enthusiasm, resilience and support for one another.

This week, Class 2 will be enjoying their swimming lessons. Learning to swim is such an important life skill, and these sessions provide a valuable opportunity for the children to develop their water confidence, independence and perseverance. We look forward to hearing how they get on!

On Friday, Class 2 will also be taking part in Forest School. Forest School offers valuable opportunities for children to learn through hands-on experiences in the outdoors, developing their teamwork, problem-solving skills, confidence and connection with the natural world. We know the children always look forward to these sessions and enjoy the chance to explore, create and learn in a different environment.

On Thursday at 2.30pm, we will be celebrating Harvest at church. Harvest is an important time in the Christian calendar when we give thanks for the food we have, reflect on the people who help to provide it and consider how we can support those who may be experiencing difficult times. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community and think about how we can show love and respect to others.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we are supporting our local food bank, which provides vital help to families in our community, including some of our own school families. If you are able to contribute, please look out for the list of requested items elsewhere in this newsletter. Every donation, however small, can make a real difference and helps us to show our children the importance of kindness, generosity and looking after one another.

Thank you for your continued support and for being part of our Bisley Blue Coat family. I hope you have a wonderful week!

Warm wishes,

Amy Ward
 Head of School

Love, Learn, Live as One

Weekly Reminders



Swimming

Class 2 continue their swimming lessons **every Wednesday** for 10 weeks, this week will be week 4.



A reminder of PE days:

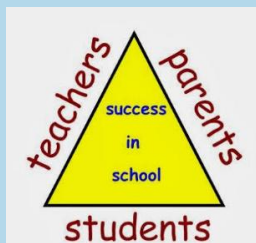
Class 1-

Tuesday and Friday

Class 2-Swimming and Forest School

Children can come into school in their PE kits on their PE day.

Communication Policy



The strongest outcomes for children come when pupils, parents/carers and school staff work together. This partnership is at the heart of everything we do and helps ensure that every child is happy, supported and successful in school.

We want to work closely with families and encourage parents and carers to contact us if they have any questions, concerns or information that may help us support their child. We can only help with issues that we know about, and early communication



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

Or drop off at our warehouse: Unit 19, Canal Iron Works, Hope Mill Lane, Brimscombe, 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://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk>



Stroud District Foodbank Registered Charity in England & Wales 1176286 office@strouddistrictfoodbank.org.uk

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on **Thursday 15th October at 2.30pm All Saints Church**. We will be collecting donations for Stroud Food Bank – please see the flyer on the left for the most needed items. We will be collecting donations from Monday 6th October – **please leave your donations in the porch by the school office**. Anything you can offer will be greatly received.

Copsegrove Farm Forest School

Class 2 will return to Copsegrove Farm this week for Forest School. Please remember that they must dress appropriately: long sleeved top, long trousers and sensible footwear- please bring a waterproof jacket just in case. In addition, please send in their school uniform and school shoes to change into if they get dirty or wet.



School Photographs

Children's school photographs will be taken on **Monday 19th October**.

If you do not wish your child to be included, please contact the office before this date.



Parents Evening

Appointments will take place on:

Monday 19th October

⌚ 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Wednesday 21st October

⌚ 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Each appointment is 10 minutes long.

To book your appointment:

1. Log in to Epraise
2. Click on the three dots (...) on the home screen
3. Select Parents' Evening
4. Choose your preferred date and time

To ensure that all appointments run smoothly and fairly, please arrive promptly for your allocated time slot. Unfortunately, due to the tight schedule, late arrivals will be turned away and may need to arrange an alternative appointment at a later date. We look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's progress.



often means that concerns can be resolved quickly and positively.

As a reminder, our Communication Policy asks that any concerns are raised through the following steps:

1. Speak with your child's Class Teacher in the first instance.
2. If the matter remains unresolved, speak with the Head of School or Executive Deputy Headteacher.
3. If further discussion is needed, contact the Executive Headteacher.

By following these steps and maintaining open, respectful communication, we can continue to work together in the best interests of every child. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.



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_informatio

Whole School Flu Immunisations

We are due to visit your school on the morning of Wednesday 21st October 2026 to deliver the flu vaccinations, to all consented students.

Please find attached parent/guardian letter which includes information about the vaccination, a link to the online consent form which includes the Unique Reference Number (URN) specifically for your school.

Bisley Blue Coat C of E Primary School

<https://www.ghcimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=GC115612>

The link will close at midday on the working day before your schools scheduled session date, all forms will need to be submitted prior to this date and we would appreciate your help with any reminders you would be able to send out before this via your website, social media or email/text systems.

We would kindly ask that you send this out this out as soon as you receive it to parents/guardians of all pupils within your School of all Reception up to and including Year 6 students.

If you do not already have access to our online consent system where you can log in to monitor returned forms then please contact our team via your school email address.

We would kindly ask that schools:

- Confirm that they have sent out the parent information with link included.
- Email us with a list of all pupils attending your school, this list should include the child's full name, date of birth, email address and contact telephone number of parents/carers. Please confirm your cohort sizes in each year group.
- We would kindly ask that you add the session date, unique school link with code (see below) to the online consent form to your school websites or whatever communication means you have.

If you have identified any parent/guardian that is unable to access the consent form online then please ask them to call us for assistance on 0300 421 8140. They can also access information regarding the flu vaccinations in 29 different languages via this link [Flu vaccination for children: leaflets and posters - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Should you have any further questions or concerns then please contact the team on 0300 421 8140 or email FluImmunisation@ghc.nhs.uk **prior to Monday 7th September as after this date our email address to the new one above.**

We would kindly ask if you could respond please to this email to confirm that you have sent out the letter with the link and school code.

As part of the Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust, Children & Young Peoples Services we are trying to reduce any unnecessary administrative burden that both teams place on schools with class list requests.

In previous years, class lists with contact details have been used solely for the delivery of the School Immunisation Programme. We are aware that the School Nursing team also request class lists and contact details to deliver the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) and Vision Screening which commences after October half-term.

From Monday 14th September 2026 we will share the relevant class lists (Reception and Year 6) with our School Nursing colleagues to support the delivery of their programmes.

This collaborative approach is intended to make the process simpler for schools while supporting the efficient delivery of these important public health services.

The sharing of this information is covered by the existing ICS Data Sharing Agreements, and Information Governance leads for both Gloucestershire County Council and Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust have confirmed the lawful basis for this data sharing.

Click on the link below for Government guidance on sharing personal data for the School Immunisation programme.

- [Data protection in schools - Sharing personal data - Guidance - GOV.UK](#)

[n/policies/policies.html](https://heartwoodfederation.co.uk/policies/policies.html) or
<https://heartwoodfederation.co.uk/Key-Information/Policies/>



Mobile Phone Disclaimer

A reminder that generally, we do not encourage children to bring mobile phones into school. We do however, understand that some older children do, as they use them to communicate with parents/carers when travelling to and from school. Should your child bring a mobile phone into school, these **MUST** be handed into the School Office.

The mobile phone remains your responsibility and we will not take responsibility for any loss or damage to devices.

COLLECTION

School Contact List & Collection Policy

A kind reminder for parents/carers to return their 'Walking home from school' consent slip if they have not done so already. In addition, please ensure that your contact list is up to date with the school office – we suggest that your 3 contacts are people who you authorise to collect your child from school. Our policy is that we only dismiss to people on your child's contact list. If somebody else is collecting, please make a note in your child's Reading Record and sign it to give permission.



Safeguarding

Please help us to keep our children safe. When you leave the school and you know we have children on site, please ensure the school gates are closed behind you. Many thanks for your support.

Click on the link below for Government guidance on sharing personal data for the NCMP programme, scroll down to Supporting delivery of the NCMP in your school.

- [National Child Measurement Programme: information for schools - GOV.UK](#)

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. We greatly appreciate your help in enabling us to deliver these important services to children and young people. Should you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact us.

A Special Welcome for Our New Reception Children

On **Tuesday 20th October**, 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 Tuesday 20th in school. We look forward to sharing this moment with you as we welcome the newest members of our school family.



Best Dressed Pumpkin Competition

We are running a 'Best Dressed Pumpkin' competition amongst the school and the community. You can carve, decorate or dress up your pumpkin and post your picture to our Bisley Blue Coat Primary School Facebook page with your first name, or email to admin@bisleybluecoat.gloucs.sch.uk.

Pupils can also bring their entry into school to display before the closing date. We would love as many of you to take part as possible, there is no entry fee and there will be prizes for the winner and runners up!

Good luck!





OCTOBER HALF-TERM



Kids Stuff Fancy Dress Corner All Week! 9.30am-5pm
 Kids Stuff will be hosting a fancy dress up corner all week leading up to Halloween. Come down and pick up a Halloween outfit, from Moana to Spiderman what will you find at Kids Stuff?
 *While stocks last

CRAFT TABLES 10am - 12pm

 **Monday 26th October**
Autumn Wreath
 **Tuesday 27th October**
Pumpkin Carving
Kids Stuff craft table hosts the annual family Pumpkin Carving.
 **Wednesday 28th October**
Spooky Snake
 **Thursday 29th October**
Pinecone Bats
 **Friday 30th October**
Spider Crown
 **Saturday 31st October**
Toilet Roll Mummies

No booking required, just drop-in and join-in.
Offered Pay-as-you-can. Aimed at 3-11 years.

Please check full schedule at www.brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays and www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk/activities *Activities subject to change. *Children must be supervised.
All School holiday events here: www.brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays
 Find us at: Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN



OCTOBER HALF-TERM



CRAFT TABLES

Daily Monday - Saturday
Monday 26th - Saturday 31st October

10am - 12pm



Craft · Create · Play
 A different craft each day, hosted by Kids Stuff



Offered: Drop-in, join-in, Pay-as-you-can!
All ages welcome

Activities subject to change. Children must be accompanied by an adult



Find us: Kids Stuff Stroud, Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN
www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk @stroudkidsstuff Stroud District Kids' Stuff




Book and Music Shops

In Memory of

Dolly Parton

Dolly's *Imagination Library* helped millions of children learn to read by sending out free books.

In honour of Dolly's **Imagination Library**, our shops at Brimscombe and Stonehouse will give a **FREE BOOK to every child, under 16yrs**, who visits us at either of the Book & Music Shops until 31st October.



Our shops:

STONEHOUSE 10am - 4pm
 Wednesdays • Thursdays • Fridays • Saturdays
 2-6 Queen's Road, Stonehouse, GL10 2QA
 07503 881 295 / 07761 902 967

BRIMSCOMBE 10am - 4pm
 Tuesdays • Thursdays • Fridays • Saturdays
 Brimscombe Hill, Stroud, GL5 2QN
 01453 703717 / 07761 902 967 bookshop@cotswoldcanals.org

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cirencesterhistoryfestival.org






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WILD PLAY
HOLIDAY SESSIONS**
Ages 5+
Greenwood Whittling & Seasonal Craft
Campfires . Foraging . Cooking
Free play . Games
Community & Friendship
**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 28TH & 29TH
9AM - 3PM | £37 PER CHILD | SIBLING
DISCOUNT**
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SCOUT ACTIVITY SITE
& NATURE RESERVE



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



**THE BIG
BISLEY
BONFIRE
NIGHT BASH**
5.30PM-9PM
SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER
AT KGV PLAYING FIELD
KIDS 5-17 £4 (UNDER 5s FREE)
ADULTS 18+ £8
GROUP (2+2) £18



BONFIRE / FIREWORKS
GUY COMPETITION GLOW TOYS
SWEETS CHILLI BURGERS DRINKS
**TICKETS (CASH ONLY) FROM THE BEAR &
BISLEY FARM SHOP, OR ONLINE FROM**
WWW.TICKETSOURCE.COM

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