

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a relaxing summer, made the most of the glorious weather and enjoyed some quality family time. It has been lovely seeing all the children again and hearing about their trips and adventures.

We would also like to welcome our new preschool and reception children and their families, as well as those across the school. We are looking forward to working together with you all to ensure your children are happy and thrive whilst at Brimscombe.

Finally, we extend our warmest welcome to Mrs Newman who will be assisting all classes in Teaching Assistant role.

Term Dates

Term one: Tuesday 1st September – Friday 23rd October

Term two: Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Term three: Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

Term four: Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

Term five: Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Term six: Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July

Inset Days

School will be closed to all pupils on the following days:

- Monday 2nd November
- Monday 22nd February
- Monday 3rd May (Bank Holiday)
- Friday 28th May

Event Reminders

September

- 14th – After school clubs start
- 15th – Violin / trumpet lessons restart
- 16th – Mad Science after school club starts
- 18th – Guitar lessons restart

October

- 23rd – End of Term One
- 26th-30th – Half term (Camp Mon-Wed)

November

- 4th-6th – Stroud Book Festival
- 13th – Flu immunisations

Weekly Reminders

- Mucky Mondays – Ladybirds and Robins
- Forest School - Wednesdays (see below)
- Rocksteady - Wednesdays

Attendance

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you how important attendance at school is to ensure that your child can make the most of all the learning opportunities offered and make the best progress possible. The Department of Education have published data that clearly shows the link between attendance and attainment. This highlights the fact that there will be a negative impact on your child's education if attendance is not consistently above 95% throughout their schooling.

It is also important for children to be in school on time each morning. Doors will open at 08:45 (permit holders who access the morning drop-off can have access from 08:30) and all children need to be in class for registers at 08:55.

Please support us by booking holidays out of term time and ensuring your child is in school (on time) every day unless they are too poorly to attend.

Whole school attendance for the last seven days was 96.4%,

Individual class totals are:

Robins 96.9%
Dragonfly 98.8%
Kingfisher 91.1%
Otter 98.9%

Reminders

Please ensure that all items brought into school (coats, water bottles, bags, jumpers, wellies etc.) are clearly labelled with your child's name. This will hopefully reduce the amount of lost property that accumulates in reception,

Please also ensure your child always brings a coat to school every day – especially with the temperamental weather.

ParentPay

Please ensure any ParentPay debts from last academic year are settled as soon as possible.

Uniform

A gentle reminder for children to please wear school uniform and shoes in accordance with our Uniform Policy.

Term 1

11th September 2026

Safeguarding

If you do ever have any safeguarding concerns, or to wish to discuss any issues, please contact one of the following at school:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Brown

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Sarson

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead / SENCo: Mrs Bateman

Safeguarding Governor: Mr Morris-Wyatt

Forest School

Our children are fortunate to take part in a weekly Forest School session on Wednesday afternoons. To ensure all classes can benefit from this experience, these sessions are rotated each term as follows:

Term one: Dragonfly

Term two: Kingfisher

Term three: Otter

Term four: Dragonfly

Term five: Kingfisher

Term six: Otter

Please ensure to send your child in with a coat, wellies and (if you have them) waterproof trousers or an all-in-one-suit. As the weather changes, they may also need gloves and a hat. Kindly note, the same requirements are needed for 'Mucky Mondays' for Ladybirds and Robins.

Parking

Please adhere to the 'Morning Drop-Off' scheme introduced by Mrs Brown on Monday. To confirm, the school gates will be locked from 08:45. Prior to this time, only those with permits will be allowed entrance to the school.

Please also do not park on the zigzags at the front of school. This is clearly marked and must be abided by for safety reasons.

Young Voices

Mrs Sarson has spoken to children in Years 4-6 about taking part in Young Voices 2027. The concert has been booked for Tuesday 12th January 2027.

Rehearsals will begin at lunchtime on Thursday (17th) once we have a confirmed list of attendees.

Please discuss this with your child(ren) over the weekend so they can let Mrs Sarson know on Monday.

Please note the deadline for parent sign-up for t-shirts, merchandise etc. is Wednesday 30th September.

Holiday Camp!

I am thrilled to announce, "Mr A" (ex-Atlas / PE teacher to your children) is returning to Brimscombe 😊.

Through his new company, Proformance Coaching, Mr A will be running fun-filled multi-activity holiday camps at the school for children from Reception upwards.

The first camp will take place during the October half-term holiday, running from Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th October. Please see the attached poster for more information and booking details.

Swimming

If you have not already confirmed your child needs swimming lessons (years 3-6), please let me know as soon as possible so I can finalise arrangements.

Music Lessons – Spaces

Both Saffron (string instruments, trumpets and / or clarinet) and Richard (guitar) have spaces for children looking to learn.

If your child is interested in starting lessons, please let me know and I will introduce you.

Class Updates

In **Ladybirds**, our existing and new children have settled amazingly and are loving their time spent with Robins. They have enjoyed starting their 'Marvellous Me' journey by creating self-portraits using crayons, savouring every last minute of summer in their 'shell shop' and having great fun making a large obstacle course outside.

The children in **Robins** have been very brave starting in their new class, exploring their environment and making new friends. They have been learning new songs and reading stories related to their 'Marvellous Me' topic. The children have been using mirrors to make their faces out of playdough and draw themselves using wax crayons.

Dragonfly have been reading 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers as part of their topic learning about our world. Next week, the children will be exploring their local area to help them create an information leaflet.

Kingfisher have been learning about volcanoes in Geography and using atlases to find mountain ranges. In Writing, they have started their myth work about King Midas and the Golden Touch.

Otters have been learning about Romeo and Juliet including the themes within the narrative version, investigating electricity whilst also considering renewable and non-renewable energy and discussing British values and what they mean to us.