



Term 4
14th March 2025

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this finds you well. The children continue to work hard and are very much settled into this term.

In **Ladybirds**, the children have been learning about animals who live under the sea and in the jungle. They have explored the woodlands and measured the length of a hammerhead shark - it was bigger than expected!

In **Robins**, the children made gingerbread men to go with their story writing about the traditional tale. They have been learning about plants in science and are growing peas.

Dragonfly class have also been learning about plants in science. They conducted an experiment to find out what plants need to grow and be healthy. They have also been potting and digging in outdoor learning with Carrie.

Our **Kingfisher** children are continuing learning about earth and space. They are writing biographies about the NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson and are also busy practising for the Country Dance Festival on Thursday 27th March.

Otter class have just finished a mock SATs week. They have been practising reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPAS) as well as maths. They also ran a multi-skills PE day for the whole school alongside Mr A from Atlas.

Attendance

We are continuing to focus on improving attendance and punctuality. Thank you for ensuring your child/ren are in school as much as possible.

As a reminder, school doors open at 8:45am and registers are taken at 8:55am. Registers close at 9:00am when children begin their learning.

Our whole school attendance percentage for the last two weeks is 93.7% - a huge improvement on the previous fortnight! A special well done to Year 6 who have had the highest attendance with 98.3%.

Event Reminders

Our classes are very busy this term so here are a few reminders:

- Robin class do 'Mucky Mondays' every Monday so if they would like to bring in some waterproofs that would be very helpful.
- Dragonfly class are heading to Dr Jenner's Museum on Monday 7th April.
- Kingfisher class are taking part in the Country Dancing Festival on Thursday 27th March.

Lost property

The lost property box in the school foyer is full. If your child has lost something, please take a few minutes to pop in and have a look. Towards the end of term, we will empty the box and all unclaimed uniform will be included in the FOBS second hand sale.

School lunches

The cutoff time for ordering cooked lunches is 10:30am. If your child is due to arrive at school after this time, please call ahead and let us know so we can order a school lunch in time.

Parents Evening

We are holding parents' evenings next week (Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th). If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time! The clipboards are in the foyer or please email admin@brimscombe.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange another time. Kindly note, there will be no clubs on these days.

Bikeability - Year 5

Year 5 children need to get their bikes ready for Bikeability happening week beginning Monday 7th April. The children will be taught on the school playground and then taken out onto the road to learn how to stay safe on their bikes.

We are a NUT FREE school. Thank you for your continued efforts to keep lunch boxes and snacks nut free.

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KEY DATES

March

19th/20th – Parents' evenings (no clubs)
27th – Spring Book Fair
27th – Stroud Country Dance Festival
31st-4th April – Assessment week

April

1st – April Fools 'break the rules!' (FOBS fundraiser)
2nd – Spring Book Fair ends
w/c 7th - Bikeability (Year 5)
7th - Dragonfly trip to Dr Jenner's House Museum
9th – Rocksteady concert
11th - Walks with Hawks (09:30-11:30)
11th – Easter egg hunt - FOBS fundraiser (PM)
11th - Easter service at school (PM)
11th - Break up for Easter
28th – Term 5 begins

May

1st – School closed for polling
5th - Bank Holiday (May Day)
w/c 12th – SATs week (Year 6)
23rd – Break up for half term

June

2nd - Term 6 begins
3rd – Multiplication Check (Year 4)
w/c 9th - PGL (Year 6) / Enrichment Week
9th-11th – Phonics screening (Year 1)
18th – Sports day (weather permitting!)
23rd-27th - Assessment week

July

8th/9th – Summer production
11th – reports issued
16th – Rocksteady concert
18th – Break up for summer – early finish of 2pm.