

# FOXMOOR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Autumn 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

And just like that the first half term of the academic year is over. It has been extremely busy but the children have had lots of fun with their learning over the last eight weeks. They are ready for a well-deserved rest – so are the staff.

It was a pleasure to welcome prospective parents on our two open mornings this week. There were lots of positive comments about our school which is always lovely to hear. I was especially pleased to hear the positive comments regarding our Year 6 ambassadors who took our visitors on tours of the school. I would like to say a huge thank you to the Year 6 children for their excellent work over the two mornings.

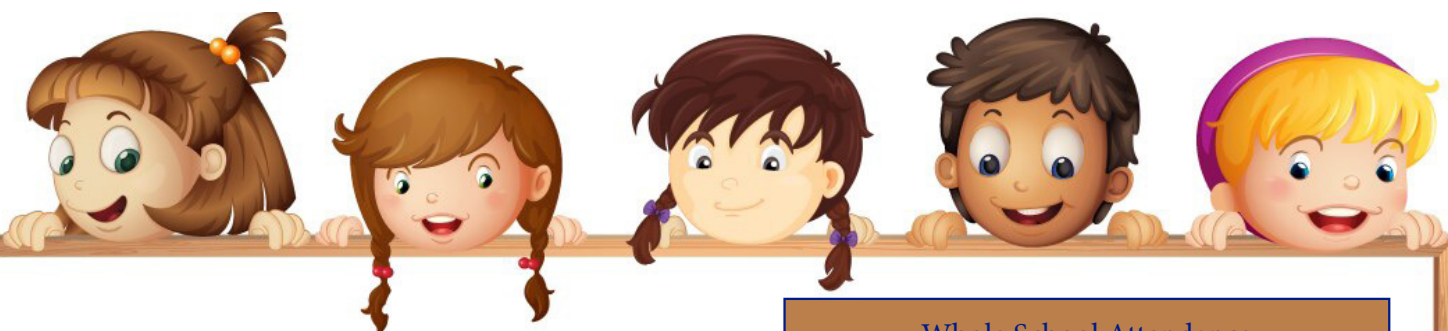
After a few teething troubles the security fencing is finally completed. Can I remind all parents that parking on the school grounds is strictly for staff and official visitors to the school, even when the electric gates are open. This is so we can minimise the chances of children and cars meeting at any point. When collecting from Out of School Club please park on the road and use the middle pedestrian gates to access the school.

I have completed our half termly attendance trawl in the last few days. It is evident that over the last eight weeks there are still some children arriving after the register has closed which means that, although they are in school, they are classed as absent for the morning. As a reminder the gates open at 8.40am and this is when all children should arrive. The gates close at 8.50am and the register closes at 8.55am. The focus of the next attendance trawl will be attendance below 90% and late arrivals.

Finally, I hope you all have a fantastic half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back through the gates on Monday 3rd November.

Kind Regards,

Mr Bridgewater



## Coming up after Half Term...

- 3rd November - First day of Spring Term 2
- 3rd November - Y5 WW11 Creative Day
- 4th November - Individual and sibling photo's
- 14th November - Children in Need

## Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this academic year so far is

**95.8%.**

If your child is off school due to illness, you must call every day that they are off before 9am to update us on their condition. Any other absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

**Remember - every day counts**

# Meet the Staff

Please find below a 'Meet the Staff' so you can put some faces to names.



Mr R Bridgewater  
Headteacher



Mr A Halsey  
Deputy Safeguarding Lead,  
Deputy Headteacher and  
Nightingales Teacher



Mrs J Durkin  
School Business Manager



Mrs L Hassall  
Office Administrator  
& Pastoral Lead



Mrs K Cox  
Office Administrator



Mrs N Nunn  
Kingfishers Teacher, SENDco  
& Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Mrs V Tuck  
Kites Teacher & Deputy  
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs A Pearce  
Music Teacher



Mrs H McVittie  
Robins Teacher



Mrs K Exell  
Kingfishers Teacher



Mrs L Drewett  
Nightingales Teacher



Mrs S Spence  
Wrens Teacher



Mrs M Broad  
Wrens Teacher



Mrs A Mathers  
Finches Teacher



Mrs I Szescilo  
Skylarks Teacher



Mrs J Bullingham  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs E Hayward  
Teaching Assistant



Miss D Cox  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs S Langford  
Teaching Assistant



Miss J Berry  
Teaching Assistant



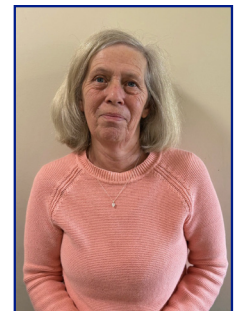
Miss A Wigg  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs B Lewis  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs C Holley  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs A Bullingham  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs D Witts  
Teaching Assistant



Ms K Lloyd  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs A Winstone  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs J Perry  
Teaching Assistant



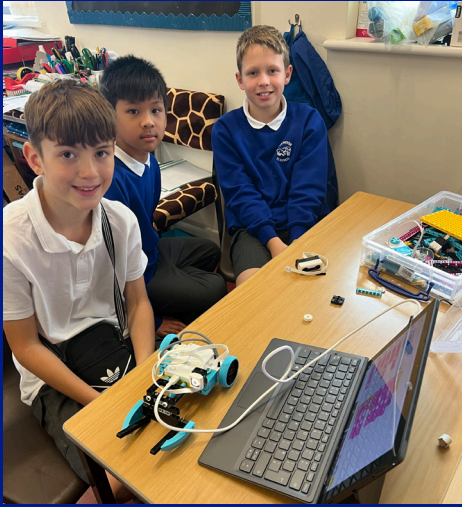
Mrs R Cowley  
Teaching Assistant



Miss S Perry  
Midday Supervisor and  
Teaching Assistant

# STEMworks Lego Workshop

On Tuesday, Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed a KNEX workshop where they



## Harvest Festival

On Monday, we enjoyed celebrating our annual Harvest Festival at St Matthews Church. The children sang beautifully; whilst Year 3 performed a fantastic short play and Year 4 read some wonderful poems. Thank you to Mrs Winstone for baking our braided centrepiece! And a huge thank you to the teachers, teaching assistants and Mrs Pearce for all their hard work in the weeks prior, getting the children Harvest ready! We hope the Year 3 and Year 4 parents that came to watch enjoyed it. Lastly, a big thank you for all your donations - these were delivered to Stroud Food Bank who sent their heartfelt thanks.



# Cross Country Champions!

A huge congratulations to all the children who ran in the Atlas cross country tournament. All the children ran brilliantly and represented Foxmoor so well. Bradley in Year 3 ran with 74 other Year 3 boys and stormed the race coming in 1st place - absolutely incredible. Well done to Elias and Harvey in Year 4 - Elias came 2nd and Harvey 4th out of 75 runners! Amazing achievement boys. Also well done to Harry in Year 6 who came 9th and goes onto the county finals in March - best of luck Harry!!



# THANK YOU

## FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS HARVEST!



*You collected 154.05kgs of much needed donations. We couldn't do our work without your support.*

 Stroud District  
**Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

## Our Foxmoor Choir

Children from KS2 had the wonderful opportunity of being invited to Wycliffe College to perform alongside some of their Prep School pupils and the prestigious Orchestra Pro Anima led by the very talented Michael Bochmann MBE on his Violin. The evening consisted of listening to the amazing orchestra and then participating in singing 3 songs that Mrs Pearce has been helping them learn over the past few weeks! A magical evening, so very proud of all who attended.



# GIRLS KICK-IT FOOTBALL

6-9 YEARS OF AGE  
TUESDAY  
5.00PM TO 6.00PM

## TERM TIME

ARCHWAY SPORT CENTRE  
(INSIDE THE SPORTS HALL)

## STARTING

TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> November 2025

£4.00 PER PLAYER OR £7.00

FOR SIBLINGS

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OCTOBER 2025

# OCTOBER HALF TERM IN STROUD

THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA

## FIND HALF TERM FUN



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## FIND HALF TERM FUN

There are so many things to do this October half term, we have added a button so you can find them all in one place! There are places to pick pumpkins, spooky events including Scarecrow hunts, Halloween open days and lots more.

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE](#)

## FIREWORKS IN STROUD

Looking for local Fireworks Displays? Then look no further!

We have created an 'all in one place' list of local fireworks displays and a few in the surrounding areas, should you wish to go further afield to find the best displays



[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE](#)

VISIT STROUD ROCKS HERE



## HollyDerrick swim school

**THE CHAMWELL CENTRE GLOUCESTER**  
**ST.ROSES SCHOOL STROUD**  
**THE SHRUBBERIES STONEHOUSE**

Dive into a world of fun and learning with our term time and school holiday swim lessons designed for children aged 3 to 10 years! Whether your child is just beginning their swimming journey or is working on refining their stroke technique, our classes are perfect for every level.

Held in cozy hydrotherapy pools heated to 34 degrees, our lessons ensure a comfortable environment with experienced teachers in the water, ready to guide and support each child. Spaces are limited, so contact us soon to

**CONTACT US** secure your spot!

[info@hollyderrick.co.uk](mailto:info@hollyderrick.co.uk)

[www.hollyderrickswimschool.co.uk](http://www.hollyderrickswimschool.co.uk)

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## October Half Term fun



Brimscombe Mills, Kids Stuff and The Long Table will be hosting craft tables and activities throughout the October Half Term holidays: 28th October - 1<sup>st</sup> November

### Tuesday 28th October

**Kids Stuff Craft Table - Autumn Snow Globe | 10am-12:30pm**  
Kids Stuff morning craft table. Make an autumn snow globe. No booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 3-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.

**Crafternoon - Journal Workshop | 2-4pm**

Join Elizabeth for a journal workshop. Design, build, and bind your very own journal from start to finish. Booking required at [www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays](http://www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays)

**Crafternoon - Hiking Stick Workshop | 1-2:30pm & 3-4:30pm**

Join Denius for a hiking stick workshop. Design, whittle and decorating a hiking stick. Booking required at [www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays](http://www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays)

### Wednesday 29th October

**Kids Stuff Craft Table - Autumnal Crown | 10am-12:30pm**

Kids Stuff morning craft table. Make an autumn crown. No booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 3-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.

**Unipiggle Magic Drawing Party with Hannah Shaw | 11am-12pm**

Unipiggle Magic Drawing Party, story session, book sale and signing with author and illustrator Hannah Shaw. Dressing up encouraged- sparkles, unicorns, rainbows or your own chosen magical! Booking required at [www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays](http://www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays)

**Long Table DJ Workshop | 2-4pm**

Drop by and have a go on the decks with Long Table's free DJ workshop in the Sanctuary. It's designed with young people in mind- but open to all ages and abilities. No Booking required.

### Thursday 30th October

**Kids Stuff Craft Table - Pumpkin Carving | 10am-12:30pm**

Come carve a pumpkin with Kids Stuff. No booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 3-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.

**Family Evening | 5-7pm**

Family Night at Brimscombe Mills. The Long Table Stroud serving family friendly food offered Pay-as-you-can from 5pm. Kids Stuff Shop open late till 6:30pm. Lego, Doodle Table, Ping-Pong, Snooker!

**Long Table Silent Disco | 5-8pm**

Book some headphones and let's fill the Mill with dance and disco vibes- minus the noise. Booking required at [www.thelongtablestroud.com/kids-silent-disco](http://www.thelongtablestroud.com/kids-silent-disco) Be quick it often sells out!

### Friday 31st October

**Kids Stuff Craft Table - Cotton Ball Ghosts | 10am-12:30pm**

Kids Stuff morning craft table. Halloween inspired craft - make cotton ball ghosts. No Booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 3-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.

### Saturday 1st November

**Kids Stuff Craft Table - Autumn Wreath | 10am-12:30pm**

Kids Stuff morning craft table. Autumn inspired craft - Wreath making. No Booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 3-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.

**November Mini Makers Market | 11am-1pm**

We are back shining a light on our young creators - showcasing artists, makers, and crafters aged 10 and under. To book a table please contact [nancy@thelongtableonline.com](mailto:nancy@thelongtableonline.com)

**Scavenger Hunt | Everyday Tues-Sat- All day**

All day- Join us for the Brimscombe Mill Scavenger hunt. Can you find all the hidden movie characters in their fancy dress. Find all 10 for a prize.

Some events booking required please check full schedule at [www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays](http://www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays) and [www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk/activities](http://www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk/activities) \*Activities subject to change. \*Children must be supervised.

The Long Table will be providing Pay-as-you-can Jacket Potatoes and Hot Chocolates throughout the October Half Term Holidays. Lunchtimes daily, 12-2pm

All event details here: [www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk](http://www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk)

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



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below a list of current planned visits and some important dates. Further dates will be added in subsequent newsletters. Please note that new dates added are in blue.

Autumn 2025	Term 3
3rd November	Start of Autumn Term 2
3rd November	Year 5 WWII experience day
4th November	DSP Individual and sibling photos
14th November	Children in Need
20th November	Author visit - B Ware
3rd December	Christmas Sale after school
5th December	Reception Nativity Performance at 2:15pm
10th December	KS1 Christmas Production (1:30pm and 5pm)
11th December	FOF Christmas Bingo night
15th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at St Matthews Church at 5:30pm (Year 5 and Year 6 parents invited to watch)
16th December	Whole School Christmas Pantomime Trip
17th December	Christmas Parties at school in the afternoon
19th December	End of Autumn Term 2 - finish at midday.

Spring 2026	Term 1
5th January	INSET DAY
6th January	First day of Spring Term 1
14th January	Bedtime story in classrooms at 5pm

19th January	Michael Ede Maths Workshop - KS2
20th January	Michael Ede Maths Workshop - KS1 and Reception
27th January	Young Voices 2026 - KS2 children
4th February	STEMworks K'Nex Challenge for Y5 and Y6
11th February	Year 5 Festival of Learning at SHS
13th February	End of Spring Term 1

Spring 2026	Term
23rd February	First day of Spring Term 1
5th March	World Book Day
9th March	Author Visit - Emily Lloyd-Gale