

# FOXMOOR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Autumn 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy three weeks so far this half term.

Rehearsals are in full swing for the Reception Nativity, Year 1/2 Christmas Production and the Christmas Carol concert. We look forward to welcoming parents to these events over the next few weeks.

We celebrated Armistice Day in school last Tuesday and all children took part in the national 2 minutes silence. This was followed by The Last Post. A huge thank you to Ellie from Year 6 for playing this solo. If you haven't seen it yet, please take a look on the school Instagram account.

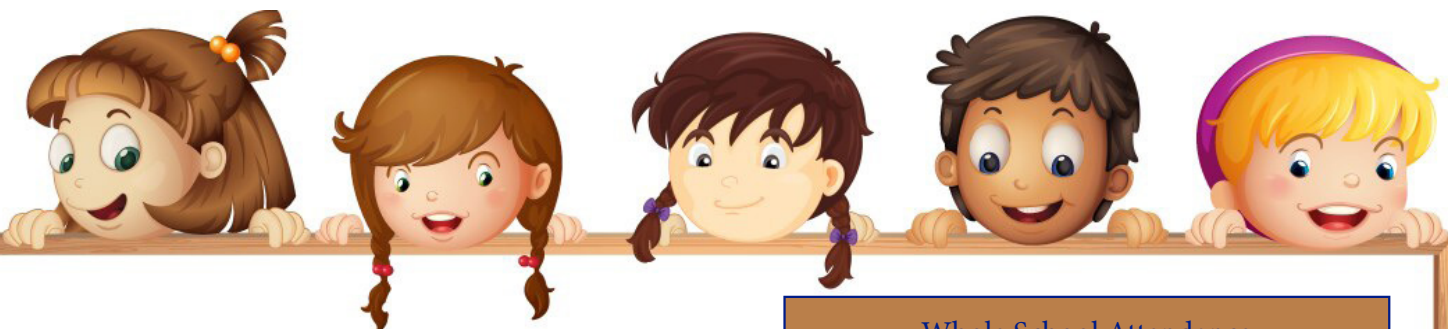
The children enjoyed our dress down day for Children in Need last week. It was fantastic to see so many different outfits as the children came through the gates. A huge thank to our Year 6 children for organising and running the events during the day.

We are continuing to monitor attendance closely. Our overall attendance is currently 94.9%. We do have 26 children who are currently classed as persistently absent because their attendance is below 90%. Some of this absence is due to arriving late in the morning after the register has closed. As a reminder, the school gates open at 8.40am, close at 8.50am and the register closes at 8.55am. Remember – Attendance Matters and Every Day Counts.

We received two phone calls last week from local residents complaining about inconsiderate parking and parents walking out into the road between parked cars when traffic was approaching. Despite regular communications in newsletters and text messages sent, there are also a minority of parents parking on the zig zag lines to drop children off at school. Can I ask all parents to please be respectful when parking in the local area.

Kind Regards,

Mr Bridgewater



## Coming up in the next 2 weeks...

- 26th November - Y5 History day with SHS
- 26th November - Y3/4 Rgby team at Atlas event
- 3rd December - Christmas DT sale after school
- 5th December - Reception Nativity

## Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this academic year so far is

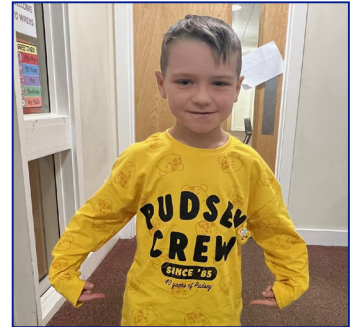
**94.9%.**

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**

# Children in Need 2025

Last Friday, we celebrated Children in Need! Our fabulous Year 6 team captains organised the whole day and then the whole of Year 6 created a day full of fun, for all the children. Children were invited to wear their pyjamas to school, or dress in a unique way. A huge thank you to everyone who donated - we raised a total of £204! We hope the children had a wonderful day.



# Welly Wednesday

The weekly 'Welly Wednesday' is now in full swing for our Reception children. We have seen some glorious weather and the children have really enjoyed it. Dressed to explore, the children get to enjoy outdoor play every Wednesday morning and create various things through nature. Something the children, and staff, always look forward to!



# B Ware Author visit

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome back the author B.Ware for a visit. We started the day with a whole school assembly and then each class enjoyed a literacy workshop, which was inspiring and fun. There was so much incredible writing on display by all the children so a big well done to all those who received certificates. A very special well done to Flora in Year 4, for receiving the teddy dragon for exceptional writing. Well done Flora!



## Our New Buddy Stop!



We are pleased to let you know that, starting Monday morning, we will have a new Buddy Stop located on the top playground. This will be a safe and welcoming place for any younger children who may feel a little unsure about walking across the playground on their own.

Children can wait at the Buddy Stop and an adult will be there to meet them and guide them safely into school.

We hope this helps everyone start their day feeling comfortable and confident.

## Christmas DT Sale



We will be holding a DT Sale after school on Wednesday, 3rd December. The sale will feature a wonderful range of items the children have created during their DT lessons, all available for you to browse and buy. Classrooms will be open until 4:15pm and if you are unable to make it, items can be bought the following day in class.

In addition to the children's work, Friends of Foxmoor will also be offering hot chocolate, refreshments and running a tombola until 5:15pm. More details in school.

We would love to see you there and appreciate your support for the children's fantastic efforts.



# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

Ofsted Registered  
Award-Winning Childcare

- ⚽ FOOTBALL
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LONGFIELD  
Community Hospice

# Christmas Tree Recycling

In Partnership with Just Helping

Collections 10th -13th January  
Registration Closes 6th January



Take the hassle out of disposing of your Christmas tree and have Longfield collect it for a voluntary donation. \*

You will not only be helping reduce your carbon footprint but also supporting your community hospice providing Hospice at Home care and Wellbeing, Counselling and Bereavement Support for individuals facing a life-limiting condition.



\*After costs, over 80% of monies raised will go to Longfield Community Hospice with around 13% going to Just Helping charity and over 5% to other local charities.

[just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://just-helping.org.uk/register-tree)

Registered Charity Number 298627



## Time Travelling: From Calendars to Almanacs

**FREE family-friendly drop-in workshops**

at The Museum in the Park, Stratford Park, Stroud

**Saturday 22 November, 2pm – 4.30pm (drop in)**

### MAKE A CALENDAR

Make a traditional Norwegian calendar stick or 'primstav' – to keep track of your family's important dates and Birthdays.

**Saturday 13 December, 2pm – 4.30pm (drop in)**

### MAKE A 2026 FAMILY ALMANAC ZINE

Make your very own special kind of calendar book, inspired by traditional folk almanacs.

*With illustrator and inspirer Jenny Bowers, for ages 5+*

*FREE but donations welcome*

*Part of the 'Earth Magic' exhibition programme curated by Patricia Brien*

Museum in the Park, Stratford Park, Stroud GL5 4AF

[www.museuminthepark.org.uk](http://www.museuminthepark.org.uk)

**Cotswold Canals Trust**

**Santa Cruises**

Saturdays and Sundays throughout December

Adult £7 | Child £10

Trip Times From Wallbridge Lock:  
10:30pm, 11:30am, 12:00am, 1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm & 3:00pm

Includes a gift from Santa!

[www.cotswoldcanals.org](http://www.cotswoldcanals.org) 01453 752568 Charity No: 269721



Gloucestershire  
Historic Churches Trust

Go to your local church and find all the things listed below!

 Oak Tree	 Star	 Stained Glass
 Cribb	 Poinsettias	 Angel
 Bible	 Wreath	 Steeple
 Bells	 Nativity Scene	 Candle



# SAVE THE DATE

## Read With Me Winter Fayre

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2025  
10am - 4pm

St Mary's Church,  
Wotton-under-Edge, GL12 7LS.



# MINI MAKERS MARKET

COME DOWN AND SUPPORT THE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS  
THAT HAVE BEEN BUSY MAKING AMAZING WARES TO SELL.



6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 11-1 IN THE SANCTUARY, BRIMSCOMBE  
MILL

CAKES.CRAFTS.GIFTS.PLANTS.CHRISTMAS  
DEC.S.TATIONARY.JEWELLERY. CROCHET AND MORE

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL  
NANCY@THELONGTABLEONLINE.COM

# HOT CHOCOLATE & CRAFT O'CLOCK



Join us for a craft activity and a free kids hot chocolate at Brimscombe Mill to wind down after a day at school, until the end of the year!



Every  
Tues &  
Weds



3 - 5 PM

## 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 December	Christmas Sale after school from 3:30pm
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
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11th February	Year 5 Festival of Learning at SHS

13th February	Halloween Disco
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