

FOXMOOR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Autumn 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

Just two more weeks to go until the end of the autumn term. There is still so much to fit in so please keep an eye on the 'coming up in the next few weeks' section and the dates at the end of this newsletter.

I am delighted to inform you that Gloucestershire County Council have agreed to fund additional solar panels at the school. The work will double the size of our generating capacity and should take the school off grid for large parts of the year. We are expecting the works to be carried out in January or February next year.

Huge congratulations to our reception children who treated their families to a fantastic nativity play today. The children have worked incredibly hard over the last few weeks. Thank you for coming along to support the children. I would also like to say thank you to the reception staff and Mrs Pearce for their hard work.

We were disappointed to hear from St Matthew's Church that, due to urgent maintenance work, the church will not be available for our Christmas Carol Concert. I know the school office have informed parents of our alternative plans. The show must go on as they say!

Finally, a quick reminder that school closes at 12 midday on Friday 19th December. There is also no afternoon provision at Little Foxes Nursery or Out of School Club that day.

Kind Regards,

Mr Bridgewater



Coming up in the next 2 weeks...

- 10th December - KS1 Christmas Production
- 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 11th December - FOF Christmas Bingo
- 15th December - KS2 Christmas Carol Concerts
- 16th December - Whole school Christmas Panto
- 17th December - Class Christmas Parties
- 19th December - End of term - Midday finish

Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this academic year so far is

95.5%.

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

KS2 Atlas Rugby Tournament

Last week, we took some KS2 children to the Atlas Rugby Tournament. It was a glorious day and all the children played brilliantly. Our Year 3/4 team came away with 2nd place medals, getting through to the finals and our Year 5/6 team placed 4th, out of 12 teams, just narrowly missing out on the finals. A brilliant achievement for both teams, who were also a pleasure to take. Huge thanks to Bradley's Dad Scott and Harry's Dad Charlie for coaching each team!



Reception Nativity

What a fantastic performance by the Reception children in their Christmas Nativity. We were blown away by their confidence and singing and it was easy to see the work that had gone into the performance. Thank you to Mrs Pearce and all the Reception staff for their dedication and work in putting this together - we hope that those who came to watch enjoyed it.



WHATS ON DECEMBER... At Kids Stuff Stroud



- After School Hot Chocolate & Craft O'Clock:** THE LONG TABLE
Every Tuesday & Wednesday | 3-5pm
Join us for a craft/ activity and a free kids hot chocolate from The Long Table Stroud after School!
- Saturday Craft Table:** Every Saturday | 10am-12pm
Drop-in, Unsupervised craft table on offer every Saturday. Take a pause and get creative
- Clothes Rummage:** Tuesday 2nd | 10am-2pm
Join us on the first Tuesday of every month for our Clothes Rummage Sale. A great opportunity to treasure hunt through our stock boxes full of pre-loved gems!
- Messy Play:** Tuesday 2nd | 10:30am-11:30pm
Join us fortnightly Tuesday for themed messy play activities. No booking required. Drop-in Join-in
- Supported Drop-in:** Wednesday 5th | 10am-12pm
Join us at the Play- area. Socialise and build community. Enjoy bottomless tea and coffee, snacks and drinks for children. Themed craft, budgeting and financial support available.
- Christmas Craft Evenings:** Thursday 4th | 5pm-6pm
Craft Snowflake decorations - Thursday Evenings till Christmas we will be offering festive themed family craft. No booking required. Drop-in Join-in. No Booking required.
- Racing Ride-ons:** Tuesday 9th | 10:30am-11:30am
We're taking over the Sanctuary so your little ones can zoom and move on their ride-ons. Bring your scooters, trikes, ride-ons and helmets. Aimed at under 5's (No Roller-skates or pedal bikes)
- Supported Drop-in:** Wednesday 10th | 10am-12pm
Join us at the Play- area. Socialise and build community. Enjoy bottomless tea and coffee, snacks and drinks for children. Themed craft and budgeting and financial support available.
- Christmas Craft Evenings:** Thursday 11th | 5pm-6pm
Craft Paper Angels - Thursday evenings till Christmas we will be offering festive themed family craft. No booking required. Drop-in Join-in. No Booking required.
- Messy Play:** Tuesday 16th | 10:30am-11:30am
Join us fortnightly Tuesday for themed messy play activities. No booking required. Drop-in Join-in
- Supported Drop-in:** Wednesday 17th | 10am-12pm
Join us at the Play-area. Socialise and build community. Enjoy bottomless tea and coffee, snacks and drinks for children. Themed craft, budgeting and financial support available.
- Santa Visit:** Wednesday 17th | 10am-12pm
Santa Grotta - Join us for a special visit from Santa. No booking required. Free Gift for every child.
- Christmas Pop-out Sale:** Thursday 18th | 10am-6:30pm
Join us on the third Thursday of every month for our Pop-out Sale. A great opportunity for Christmas Shopping! Toys, games, books, gifts, large items, prices start from 50p
- Big Nappy Sale:** Thursday 18th | 11am-2pm
Kirstie from Glos Nappies joins us for a Big end of year Nappy Sale.
- Christmas Craft Evenings:** Thursday 18th | 5pm-6pm
Craft Snowman Tea-light - Thursday evenings till Christmas we will be offering festive themed family craft. No booking required. Drop-in Join-in.
- Christmas Crafts:** Tuesday 23rd | 10am-2pm
The countdown to Christmas is on! Celebrate our last opening day before Christmas with some fun Craft tables. Join us for Christmas Cracker Making and festive popcorn! Drop-in Join-in. No booking required
- Gift Wrapping Elf Station:** Tuesday 23rd | 10am-2pm
Our Kids Stuff Christmas Elves will be offering gift wrapping ahead of the big day!
- Offered: Pay-As-You-Can** PAYC, Which means if you have enjoyed being with us and you can, please pop a donation in the pot, at the till or online on our donation page. This means we can provide more sessions to support local families. Thank you!

All event details here: www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk
Find us at: Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN
@strouddistrictkidsstuff | Stroud District Kids Stuff

Activities subject to change. Children must be supervised.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENINGS



Thursday 27th November
Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th December
5pm - 7pm

Thursday nights are Family nights! THE LONG TABLE

In the run up to Christmas we are holding some Christmas themed crafts along side The Long Table family friendly dinners.
Crafts 5pm-6pm Dinner served 5pm-7pm,

- November 27th - Christmas Tree decorations**
- December 4th - Snowflake decorations**
- December 11th - Paper Angels**
- December 18th - Snowman Tealight**

No booking required - Drop-in and join-in.
Offered: Pay-As-You-Can.



GIRLS KICK-IT FOOTBALL

6-10 YEARS OF AGE
TUESDAY
5.00PM TO 6.00PM

TERM TIME
ARCHWAY SPORT CENTRE
(INSIDE THE SPORTS HALL)
STARTING
TUESDAY 4th November 2025
£4.00 PER PLAYER OR £7.00 FOR SIBLINGS
email jamesjeffery@atlasgames.co.uk
to secure your place



PLAYERS OF ALL ABILITIES WELCOME. SESSION INCLUDES ABILITY DEVELOPING ACTIVITIES AND MATCHES, ALL TO CREATE FUN, DEVELOPMENTAL AND REWARDING OUTCOMES, BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN A FEAMLE ONLY SESSION. Search Kick-it on facebook for more details or email jamesjeffery@atlasgames.co.uk. WELL ESTABLISHED SESSION WITH OVER 20 YEARS AT THE CENTRE COACHING HUNDREDS OF PLAYERS.

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
Registered Charity Number 298627



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
10th December	KS1 Christmas Production (1:30pm and 5pm)
11th December	FOF Christmas Bingo night
15th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at school (Year 5 parents invited to watch at 2pm and Year 6 parents invited to watch at 5:30pm)
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 (No OSC)

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	Valentine's Disco
13th February	End of Spring Term 1

Spring 2026	Term
23rd February	First day of Spring Term 1
2nd March	Swimming pool arrives
5th March	World Book Day
9th March	Author Visit - Emily Lloyd-Gale