

FOXMOOR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Spring 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are four weeks into the half-term and the children have been working incredibly hard. I have been visited by lots of children this week who have been proud to show me their work. I always tell the children it is one of the best parts of my role here at Foxmoor, and it really is. Seeing the smiles on children's faces and the pride they have in the work they have produced.

The children who attended the Young Voices visit this week had an amazing time. The staff informed me that they performed brilliant and were extremely well behaved throughout. They were a real credit to the school. I would like to thank Mrs Pearce and all of the staff who made sure the children had a fantastic day.

There will be another attendance trawl before the end of this half term. While our overall attendance is in line with the national average, this is still being affected by the number of children who arrive at school after the register closes. Any child who arrives after the register closes are technically for the morning even though they are in school. As a reminder, the school gates open at 8.40am and they close at 8.50am. The register closes at 8.55am.

We have a vacancy in school for a Clerk to the Governors. This is a part-time role and mainly consists of preparing agendas and taking and producing minutes. While some knowledge would be an advantage, full training can be provided. If anyone is interested then please contact the school office for more information. I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Kind Regards,

Mr Bridgewater



Coming up in the next 2 weeks...

- 4th February - K'Nex Challenge Workshop for Y5 & Y6
- 4th February - KS2 Girls Football Tournament
- 11th February - Y5 Festival of Learning at SHS
- 13th February - FOF Valentines Disco
- 13th February - End of Spring Term 1

Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this academic year so far is

94.7%.

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 - moments matter, every day counts

Young Voices 2026

On Tuesday, we took over 70 children to Young Voices in Birmingham. A huge thank you to all the children who attended - you were an absolute joy to take; polite, well-behaved and full of enthusiasm! The best part for us all was watching how much you enjoyed yourself and how you threw all your energy into each song!

A huge thank you to the staff that dedicated themselves to a very long day of work - a 14 hour day, no breaks, 20,000 toilet stops, no time in lieu and no extra pay - we do it so that the children can experience these wonderful events. Finally, a big thank you to Mrs Pearce for all her hard work in getting the children ready for the big day. We hope those that came to watch enjoyed it and we are already looking forward to the next (after a lie down, hehe!!)



Bedtime Story

A big thank you to all the children who attended our Bedtime Story on Wednesday evening. This evening was all about promoting reading for pleasure. The children enjoyed sitting in front of a fire, with the lights out, PJ's on and embarking on an adventure with their teacher.



Michael Ede Maths Workshop

On Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th January, Foxmoor welcomed Michael Ede back to run his fun and thought provoking sessions encouraging the pupils to solve a range of mathematical puzzles. All classes were involved for a session across the two days, with lots of enthusiasm and fantastic mathematical thinking on display from all the pupils and staff (as well as parents who were able to visit at the end of each day). All of the puzzles are based around shape and vary in challenge, with the pupils exhibiting fantastic perseverance and resilience to keep going when required. Well done everyone, and thank you Michael for another pair of fun and fabulous days focused on developing problem solving skills at Foxmoor.



Penny The Therapy Dog

On Thursday, we had our lovely therapy dog, Penny come into school to work with some Year 5 pupils. The children read with Penny, brushed her fur (which she loved!) and some of the pupils were able to walk her around the grounds. We saw the children's confidence grow whilst they were with Penny and we are looking forward to watching future visits. All children will get the opportunity to meet Penny and spend some time with her.



CHOOSE CRICKET



**PRIMARY SCHOOLS CRICKET PROGRAMME
FOR BRISTOL & GLOUCESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS**

MOTIVATE Young people to achieve their personal best

DEVELOP Fundamental movement skills

FUN Through inclusive and engaging activity

INSPIRE Children to become active and enjoy physical activity

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Coaches who are minimum Level 2 qualified, hold ECB DBS enhanced clearance, are up to date with Safeguarding Young Cricketers Certification and are First Aid trained.
- Teacher support through informal mentoring and free online resources.
- A varied programme that encompasses all skills of cricket – running, catching, throwing, striking, bowling, agility, balance, and co-ordination.

22nd GLOUCESTERSHIRE Young Photographer of the Year 2026

We invite all Gloucestershire pupils to enter **ONE** Image - any subject

PRIMARY & SECONDARY AWARDS

FIRST PRIZE £75

& RUNNER UP CASH PRIZES

Best Secondary & Primary School Entry
GYP TROPHY



SELECTED IMAGES will be CINEMA PROJECTED

at the Awards evening, **THE BACON THEATRE, CHELTENHAM**

Wednesday APRIL 29th

ENTRIES CLOSE
**FRIDAY
MARCH
20th**

For further information ask your teacher or visit:
www.cheltenhamcameraclub.co.uk
email: GYP@cheltenhamcameraclub.co.uk

Organised by Cheltenham Camera Club
Supported by Cheltenham Arts Council
& Cheltenham Round Table

Please submit your entry to your school representative before the closing date



WHATS ON FEBRUARY HALF TERM... Holiday Drop-in fun

Kids Stuff will be hosting themed **daily craft tables and activities** throughout the Half term holiday:
Tuesday 17th - Saturday 21st February | 10am-12:30pm



Tuesday 17th Pop-Out Sale: 10am-2pm

Half term Pop-out sale. Activity/entertainment - focused sale featuring toys, sports equipment, puzzles and games.



Tuesday 17th Craft Table: 10am-12:30pm

Dandelion thumb print picture



Wednesday 18th Craft Table: 10am-12:30pm

Clay candle holder



Thursday 19th Craft Table: 10am-12:30pm

Seed planting



Friday 20th Craft Table: 10am-12:30pm

Fluffy rock pet



Saturday 21st: 10am-12:30pm

Sticker making



Saturday 21st: 10am-12:30pm

World Book Day - Costume Corner

Get set for World Book Day on 5th March. Come shop and play dress-up at our costume and fancy dress corner.



All Offered: Drop-in Join-in, Pay-As-You-Can

If you enjoy our activities and are able to, please pop a donation in the pot at the till or donate online. This helps us provide more sessions to support local families. Thank you!

No booking required. Activities subject to change. Children must be supervised.

The Long Table The Long Table will provide **pay-as-you-can jacket potatoes** throughout the February half-term holiday. Lunchtimes daily | 12-2pm

All event details here: www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk

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



Tuesday-Saturday
10am+



Pool table,
table tennis,
games
machine

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Pay as you
can kids
jacket
potatoes
12-2

Daily craft
table 10-
12.30

Crafternoons
everyday
book online

Daily
Scavenger
hunt with a
prize

Silly Science
performance
Book online

Family fun
Silent Disco

Book online

AT THE MILL

Pokemon
swap, pop up
toy sale,
pancake
making



Visit the website
for the full
programme and
bookings



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.

Spring 2026	Term 1
4th February	STEMworks K'Nex Challenge for Y5 and Y6
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4th February	KS2 Girls Football Tournament
11th February	Year 5 Festival of Learning at SHS
13th February	Valentine's Disco
13th February	End of Spring Term 1

Spring 2026	Term 2
23rd February	First day of Spring Term 1
2nd March	Swimming lessons begin
5th March	World Book Day
9th March	Author Visit - Emily Lloyd-Gale
10th March	We The Curious Trip - KS2
11th March	We The Curious Trip - KS1
12th March	Country Dancing Festival (Evening event)
17th March	Height and Weight screening for Y6 and Reception
17th March	Parents' Evening (Kingfishers and Nightingales)
18th March	Parents' Evening (All other classes)
20th March	Red Nose Day

25th March	Parents' Evening (All classes)
26th March	Athlete Visit
27th March	End of Spring Term 2

Summer 2026	Term 1
13th April	Start of Summer Term 1
11th May	SATs week begins
21st May	End of Summer Term 1
22nd May	Inset Day