

FOXMOOR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Spring 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic couple of weeks in school. The children have continued to work extremely hard and I have been delighted to see some amazing work that the children have produced. Year 5 have made masks based on their work on the Maya civilisation. These will be on display in the Year 4/5 corridor so do make sure to have a look when you attend parent's evenings in March.

Well-done to all of our Year 5 and 6 children who took part in the STEMworks challenge. The children demonstrated some fantastic team work whilst designing their products. Mr Halsey and myself will look forward to taking our school winners to the finals at Renishaw later in the year.

Year 1 and 2 have been working hard to master coding in their computing work this half-term. They have used Bee-Bots and iPads to program Bees to follow specific commands. If you would like to see what the children have been doing (or have a go yourself) please follow the link <https://scratch.mit.edu/search/projects?q=bee+bot>

You may have noticed that the pop-up swimming pool has arrived on site. Lessons for Year 3 to 6 start week commencing 2nd March. More information has been sent to parents on a separate email.

I know the children are looking forward to the break (the staff are too). I hope you have some quality family time and fingers crossed the weather will be kind.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 23rd February.

Kind Regards,
Mr Bridgewater



Coming up in the next few weeks...

- 13th February - Halloween Disco
- 16th February - Half Term
- 2nd March - KS2 Swimming lessons begin
- 5th March - World Book Day

Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this academic year so far is

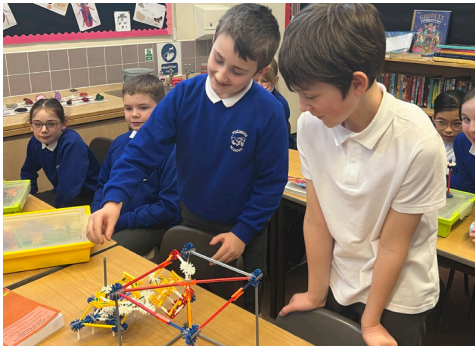
94.5%.

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 - moments matter, every day counts

K'Nex Challenge

Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed a day of robotics with the K'Nex challenge. They were challenged to create a warehouse with shelving inside and mechanisms that then allowed things to be moved around (think an Amazon warehouse!) Congratulations to our winners Lorcan and Finley in Year 5 and Indigo and Jasmine T in Year 6, who will head to Renishaw next term to compete against winners from other schools. We hope the children enjoyed the experience.



Year 5 at SHS

Year 5 enjoyed a busy and enriching day of activities at Stroud High School, taking part in sessions in art, computing, French and music. The experience provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore a range of subjects in a new environment and to work with specialist teachers. The day concluded with a celebratory assembly, where the children confidently showcased their musical talents to an appreciative audience. It was a fitting end to a highly successful visit. All pupils were presented with certificates in recognition of their hard work throughout the autumn and spring terms, as well as for their excellent engagement on the day. They also proudly brought home their handmade Valentine's cards, which demonstrated both creativity and care.



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LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15TH MARCH 2026

February Half Term at the Museum!

It's a busy Half Term packed with hands-on activities, creative workshops and plenty for families to explore. Creative makes, family fun and brilliant ways to dive into history all week long.

Art Explorers: Arts & Crafts Trail Sat 14 - Sun 22 Feb | £2 per trail

Follow the trail through puppets, pottery and nature-loving makers, try creative challenges and design your own patterns. Finish it and you'll earn a nature-inspired stamper to take home.

Making Folk: Crafting Charms and Folk Motifs Sat 14 Feb, 1-4 pm | £5

Get creative with natural materials, beads and fabric as you make your own charms or stitch folk-inspired motifs. For all ages, proudly part of Gloucester Folk Trail.

Hands On History: Object Handling with the Birdlip Mirror Sun 15 & Wed 18 Feb | £1 donation

Take a closer look at our Birdlip Mirror replicas and discover their stories with our Visitor Experience Assistant. This relaxed drop-in is free, with a suggested £1 donation. Great for families aged 3+.

Brick Builders Club: The Great Outdoors Tue 17 Feb, 10am - 1pm | £3 per child

Get creative with nature-themed LEGO challenges inspired by our Arts & Crafts displays. Build landscapes, dream up wild creatures or invent something totally new. Pick up fun prompts and let your imagination take over. Suitable for ages 5+.

Glorious Glevum Tour Wed 18 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Explore Roman Glevum with Lucius Sita, our resident auxiliary soldier. Discover why the Romans chose Gloucester, what daily life looked like and the hidden treasures inside the museum.

Medieval Mercenary Tour of the Eastgate Chamber Sat 21 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Join Sir Miles, our medieval mercenary, for a fascinating trip into the Eastgate Chamber. Explore its history, uncover old myths and hear the superstitions that have surrounded this hidden space for centuries.

MUSEUM OF GLOUCESTER

Scan me for more info!



Songs for Springtime 2026

Saturday 7th March, 6.30pm
St George's Church, Nailsworth

Stroud Choral Youth Choir
& The Minpins

Under the direction of Zoë Hynes
Accompanied by Nicola Jee

Tickets £15, U18's free
From Ticket Source - bit.ly/SCVCMSPRING
or on the door



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HollyDerrick swim school

EASTER INTENSIVE WEEK £45

Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April
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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 2
23rd February	First day of Spring Term 1
25th February	Revised date for girls football tournament
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	Whole School Athlete Visit
27th March	Swimming Lessons finish
27th March	End of Spring Term 2

Summer 2026	Term 1
13th April	Start of Summer Term 1
13th April	Living Eggs arrive in school
21st April	Year 1 and Year 2 Stemworks' workshop
27th April	The Great Big Dance Off Regional's in Bath
28th April	Life Education visits begins
5th May	Year 4 We-Do Workshop
6th May	Year 3 We-Do workshop
11th May	SATs week begins
21st May	End of Summer Term 1
22nd May	Inset Day

Summer 2026	Term 2
1st June	Start of Summer Term 2
1st June	Year 5 Bikeability begins
14th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Summer Production (Afternoon and Evening)
17th July	Leavers assembly at 9:30am
17th July	End of Summer Term 2