

FOXMOOR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Spring 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to see the Key Stage 2 children swimming in the pop-up pool this week. I have to admit that I had a very restless sleep last Sunday. As with any new initiative, you always focus on the possible pitfalls rather than the benefits.

I have spoken to lots of children, and they have all said they prefer the pop-up pool to going to the leisure centre. The vast majority have stated that they prefer it because they do not have to sit on the coach for over an hour, for a 30-minute swimming lesson. It is saving a huge amount of curriculum time. I am sure the remaining three weeks will be just as successful.

I have been made aware of an inaccurate rumour that the school receives money in our budget to provide swimming lessons. Given the state of school budgets—if only this were true! The only way we can provide swimming lessons across KS2 is by asking parents for contributions. Without this, we would have to limit swimming to a single year group. I think you would all agree that this would be a retrograde step, given that swimming is a vital lifelong skill.

We have been contacted by one of our Reception parents, who has reported that the parent class WhatsApp group has been hacked. I would encourage all parents to be vigilant on any groups of which they are members.

We are very much looking forward to the KS1 and KS2 visits to We The Curious in Bristol next week. A huge thank you to the Friends of Foxmoor for subsidising this visit. Please make sure you have read the communication letters that have been sent home and that your child has everything they need for the day.

Finally, I hope you all have a fantastic weekend. Fingers crossed the sun might make an appearance.

Kind Regards,
Mr Bridgewater



Coming up in the next few weeks...

- 9th March - KS1 Author Visit
- 10th March - KS2 We The Curious trip
- 11th March - KS1 We The Curious trip
- 12th March - Country Dancing Festival
- 13th March - Y1 & Y2 Easter Experience
- 17th March - Y1 & Y2 Parents' Evening
- 18th March - All other Parents' Evening
- 20th March - Red Nose Day

Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this academic year so far is

95.2%.

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

World Book Day 2026

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. Children were encouraged to 'dress as a word' and we had some wonderful creations. Thank you to parents for their support in this (we know there is a lot going on at the moment!). Reading is such an important part of a child's learning and we always want to encourage reading for pleasure and getting lost in a good book. We appreciate all the support for home reading too.

Here are a few pictures - can you guess the word?



Happy St David's Day

To celebrate St David's Day, both Kingfishers and Nightingales classes enjoyed a taste of Wales with a Welsh cake for their snack.



UPCOMING EVENTS | 2026

CRAZY HAIR DAY

MAR 13

MAR 26

EASTER BINGO

SMARTIES CHALLENGE

MAR 27

MAY 8

COLOUR RUN

NON-UNIFORM DAY

MAY 21

JUN 27

SUMMER FAYRE



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KEEP AN EYE ON OUR FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM PAGES FOR MORE DETAILS

Girls Football Team

A huge thank you to Coach Kim from Atlas for coming in to coach our brilliant Girls Football Team. Unfortunately, the girls tournament was postponed due to pitch condition so Atlas very kindly offered to come in and give the girls a training session and match in school. The girls had the best time, playing in the sunshine and have such a passion and determination for the sport, which is amazing to see! Well done girls!



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Example camp activities

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Mother's Day AFTERNOON TEA

SAT 14 MARCH | 2:30-4:30PM
King's Stanley Village Hall, GL10 3PN

£10 PER PERSON

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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
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)
13th March	Y1 and Y2 at the church for Easter Experience
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
15th April	Reading Revolution Day
17th April	TCS Mini Marathon (before school, time TBC)
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