

FOXMOOR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Spring One



Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems a little late now but I am going to wish you all a Happy New Year anyway! We are really proud of how the children have settled back in after the break. One of the things visitors to the school often comment on is the children's attitude to their learning and I have been delighted to see so many children in my office celebrating work that they are proud of in the first few weeks of term.

It was great to see so many children and parents at the bedtime story session on Wednesday. We will hopefully run another session before the Easter break. We have lots of opportunities and events coming up this term so as ever please keep an eye on the dates section of the newsletter. Events include a maths session with Michael Ede – parents are invited to attend part of the sessions.

We recently had our annual health and safety visit from Gloucestershire County Council. One thing they raised was security fencing at the front of the school site. This is something that we have been discussing at governors' meetings for some time. With this in mind, we have received quotes and hope for the work to be carried out during the Easter break. I appreciate this will significantly change the appearance of the school but it will enhance security of the site and safety for the children. We plan to soften the look of the new fencing with artwork produced by the children.

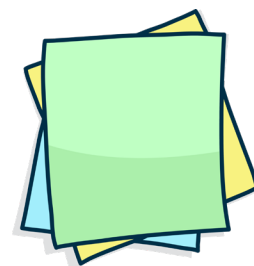
Over the coming weeks we will be conducting a series of assemblies on the British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We teach British Values in various areas of the school curriculum throughout the year. For example, Year 6 were visited this week by a magistrate who explained the role they play in our justice system. They will also take part in mock trials later this year. If you have chance to discuss any of the British Values with your child/children at home this would enhance what we do in school.

Kind Regards,
Mr Bridgewater



Coming up over the next two weeks...

- Monday 20th January - Whole School NFER Testing Week begins
- Monday 20th January - KS2 Michael Ede Maths Workshop
- Tuesday 21st January - KS1 Michael Ede Maths Workshop





Foxmoor's Bedtime Story



On Wednesday evening, we held our first Bedtime Story in classrooms. It was very well attended and the children really enjoyed the event. Throughout school we are promoting the joy of reading for pleasure and this is one of our initiatives.

We hope to hold one more Bedtime Story event whilst the nights are still dark early and hope to see more pyjama-clad children there! Thank you to all those who supported the event and the kind comments we have received since. We very much appreciate it.



Foxmoor Year 5 and 6 Careers Fair

Following on from a successful first Careers Fair last year, we are delighted to announce that we are going to do it all again in 2025.

Last year we had incredible support from parents and external organisations, and we'd love to have you involved again this year.

Our current Year 6 pupils have come up with a wish list of careers they would love to know about, so if any of you can get involved, either by being there on the day, or by linking us up with someone in a particular field of work, that would be fantastic.

The date will be Friday 27 June, from 10am to 12.30pm in the school hall. The children would like to meet:

- Chefs
- Professional Footballer/Manager
- Nurses/Doctors/Paramedics
 - Editor
 - Musician
 - Artist
 - Fire-fighters
 - Armed Forces
 - Vet
- Landscape gardener/grounds person

Please contact Amanda Read at ARead@foxmoor.gloucs.sch.uk

Who are Friends of Foxmoor School (FOFS)?

We are a registered charity (1112143), consisting of a friendly committee of parent volunteers. Our committee is Chair: Lucy Howe, who has a child in Year 4. Treasurer: Kate Wheatley, who has a child in Year 5. Secretary: Jade Bristow, who has children in Year 2 and Little Foxes. Trustee: Shannon Yolland-Jones, who has children in Year 4 and Year 2. Trustee Hannah Giddings, who has children in Year 3 and Little Foxes.

All parents, guardians and carers of children attending the school, the Governors and all teaching staff employed by the school are all members of FOF. Our aim is to raise necessary funds to provide resources to better our children's educational experience. Funds that would otherwise fall outside of the school budget. This money doesn't just go towards equipment and resources, but also experiences for the children to enjoy.

Please see details below of our Open House Meeting on 27th January. We would love to see new faces there.

FRIENDS OF FOXMOOR
Open House Meeting
27th January
7pm

Have your say

Friends of Foxmoor
Registered Charity 1112143

Topics Of Discussion

**~ FUNDRAISING PROGRESS ~ TEACHERS WISH LIST ~
FUTURE FUND RAISING EVENTS: VALENTINE'S DISCO; EASTER BINGO**

WE NEED YOU!

EMAIL: FRIENDSOFFOXMOOR@OUTLOOK.COM

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Friends of Foxmoor School (FOFS)

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

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**FIRST PRIZE £70
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Best Secondary & Primary School Entry
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SELECTED IMAGES will be CINEMA PROJECTED at the Awards evening, CHELTENHAM PLAYHOUSE on Tuesday April 29th

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email: GYP@cheltenhamcameraclub.co.uk

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7th**

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Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Please go to our website address above, for more information.

SAVE THE DATE – CAPRIOL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

We believe that introducing children to classical music early on in their lives can enrich their experience of music at all levels. Most of us were lucky enough to have started early and have continued to enjoy learning, playing and sharing music. Our classical concerts for children are informal fun events where audience participation is positively encouraged!

Jonathan Trim will conduct our next children's concert, which will take place in Stroud on Saturday 8th February, starting at 3pm. The programme will last for about an hour and will include pieces such as Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite and the lovely Dance of the Hours, ending with the wonderful narrative piece Tubby the Tuba, where Tubby finally gets the tune. Local broadcaster **Faye Hatcher** is making a guest appearance as Tubby's narrator and local musician **Ian Hartnell** will be playing the part of Tubby.

All the family will enjoy the experience of hearing and watching a live orchestra, and every child under the age of 16 gets in free!

Venue: Holy Trinity Church, Stroud GL5 2HX

Date & time: Saturday 8th February 2025 at 3pm

Tickets: Adult £12 (£10 for people in full time education, on Universal Credit, Job Seekers Allowance or Income Support). Children under 16 free

£1 reduction on tickets purchased prior to concert afternoon. Tickets will be available 3 weeks in advance of the event from Sub Rooms Box Office (+booking fee) 01453 796880 or online.

About us

Capriol Chamber Orchestra is formed from a diverse group of people from many walks in life who enjoy playing a wide range of repertoire from Baroque to the present day. The orchestra presents three concerts a year in local churches within the Stroud area under the baton of Jonathan Trim. We encourage local soloists and composers whenever possible and are always interested in supporting local events. Winners of the Gloucestershire Young Musician of the Year are regular soloists.

**Capriol Chamber Orchestra
Concert for Children
and Families**
Conductor: Jonathan Trim



Tubby the Tuba
Peer Gynt Suite
Dance of the Hours
and other favourites...

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www.capriolorchestra.co.uk



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FOR YOUR DONATIONS OF 119.85KGS, WHICH HAVE MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS ACROSS THE STROUD DISTRICT THROUGHOUT 2024.

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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 2025	Term 1
20th January	Whole School NFER testing week begins
20th January	KS2 Michael Ede Maths workshop (parents welcome - see email)
21st January	KS1 Michael Ede Maths workshop (parents welcome - see email)
3rd February	KS2 Water Safety Assembly
5th February	Year 5 and Year 6 K'Nex Challenge
13th February	Whole School Author visit with Tom Allen
14th February	FOF Valentines Disco (Details to follow)
14th February	Last day of Spring Term 1

Spring 2025	Term 2
24th February	Inset Day
25th February	First day of Spring Term 2
25th February	NHS in school for Reception and Year 6 height & weight
4th March	Parents Evening (face to face)
5th March	Parents Evening (face to face)
5th March	KS2 Author visit with Francesca Tyer
6th March	World Book Day
7th March	KS1 Author Visit with Donna David
15th March	Extra dance rehearsal for the competitive team

17th March	Great Big Dance Off in Swindon
19th March	Year 5 swimming ends
26th March	Year 4 swimming begins
28th March	Year 5 visit to Forest Green Rovers
31st March	Whole School Geography Field Work Focus Week
1st April	Year 6 Schools Beat Session
8th April	KS1 introduction to Coding Workshop
9th April	KS1 introduction to Coding Workshop
11th April	Last day of Spring Term 1

Summer 2025	Term 1
28th April	First day of Summer Term 1
5th May	Bank Holiday
6th May	Year 4 Lego Wedo Workshop
7th March	Year 3 Lego Wedo Workshop
12th March	SAT's week begins
23rd March	End of Summer Term 1

Summer 2025	Term 2
2nd June	First day of Summer Term 2
2nd June	Year 5 Bikeability begins
2nd June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables check - 2 week window
9th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week

20th June	Bollywood Day (parents invited in from 2:45pm for powder paints)
26th - 27th June	Year 4 overnight residential
27th June	Year 5 and Year 6 Careers Fayre
18th July	Year 6 Leavers assembly at 9:30am
18th July	Last day of Summer Term 2