

FOXMOOR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin this week's newsletter with a huge congratulations to Mrs Hayward and her partner, who welcomed a beautiful baby daughter during the school holidays. We are delighted for them and pleased to hear that they are all doing well - even if they are currently a little sleep deprived! I am sure everyone in the Foxmoor community will join me in sending them our very best wishes.

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school, and I have been incredibly impressed with how well the children have settled following the summer break. There has been a really positive atmosphere around school, with children quickly getting back into their routines and approaching their learning with enthusiasm.

A particular mention must go to our new Reception children, who have made a fantastic start to their time at Foxmoor. Starting school is a significant milestone, and they have settled remarkably well. It has been lovely to see them growing in confidence, making new friends and becoming familiar with school life.

Our children have also already had opportunities to enjoy learning beyond the classroom, with visits to South Cerney and Copsegrove Farm. These experiences are such an important part of school life, giving children the opportunity to learn in different environments, develop new skills and, of course, have lots of fun along the way.

As we begin the new school year, I would also like to remind everyone about the importance of regular attendance and punctuality. Being in school every day and arriving on time gives children the best possible opportunity to learn and ensures that they do not miss important teaching at the beginning of the day. Our gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am, with the register closing at 8.55am. Children arriving after the register has closed will be recorded as absent for the morning session. We really appreciate parents' support in ensuring children arrive in plenty of time each morning.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the fantastic work of our school administration and finance team. The school office is an incredibly busy place, and the team work extremely hard to support our children, families and staff. From Friday 26th September, Mrs Durkin will be away from school for approximately six weeks. During this period, Mrs Hassall and Mrs Cox will predominantly be managing the office between them. To help them manage what will inevitably be a very busy workload, we would be extremely grateful if, wherever possible, communication with the school office could be sent via email rather than by telephone or in person. This will allow the team to respond to queries as efficiently as possible while continuing to manage the day-to-day demands of the office.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a really positive start to the new school year, and I look forward to seeing all that our children will achieve over the weeks ahead.

With best wishes,

Mr Bridgewater
Headteacher

Outdoor Orienteering week!

What a fantastic couple of weeks of outdoor education our children have had! As part of our annual programme of team-building and outdoor learning, Years 3, 4 and 5 each enjoyed an exciting school trip packed with new experiences, challenges and opportunities to work together.

Year 3 visited 270 Climbing, where they had a brilliant time developing their climbing and bouldering skills. They showed great determination and encouraged one another as they tackled new challenges. Year 4 headed to South Cerney for a range of land-based activities, including high ropes and crate building. These activities required lots of communication, cooperation and trust, and it was wonderful to see the children supporting each other throughout the day.

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic water-based adventure at South Cerney, taking part in activities including raft building, canoeing and kayaking. They embraced the challenges enthusiastically and demonstrated excellent teamwork and resilience. All of the children had a brilliant time, and we were incredibly proud of the way they approached each activity.

These trips are something we look forward to every year, not only because they are great fun, but also because they provide valuable opportunities for children to develop teamwork, communication, independence and problem-solving skills. The trips are particularly valuable at the start of the school year, as they also give our teachers the chance to get to know their new classes outside the classroom and build positive relationships with the children.

A huge well done to all our pupils for making it such a memorable week!



KS1 trips to Copsegrove Farm!

Years 1 and 2 visited Copsegrove Farm in Bisley where they enjoyed a day of outdoor activities. The children made tennis ball runs and learned more about their surroundings. They also had great fun getting extremely dirty while making clay animals, before enjoying cadbury chocolate wraps and roasting marshmallows over the fire.



Open morning for 2027 starters

In November, we are holding open mornings for parents and families of children starting school in September 2027. Please do share with family and friends. Bookings can be made via the school office.

Superstars of the week

A huge congratulations to our first group of 'Superstars of the week'. All the children have excelled in an area of school life and were awarded in our celebration assembly last Friday. Well done to you all!



Open Morning

For parents of children starting school in September 2026
Tuesday 17th November 2026
Friday 20th November 2026

Arrival for 10am. Finish time approximately 11:30am

Meet the Headteacher and the Leadership Team
See some of our teaching and learning styles
Refreshments from our Friends of Foxmoor (PTA)
Ask all the questions you need!

Hunters Way, Cashes Green, Stroud, GL5 4UJ

To book your place:
T: 01453 757251 E: admin@foxmoor.gloucs.sch.uk



Congratulations Beaux!

Beaux, in Year 5, competed in the South West Women's Artistic Quatro Cup on Friday 4th September, where she had a fantastic competition. She finished 1st overall, winning the gold medal, and also achieved gold medals on bars and vault, alongside silver medals on beam and floor.

Beaux trains for around 16 hours each week with Cheltenham and Gloucester Gymnastics Club, where she has been a member of the National Squad for nearly two years. She has worked incredibly hard to reach this level, and we are extremely proud of her dedication and commitment to the sport.

She has another South West competition coming up at the end of September, so she'll be continuing to train hard over the next few weeks. Congratulations Beaux - a huge achievement and we are very proud of you.



Wiggly T are running our Golden Bear trail again this September in Stroud Town Centre for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. It is totally FREE to take part and is running throughout September! We have 12 bears to find, hiding in shops around town. Every name collected equals 1 entry into our competition to win one of the bears at the end of the month.

Collect all 12 and you get a bonus 10 entrees!! There will be 10 lucky winners at the end of the month.

Maps can be downloaded at www.wigglyt.org.uk

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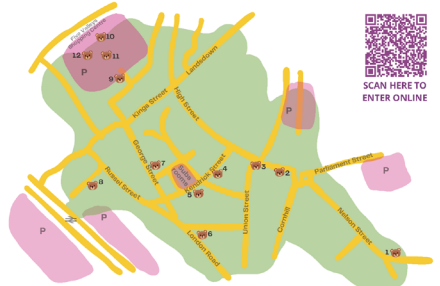
Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

GOLDEN BEAR TRAIL PARTNERS



Welcome to the Golden Bears Trail!

12 BEARS ARE HIDING, WAITING TO BE FOUND. CAN YOU SPOT THEM ALL AROUND TOWN?



Follow the trail, visit each shop to discover every Bear's name! Collect all 12 names and write them below.
Hand in the completed map with your name and address for a chance to win your own Bear in the prize draw!
Each name = 1 entry. Collect all 12 bear names = an additional 10 free entries.

1 _____ 7 _____
2 _____ 8 _____

3	9
4	10
5	11
6	12

 Snap a photo of your adventure and tag us on social media; we love seeing your happy bear-finding faces!

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____

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You are invited to our Macmillan Coffee Morning
in support of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Where: Foxmoor School Hall

Date: Thursday 24th September 2026

Time: 9:15am - 10:30am

Each year we support the Macmillan Coffee morning and again this year we would like to invite you all (as well as grandparents and friends) to join us for tea, coffee and delicious cakes in the school hall, in return for donations to Macmillan Cancer Support.

We kindly ask for cake donations from you and to bring in cakes the morning of the coffee morning.

You will be served by some of the pupils and may even be treated to some light entertainment from Year 5 and Year 6!

Stay as little or as long as you'd like. We would love as many of you to attend and enjoy this community event.

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 2026	Term 1
24th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning (9:15am-10:30am)
28th September	Year 6 Residential
28th September	Friends of Foxmoor AGM - 7pm
6th October	Year 5 Voice collectives project in school
7th October	Parents' Evening
8th October	Whole school Flu immunisations
13th October	STEMworks Lego workshop for Year 5 and Year 6
14th October	Parents' Evening
22nd October	Harvest Festival at 2pm (Year 3 & 4 parents invited to watch)
23rd October	End of Autumn term 1

Autumn 2026	Term 2
2nd November	Start of Autumn Term 2
3rd November	DSP Photography (Individual photos)
3rd December	Reception Nativity at 9:30am (Parents invited to watch)
4th December	DT sale and Friends of Foxmoor Christmas event after school
9th December	KS1 Christmas play (2pm and 5:30pm)
14th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert from 5pm at St Matthews Church (Year 5 and Year 6 parents invited to watch)
16th December	KS1 Christmas Parties in school (information sent nearer the time)

17th December	KS2 Christmas Parties in school (information sent nearer the time)
18th December	End of Autumn Term 2 - 12:30pm finish

Spring 2027	Term 1
4th January	Start of Spring Term 2
8th January	Whole school pantomime trip

LIVING WELL
SUPPORT

Family Group


LONGFIELD
Community Hospice

Thursdays School Holidays

Oct 29 / Dec 22 / Feb 18

10:00am - 12:00pm

Longfield Living Well Service

Burleigh Lane, Minchinhampton
Gloucestershire GL5 2PQ



longfield.org.uk/family-group
Registered Charity Number 298627

Supporting families to connect

Is someone in your family living with a life-limiting condition or bereaved?
Bring along your family to our school holiday Family Group.
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Monday 7:50 - 8:40 am
Starts 14th September



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Ages 5 - 9

Saturdays
10-11.30am
24th October - 12th
December 2026

Ages 10 - 15

Saturdays
1-3pm
24th October - 12th
December 2026

Thank you to the NHS, our local community and
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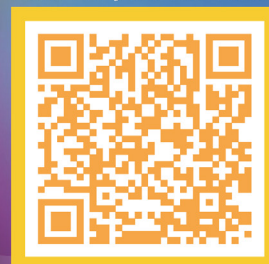
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Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



GOLDEN BEAR TRAIL PARTNERS



Join us for our 2026 Open Events

We look forward to meeting
you and introducing you to our
school.

Open Mornings 09:15 – 11:00

- Wednesday 16th September
- Thursday 24th September
- Thursday 1st October

Open Evening 17:00 – 19:30

- Wednesday 30th September

For additional information please get in touch -
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8-11 YEARS OF AGE
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5.00PM TO 6.00PM

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Shopping list

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