



Dates for your Diary

8/11 Christmas Cookery club starts
13/11: Photographer at school for individual portraits
15/11: NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WITH DAVE
17/11: Children in Need
24/11 BAG2SCHOOL collection
30/11 BSA Wreath making evening- see below
11/12: NO CLUBS FOR LAST 2 WEEKS OF TERM
5/12: Infant Nativity- school hall Gates open 1.30 for 1.45pm start
7/12 PC Leah Davis Schoolbeat Officer to visit Parrot Class
12/12 PANTO: Cinderella at Chipping Norton Theatre- whole school
14/12 Carol Singing at Daylesford after school – all welcome. Date TBC
15/12 Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch day
19/12: Carol Singing at St Leonard's Church Bledington- all welcome 10.00am start
21/12: School breaks up at 1.05pm
22/12 Inset Day- No pupils at school
25/12 to 5/1/24- Christmas Holidays. Return to school 8/1/24
11/1/24: Young Voices for Penguins and Parrots – sign up forms have already gone out.
29/1: Chinese New Year Workshop for Owls and Puffins
9/2 Gujarati Workshop – all year groups
12/2 -16/2 Half Term Holidays
20/2 Poetry in Motion Dance Workshop for all year groups
29/2: OWLS Book Fair 8.45am School Hall
1/3 PUFFINS Book Fair. 8.45am School Hall
4/3 PENGUINS Book Fair 8.45am School Hall
5/3 PARROTS Book Fair 8.45am School Hall
7/3 World Book Day 2024- Come to school dressed up as a character from your favourite nursery rhyme or poem.
7/3 NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
11 TH , 12 TH AND 14 TH March, Parents evening- NO after school clubs
15/3 PC Leah Davis Schoolbeat Officer to visit Parrot Class
21/3 Easter Eggstravaganza afternoon- time tbc – all welcome
22/3 Break up at 1.05pm for Easter Holidays
18/4 Languages Day at the Cotswold School for Penguin Class
6/5/24 May Day bank Holiday
13/5 SAT's week
22/5 Walk to School Day
23/5 NO after school clubs today
24/5: Maypole Afternoon: gates open 1.15 for a 1.30 start
27/5 – 31/5 half Term Holidays
3/6 Inset Day – no pupils at school
7/6 Non school uniform day in return for a tombola prize
8/6 Bledington Village Fete
11/6 No after school club today
13/6 1 st Induction afternoon for Sept reception children and parents
17/6 : 2 nd Induction day for Sept reception intake (children only)
17/6: Parents Open Evening
25/6 Sports Day
26/6 PC Leah Davis Schoolbeat officer to see Parrot Class
27/6 Reserve Sports Day if wet on the 25 th
2/7 Year 6 Induction Day at the Cotswold School
9/7 End of Year Performance- gates open 1.15 for a 1.30 start

11/7/23 End of Year Performance – 6pm START TIME

16/7 Leaver's assembly. 2.00pm start time

17/7 Brass concert in the school hall 2.30 start time

19/7 Break up at 1.05 for Summer Hols

Thank you

Thank you so much to everyone that donated, baked and bought at our annual Macmillan fundraiser- with your help we raised an impressive £240.00 to help this worthwhile charity.

The Bledington School community stepped up to the mark once again by collecting a fantastic 103kg of food at our Harvest Festival. Please see the North Cotswold's thank you letter on the 'Latest news' section of the school website.

Huge thanks for your continued support.

Christmas Cards Orders- it's not too late!

Some of you may have noticed that the Christmas Cards order line has closed. It's not too late as Class Fundraising are going to open the Bledington school 'shop' for orders from the 17th to the 24th November. Orders placed during this week will arrive in time for Christmas but will not generate commission for school.

Punctuality

School gates open at 8.45am and all children need to be at their desks ready for registration by 9.00am. Please make every effort to be on time every day. Thank you

BBC Children in Need 2023 

17th November

Snake Coin and Wear Bright Colours to school- NO school uniform on this day.

To mark this year's appeal, we request that children come to school dressed in their boldest, brightest colours in exchange for loose change. The School Council voted to create a 'Coin Snake' with the loose change. This will take place on the playground, weather permitting. Look out for the photos on our Instagram page!

If you would also like to donate to the charity, please click on the link below which will take you straight to Bledington's Children in Need page. All funds raised will go directly to the charity.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?s hopid=11697>

Bag2School Collection 24/11/2023

Bag2School will be collecting on Friday 24th November at 9.00am. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the double doors in the staff car park at morning drop off and help us have a really good collection. Please do

not drive your car in to the school car park.

BSA's Wreath Making Evening 30/11/23 School Hall

Tickets for the Wreath Making Evening on the 30th Nov are now available. To reserve a place, please contact Mona as soon as possible. £15.00 per ticket – (this is a BARGAIN compared to other Wreath making evenings in the area!) As usual, the wreath ring, wire, moss, decorations and a glass of Prosecco (or two...) will be provided. Please bring your own foliage and secateurs. Once your place is confirmed, your payment can be made via Parentpay or BACS.

Infant Nativity 5/12/23 Gate Opens 1.30pm for a 1.45pm start

Please join us in the school hall to watch the Infant Nativity on **Tuesday 5th December**. Gates open at 1.30pm for a 1.45pm start. Mrs Bell and Mrs Discombe will send out costume requests shortly!

Panto- Cinderella 12/12/23 The Theatre, Chipping Norton

Our annual whole school trip to the Panto is almost here. Coaches, kindly paid for the BSA, will transport the children to The Theatre, Chipping Norton but *parents/carers will need to collect at the end of the performance (approx. 3.45pm-4.00pm)*. For payment and full details, please log on to ParentPay. Any child not attending the Panto will need to be collected at 12.30pm as there'll be no one at school in the afternoon. We will send a message out to announce the sale of any spare tickets- they will be sold on a first come, first served basis to any parents that wish to attend.

Carols at Daylesford-14/12/23 Straight after school

Following on from the success of last year's carol singing at Daylesford, we're doing it again this year on the 14th December. If you would like your child to take part, please make your way to Daylesford straight after school pick up. We aim to get there at 3.30 for a 3.45pm start.

Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day.

Friday 15/12/23



Our whole school Christmas dinner will be on the 15th December. All *Parentpay accounts need to be in credit by this date*. **Don't forget your Christmas jumper...!**

(Christmas jumpers can be worn instead of a school sweatshirt/cardigan but all other uniform items must be worn).

Carol Singing at St Leonard's Church, Bledington 19/12/2022 10am

Please join us for our annual carol service at the village church. This lovely service will start at 10.00am at St Leonard's Church, Bledington, on Tuesday 19th December. All welcome- we hope to see you there!

School Governors Update

Our thanks and best wishes to Mrs Sarah Newton who has stepped down from her role of Chair of Governors. We'd like to thank Sarah for her hard work and support for the last 5 years as school governor and Chair of Governors. We wish her continued success as manager of the thriving village shop

Stepping in to fill Sarah's shoes as Chair of Governors, we welcome Mrs Kieri Dainty- you may know her as Gwendolyn's Mum!

Safeguarding-

- Lumi Nova- Support for Children's Mental Health and Anxiety
- Operation Encompass

From 17th October, Lumi Nova will be free for all families across Gloucestershire. Families will be able to access Lumi Nova by independently visiting [Luminova.app/glos](https://luminova.app/glos) and completing a short registration form.

What is Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova: Tales of courage is an intergalactic adventure game that helps to support young people to fight fears & manage worries. Whilst exploring planets, customising characters, and earning treasure your child breaks their fears and worries down into manageable steps, learning life-long skills and building resilience.

Lumi Nova is designed for 7 - 12-year-olds (school years 3 - 7) who are having difficulties with fears and worries related to social situations, separation, or phobias, but may also be helpful for young people outside this age range.

Designed by BFB Labs, Lumi Nova was developed with NHS clinicians and leading academics. It is based upon Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Exposure Therapy which are proven to be effective. Lumi Nova is recommended by NICE (National Institute for Health & Care Excellence) and adheres to strict standards of clinical safety.

Please log to <http://luminova.app/glos> where you will find information about the service and the registration form

Operation Encompass is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse. Bledington School is an Operation Encompass School.

Operation Encompass ensures that there is a simple telephone call or notification to a school's trained Designated Safeguarding Lead /Officer (known as key Adult) prior to the start of the next school day after an incident of police attended domestic abuse where there are children related to either of the adult parties involved.

Information is shared with a school's Key Adult (Designated Safeguarding Lead or Officer) prior to the start of the next school day after officers have attended a domestic abuse incident. This sharing of information enables appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child.