



Dates for your Diary

14/11/25 Children In Need- come to school dressed in bright colours or pyjamas in exchange for loose change.
18/11/25 Black Hole Mobile Planetarium – whole school workshop- details are on Parentpay
18/11/25 After-school Space Camp for years 3,4 and 5- details are on Parentpay
19/11/25 William Morris Workshop by The Oxfordshire Museum Learning Service for Reception, 1 and 2 (Owls and Puffins). Details on Parentpay
20/11/2025 Team from Parrot Class to The Cotswold School for Quicksticks Hockey. 4.00 to 5.30pm
21/11/25 Class Fundraising Christmas card shop reopens
24/11/25 Polytiles art workshop for Parrots and Puffins (Free of Charge)
25/11/25 Polytiles Workshop for Owls and Penguins (FOC)
26/11/25 Drop-in Community Café in the school hall. 9.00 to 10.30am. All welcome
27/11/25 Year 6 DT workshop at Kingham Hill School 10-12.
28/11/25 Parrot Class to the Ashmolean Museum- details on Parentpay
3/12/25 Wreath Making Evening in the school hall
9/12/25: Infant Nativity- school hall Gates open 1.30 for 1.45pm start. All welcome
10/12/25- Change of menu from Roast Dinner to Fish and Chips - due to Christmas Dinner on Friday 12 th Dec
12/12/25: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day
15/12/25 Carol Singing at St Leonard's Church Bledington- all welcome 2.00pm start.
17/12/25 Whole school trip to the Panto at Chipping Norton Theatre- Beauty and the Beast. Details are on Parentpay
18/12/25 Class Parties – afternoon during school hours
19/12/25 Break up at 1.10 for Christmas Holidays
22/12/25 to 2/1/26 Christmas Holidays- return to school 5/1/26
15/01/26 Height, Weight and Vision screening for Reception
15/01/26 Height and Weight screening for Year 6
27/1/26 Penguin class to the Ashmolean Museum
02/02/26 Parents Evening for Owls, Puffins, Penguins and Parrots
03/02/26 Parents Evening for Penguins and Parrots
04/02/26 Parrot Class to the Cotswold School to watch dress rehearsal of The Addams Family
05/02/26 Parents Evening for Owls and Puffins
06/02/26 After School Disco 5.30 to 6.30pm for infants; 6.30 to 7.30pm for Juniors
13/2/26 INSET DAY- No pupils at school
16/2/ 26 to 20/2/26 Half term holiday- back to school on 23/2/26
24/02/26 KS1 KS1 NCH Oracy Final
25/02/26 OWLS class Book Fair in the school hall 8.45am
26/02/26 PUFFINS Book Fair in the school hall 8.45am
26/002/26 Lower KS2 NCH Oracy Final
27/02/26 PENGUINS Book Fair in the school hall 8.45am
02/03/26 PARROTS Book Fair in the school hall 8.45am
03/03/26 International Cookery Workshop by Caterlink- for all year

groups.

4/3/26 Upper KS2 NCH Oracy Final at Bledington School 9.15-11.40
05/03/26 World Book Day 2026
06/03/26 BAG2SCHOOL Collection
12/03/26 PC Leah Davis Online Safety talk - Parrot Class
16/03/26 Owls and Puffins to the Cotswold Farm Park- details to follow
16/03/26 to 27/03/26 Swimming for all year groups
26/03/26 Easter Extravaganza 2.15pm start- all welcome
27/03/26 Break up at 1.10 for Easter Holidays
30/03/26 -10/04/26 Easter Holidays- return to school on 13/4/26
04/05/26 MAY DAY Bank Holiday
11/05/26 SAT's Week
22/05/26 Maypole Afternoon- Gates Open 1.15 for a 1.30 start
25/05/26 to 29/05/26 Half term Holidays- 1/6/26 INSET DAY
2/6/26 Back to school
5/6/26 NON-UNIFORM day in return for tombola prize for Bledington fete
6/6/26 Bledington Village Fete
09/06/26 Castles Workshop for Owls and Puffins
16/06/26 1 st Induction for new September starters 1.30pm (children and parents)
19/06/26 SPORTS DAY Gate opens 1.15 for a 1.30 start
23/06/26 2 nd Induction for September starters- children only
26/06/26 Reserve Sports Day if wet on the 19 th
07/07/26 KS2 End of Year Performance – afternoon- Gate Opens 1.15 for a 1.30 start
07/07/26 KS2 End of Year Performance- evening- Gate Opens 5.40 for a 6pm start
14/07/26 Whole school trip to Warwick Castle
16/07/26 Leavers Assembly
17/07/26 Break up at 1.10 for Summer Holidays

Thank you

Huge thanks to Jack Lewis for fixing the light in our entrance hall.

Good Luck

We would like to wish Mrs Rollins the very best of luck as she prepares for the arrival of her new baby in January. Her last working day will be Friday, 19th December. During her absence, Puffin Class will be taught full time by Mrs Thomas.

Tax Free Payments

Bledington Primary School is registered to accept Tax-Free Childcare payments. This government scheme helps working parents save 20% on childcare costs, including wraparound care such as EarlyBird and after-school clubs. To find out if you're eligible and how to set up your account, visit Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK

14/11/2025

Wear Bright Colours/Pyjamas 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 or pyjamas in exchange for loose change. Look out for the photos on our Instagram page!

All funds raised will go directly to the charity.

Black Hole Mobile Planetarium 18th November

As part of Space Camp and Science Week, we're thrilled to be hosting a whole-school Space Camp session on Tuesday 18th November. The highlight of the day will be the incredible Black Hole mobile planetarium – an immersive, inflatable dome that brings the wonders of space right into our school! Mark Allen, who is a member of the British Association of Planetaria, will present a workshop on the planets inside the inflatable hemisphere. This is for all year groups. For payment details, please see Parentpay.

Space Camp for years 3,4 & 5 18th Nov 3.15-7pm

Bledington school has joined a local partnership of schools that have been trained in running Space Camp, a programme sponsored by the Steven Hawking Foundation. Thanks to this amazing opportunity, our partnership has been provided with binoculars, telescope and lots of other exciting equipment to bring Space Education to life. Years 3,4 & 5 are invited to an amazing 'Space Camp' evening on Tues 18th November for a night of star gazing and experiments.

Children will stay at school after the usual end of the day, with school staff supervising throughout the event.

A light meal of soup, a bread roll, and a drink will be provided.

Please ensure your child has warm clothes to wear, including a jumper, coat, gloves, and a hat.

Pick-up time is 7:00 PM prompt

The cost is £4.00 per child, and we are also able to accept Tax-Free Childcare payments for this event.

To confirm your child's attendance, please submit consent via Parentpay.

William Morris Workshop-Owls & Puffins 19th Nov

On Wednesday 19th November, staff from the Oxfordshire Museum will visit school to deliver a workshop all about Oxford's motoring legend, William Morris. Owls and Puffins will have the opportunity to explore real artefacts and take part in hands-on activities to help them learn more about his life and legacy. For payment and further details, please see Parentpay.

Quicksticks Hockey at The Cotswold School – Parrot Class 20th Nov 4.00pm to 5.30pm

A team from Parrot Class has been invited to take part in a Quicksticks Hockey event at The Cotswold School on 20th Nov. This takes place after school 4.00pm to 5.30pm

Please check your inbox for an email sent on 6th Nov and respond asap to let us know if your child will be attending.

Drop-in Community Café in the school hall. 9.00 to 10.30am. All welcome 26th Nov

We're holding an informal drop-in to provide an opportunity to chat and find out about useful information and support within our community. Our Parent Support Advisor and other team members will be on hand to talk through any concerns you may have about your child—such as fussy eating, behaviour, or sleep routines etc

There will also be an opportunity to look at the RHSE/PSE (Relationships and Sex Education / Personal and Social Education) resources and a chance to discuss these with our Nurture Teaching Assistant.

Year 6 to Kingham Hill School for DT morning 27th Nov

Year 6 pupils have been invited to visit Kingham Hill School for a special Design Technology Workshop on Thursday 27th November from 10am to 12pm. This will be a hands-on session where pupils will get to design and make their own mini project to take home. They will have the chance to explore the workshop facilities, use real tools and materials, and work alongside Kingham Hill's DT teachers and some senior pupils, who are eager to share their skills and enthusiasm for creative design. It's a great opportunity to learn new practical skills, think creatively, and see what it's like to study DT in a secondary school environment. Kingham Hill are providing transport to and from school and there is no charge for this trip. Please note that a packed lunch will be required. Huge thanks to Kingham Hill for this wonderful opportunity.

Parrot Class to the Ashmolean Museum 28th Nov

On Friday 28th November, Parrot Class will be heading to the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, for an exciting 'Egypt Detectives' workshop where they will learn all about Ancient Egyptian life by investigating real artefacts and about the skills developed by craftspeople during that time. They'll also have time to explore the museum's galleries and see objects from thousands of years ago. For details, and to make payment, please see Parentpay.

Christmas Card Orders - It's not too late!

Thanks to everyone that ordered Christmas Cards etc from Class Fundraising- your orders raised an impressive £209.52 in commission for school. Thank you!

If you missed the deadline, no problem, the online shop will reopen from **21st November to 1st December** for late orders. However, please note that school won't get a percentage of the proceeds for any orders placed during this period.

The North Cotswold Foodbank

Please see thank you note for our Harvest donation to the local foodbank

"On behalf of the Trustees and all the Volunteers of the North Cotswold Foodbank, I would like to thank all at Bledington School for the very generous Harvest food donation received recently, weighing in at an excellent 78.72kg.

The North Cotswold Foodbank is getting busier each year and we have been able to feed many local families who have found

themselves in desperate need. The majority of our clients are low-income, working families and they are all deeply grateful that others would consider them at a very difficult time in their lives.

With rising prices in energy and food, we have seen a marked increase in demand at our local Foodbank particularly in the last few years. Your donation will help to ensure that our Foodbank is well stocked so that we can meet any further increase in demand, and help those in our community who are struggling.

Without your generosity, we would not be able to offer this help, so thank you all for your support and kindness - it is very much appreciated and it really does make a difference to so many lives".

Free Parenting Classes at Stow on the Wold- organised by Headspace

Please see below from 'Headspace'

At **Headspace**, we know parenting can be full of highs, lows, and everything in between. That's why we're offering a series of **FREE friendly, practical sessions** designed to help you feel more confident, supported, and connected. Whether you're navigating school life or need guidance around special educational needs, our sessions are here for you.

Sam Stocken is running 3 sessions and parents can come to one or more. Sam will host a relaxed and welcoming evening where parents come together to share experiences, celebrate what's working, and explore fresh ways to support children's wellbeing and behaviour.

The dates are 17th November, 15th December, and 19th January 7pm – 8:30 pm at Stow Baptist Church. Please click on the link below for more information and to book your place

<https://www.myheadspace.org.uk/news-events/parenting-classes-to-help-you-and-your-child-thrive>

Infant Nativity- Tuesday 9th December

Please join us to watch the Infant Nativity on **Tuesday 9th December** at 1.45pm. (Gates open 1.30pm) All welcome. We'd like to thank you in advance for all your hard work providing and making the children's costumes.

Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day. Friday

12th Dec 2025



Our whole school Christmas dinner will be on Friday 12th 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 15th Dec 2pm

Please join us for our annual carol service at the village church. This lovely service will start at 2.00pm at St Leonard's Church, Bledington, on Monday 15th December. All welcome- we hope to see you there!

PANTO Beauty and the Beast –Wed 17th Dec

The pantomime season is here again and we have booked tickets for Beauty and the Beast at 'The Theatre', Chipping Norton – Wednesday 17th Dec at 1.45pm.

The children will travel to Chipping Norton by coach, (which has kindly been paid for by the BSA) **but you will need to collect them from the theatre at approx. 4.00pm**. If this is a problem, please let us know asap.

The contribution for this trip is £13.00 per child payable through ParentPay- this includes a small packet of sweets. Please do not send in sweets from home for the Panto

Year 6 'Behind the Scenes' Panto Tour 17th Dec

Thanks to Jo Robinson, Jim's Mum, our year 6 children have been invited to a special 'behind the scenes tour' after the Panto has finished. We anticipate this will take approx. 30 mins after the theatre has emptied. Any parents that are collecting younger siblings are welcome to wait in the bar (once it is clear of audience from the show) otherwise, please collect at approx. 4.55-5.00pm. **Please e mail school to confirm if your child will be attending the tour.**

Parking at drop off and pick up

We kindly ask all parents and carers to avoid parking on the grass verges or the zig-zag lines during drop-off and pick-up times. Please also switch off your engines while waiting, to help reduce noise and air pollution.

We've received complaints from local residents, and your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

Christmas Cards

The school Christmas Card 'Post Box' will be open from the 2nd December. Please make sure that all envelopes are clearly addressed with the person's name and class. The post box will be in the link area.

School Closure

If the school needs to close for any reason, e.g. severe weather, during the winter, we will notify all families via Groupcall Texts. Please also check www.glosclosedschools.com or visit our school website for updates.

Gloucestershire Family Hubs

Did you know there is a wealth of information for parents and carers on the Gloucestershire **Family Hubs** website? This website is also available as an APP- just Google it and download. Under the Early Years section, topics such as parenting, toileting, sleep etc are covered, plus lots good ideas and other resources to look at.

Safeguarding

As the evenings get darker, please remind children to wear bright or reflective clothing when walking or cycling. Hi-vis jackets, armbands, or reflective strips help drivers see them clearly and keep everyone safe. Let's make sure our pupils are visible and protected on their journeys!