



## Dates for your Diary

27/1/26 Penguins to Ashmolean Museum for Roman w'shop
28/01/26 Knex Challenge for Parrots Class
02/02/26 Parents Evening for Owls, Puffins, Penguins 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 and Parrots
06/02/26 Penguins and Parrots Orienteering Trip to Sherborne Primary School. Packed lunch needed
06/02/26 After School Disco 5.30 to 6.30pm for infants; 6.30 to 7.30pm for Juniors
<b>13/2/26 INSET DAY- No pupils at school</b>
<b>16/2/ 26 to 20/2/26 Half term holiday- return on 23/2/26</b>
24/02/26 KS1 NCH Oracy Final at Northleach Primary School- Annie from Puffins to attend
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
26/02/26 Lower KS2 NCH Oracy Final at Bourton on the Water Primary – Rory from Penguins to attend
27/02/26 PENGUINS Book Fair in the school hall 8.45am
1/3/26 Winter Voices Poetry Festival at St Leonard's Church
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 at Bledington School- Bella from Parrots to attend
05/03/26 World Book Day 2026
06/03/26 BAG2SCHOOL Collection
12/03/26 PC Leah Davis Online Safety talk - Parrot Class
12/03/26 Life Education Workshop for all year groups
13/03/26 Mother's Day Gallery 2.30pm in the school hall- tea and coffee- all welcome
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
17/03/26 <b>In the Net</b> internet safety performance for Penguin class. Held at Stow on the Wold Primary
26/03/26 Easter Extravaganza 2.15pm start- all welcome
27/03/26 Break up at 1.10 for Easter Holidays
<b>30/03/26 -10/04/26 Easter Holidays- return on 13/4/26</b>
23/04/26 BSA's Bingo Night- more details to follow
<b>04/05/26 MAY DAY Bank Holiday</b>
11/05/26 SAT's Week
20/05/26 Photographer at school for class photos
22/05/26 Maypole Afternoon- Gates Open 1.15 for 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Induction for September starters- children only
26/06/26 Reserve Sports Day if wet on the 19 <sup>th</sup>
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

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Annie from Puffins; Rory from Penguins and Bella from Parrots for making it through to the Partnership Heat Finals of this year's Look Who's Talking 2026 Oracy competition.

Congratulations also to Marley, Emily G, Bella O and Zoe D for winning the Winter Voices poster design competition and to Alice S, Beatrix and Emily G for winning the Winter Voices Bookmark design competition. More details on Winter Voices to follow.

We are also pleased to share that we have been awarded the Gloucestershire Healthy School Award in recognition of our ongoing work and commitment to supporting the health and well-being of our school community. The awarding body commended the wide range of initiatives we have introduced to promote positive health and well-being across the school.

### [Penguin Class Trip to the Ashmolean Museum – 27/1/26](#)

Penguin Class will attend a fascinating Roman workshop at the Ashmolean Museum on Tuesday 27th January. Children will need to bring a packed lunch, and please note the coach may return to school slightly later than usual, at approximately 3:20–3:25pm. Please submit your consent and payment for this trip via ParentPay.

### [K'NEX Challenge Parrot Class Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Jan](#)

We're getting ready to introduce Parrot Class to the exciting world of engineering! Our K'Nex workshop will provide them with the perfect opportunity to solve a given problem using their creativity and skills. The children will work in pairs to solve problems, produce a working model, and communicate their ideas effectively. The winning pair from Parrot Class will be invited to the Gloucestershire K'Nex final in May

### [Parents' Evening – week commencing 2/2/26](#)

Sign-up sheets for Parents' Evening will be available in the link from Tuesday 27th January. Please add your name to secure your appointment slot.

## Parrots to the Cotswold School- the Addams Family 04/02/26

Parrot Class have been invited to watch the dress rehearsal of The Addams Family performed by pupils from The Cotswold School. It promises to be a fun and exciting morning for the children. Please note that a packed lunch will be required.

There is no charge for this trip, but please submit consent via ParentPay. The class will be travelling by coach to and from the event and will be back in time for normal school pick-up.

## Orienteering Trip for Penguins and Parrots at Sherborne Primary School Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

We are pleased to confirm that the orienteering trip originally scheduled for the 9th January, which had to be cancelled, has now been rearranged. The new date for the trip is Friday 6 February (weather permitting), and it will take place at Sherborne Primary School. Please see Parentpay for details and to submit consent. There is no charge for this trip.

## The BSA School Disco! Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

Excitement is brewing for our annual school disco! This will be held in the school hall on the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. Parents are welcome to stay for the 'Parents Social' with an honesty bar set up in one of the classrooms.

Please collect your child on time from the link- timings are as follows:

- Owls and Puffins: 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
- Penguins and Parrots: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
- Payment: £4.00 per child, to be paid in advance via Parentpay (no cash on the door, please) To include A glow stick, crisps, and a drink.

## Forest School

A big thank you from Mrs Droy and the Infants to all the parents who have helped with Forest School in the autumn term. We wouldn't be able to run it without your support and we hope you had fun.

Penguins and Parrots are at Forest School in Spring term and our rota is available to sign up for on Mr Young's side door (on the playground). We hope you can help!

## Parking at drop off and pick up

We would like to remind parents and carers that parking continues to be a significant issue during busy drop-off and pick-up times. We kindly ask that you do not park on the lines outside or opposite the school. Doing so restricts the flow of traffic in both directions and creates dangerous conditions for pedestrians, including our children and families who are trying to cross safely.

Your cooperation is essential in helping us maintain a safe and smooth environment around the school. Thank you for your continued support.

## CATS- Cotswolds Art Through Schools

We are delighted that CATS Art in Kingham have been generously providing their support to the school, offering free art workshops for our pupils. Their ongoing commitment and creativity greatly appreciated, and the children are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to develop new artistic skills. Thank you to any families who may have contributed to their recent fundraising.

## Safeguarding Concerns

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher or one of the DSL's (Designated Safeguarding Leads) in the first instance. A list of our DSLs is displayed on the POD door.

We kindly ask that you do not contact Mrs Douglas, our Safeguarding Governor, directly. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Safeguarding- Online Safety


 **New From the Children's Commissioner: "What I Wish My Parents or Carers Knew..."**

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a new guide to help parents and carers support children as they navigate the online world. The guide is shaped directly by children's voices and is designed to make conversations about online safety, screen time, and digital habits easier and more confident for families.

The resource gives practical advice on:

- Setting healthy digital boundaries
- Talking about tricky topics such as online risks
- Knowing how to respond if something goes wrong online
- Supporting children to feel safe, heard, and protected in the digital world

You can access the full guide and downloadable resources using the links below:

 **Parents and Carers Guide – "What I wish my parents or carers knew..."**

['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

## Smartphone-Free Childhood

As a school, we are continuing to support the growing movement towards a **smartphone-free childhood**. More families are choosing to delay smartphone use to help children stay safe, reduce online pressures, and encourage healthier social interactions. We encourage all parents and carers to consider alternatives, such as basic phones for communication, and to talk with children about developing positive digital habits. For further information and support, please click on to [Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

Thank you for working with us to create a supportive, balanced environment for all our pupils.