



Dates for your Diary

16/03/26 Owls and Puffins to the Cotswold Farm Park- details on Parentpay
16/03/26 to 27/03/26 Swimming for all year groups
17/03/26 In the Net internet safety performance for Penguin class. Held at Stow on the Wold Primary
20/03/26 Comic Relief Day- see below. JOKE COMPETITION AND NON -UNIFORM DAY
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 on 13/4/26
23/04/26 BSA's Bingo Night- more details to follow
04/05/26 MAY DAY Bank Holiday
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 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
24/6/26 Parents Open Evening 3.15pm to 5.15pm
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
15/07/26 Bag2School
16/07/26 Leavers Assembly
17/07/26 Break up at 1.10 for Summer Holidays

Thank you

Thank you to Lola, Beatrix, Annie, Bella O., Arthur, Ava, Grace, Alice, Nala, Zoe, Beatrice D. A and Emily P—and of course Ms Kewley—for their beautiful poetry recitals at the Winter Voices event at St Leonard's Church on Sunday 1st March. Our thanks also go to their parents for their support. All of the children were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Winter Voices, organised by Roger Blears, was a great success, bringing together schoolchildren and local residents to share their favourite poems, along with performances by professional singers. The event was generously sponsored by Velanidia, a small educational charity.

Huge thanks to the BSA for all of their hard work making the Chastleton Teas fundraiser such a huge success on Saturday 7th March, raising an impressive £650.00. Thank you all.

Mother's Day Gallery

Thank you, once again, to the BSA, for funding the frames for the fabulous Mother's Day Gallery portraits. I'm sure you'll agree that the artwork was second to none! Thank you to Miss Nessling and Mrs Lay for arranging this event.

Amanda Harrington's Beauty Master Class

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Amanda Harrington, who so generously gave up her time to host a wonderful Beauty Masterclass, with all proceeds going directly to the BSA. It was a *fantastic* evening—fun, informative and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

The event also raised an amazing £700 for the BSA, helping to fund a wide range of opportunities and experiences for our pupils.

A big thank you as well to the BSA team for all their hard work in organising and supporting this event.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Annie from Puffins, Rory from Penguins, and Bella from Parrots for reaching the Finals of the Look Who's Talking 2026 Oracy Competition. This is a fantastic achievement, and each of them performed brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication they showed throughout the competition.

Book Fair Totals

Thank you so much to everyone that supported our annual Book Fair. We achieved sales of £569.38, earning an impressive £227.75 in commission for school to spend on new books from Scholastic. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Owls and Puffins Trip to the Cotswold Farm Park Monday 16th March

Owls and Puffins will be heading out on an exciting visit to the Cotswold Farm Park on Monday 16th March. We're looking forward to a fantastic day of exploring the farm, meeting the animals, and learning more about life on a farm.

Please remember that all children will need a packed lunch, and as we will be outdoors for much of the day, we ask that every child comes with a coat and sensible shoes. We will return to school in time for normal pick-up at the end of the day. Consent needs to be provided through Parentpay. There is no charge for this

school in time for normal pick-up at the end of the day. Consent needs to be provided through Parentpay. There is no charge for this trip, as it is fully funded through a generous donation from a local charity, Velanidia.

Swimming- 16th March to 27th March

We are delighted that our large pop-up pool on site is ready for swimming lessons to start on Monday 16th March. The pool water is heated to a comfortable 31°C -please note that although the tent structure itself is not heated, once the pool cover is removed the space becomes very warm thanks to the heat rising from the water. The qualified swimming instructor will assess the children's swimming abilities during their first session and will make sure that they're grouped with other children of similar abilities as far as possible. Floatation devices will be provided for any children who need them. School staff will be present pool-side for every lesson. Children from Reception and Year 1 will swim in groups of 6; from year 2 upwards, groups of 10.

Please ensure your child brings all their swimming gear to school in a **large supermarket-style Bag for Life. They will need:**

- Swimming costume/trunks . (No bikinis)
- Flip Flops or Crocs to walk from school to poolside
- Swimming Hats if you have them
- Plastic Bag to put their wet kit in
- Children will also need a dressing gown or something similar to keep warm while walking the short distance between the school building and the pool.
- NO jewellery to be worn in the pool

Your child's specific swimming days are listed on their Class Teams page, so please check this carefully and make sure kit is in school on the correct days.

We kindly ask that all payments are cleared via ParentPay before Monday 16th March.

In the Net – Penguin Class Tuesday 17th March

As I am sure you are aware, internet safety of children across the UK has been in the news recently and continues to be a concern. To learn all about internet safety, Penguins will attend an age appropriate, interactive play at Stow on the Wold Primary School on Tuesday 17th March. This will take place in the morning, and they'll be back in time for lunch- no packed lunch needed. Please see Parentpay prior to the trip to give consent.

Comic Relief- Friday 20th March

Friday 20th March is Comic Relief 2026, and we will be celebrating with a non-uniform day. Children should come to school wearing red, and they are welcome to add red accessories such as headbands or red noses if they wish. Please note that **no hair dye or face paint** should be used as we will be swimming that day.

There will be a class joke competition so please ask your child to bring in their favourite joke ready to share with the class on the day.

As for payment, please click on the link below - this will take

you straight to our Comic Relief page on Parentpay, with all funds going directly to the charity. If you have more than one child at school, you can make a single donation to cover them all, rather than donating separately for each child. No cash on the day, please. Thank you so much for your support.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=21246>

Easter Eggstravaganza and Competition 26th March 2.15pm start

To celebrate Easter, we'll be holding a 'Make an Egg Person' competition. Entries need to be brought in to school at morning drop off on the 26th March. (Please do not bring your entries in before this). Entries will be judged by 12noon.

In the afternoon, our Easter Eggstravaganza starts at 2.15pm- all welcome. Please come along to see the Egg Person entries and enjoy teas kindly provided by the BSA.

Bag2School

Just to let you know that last week's Bag2 School raised £59.10 for the BSA. Thanks so much to everyone that donated. Save the date for the next collection which is on the 15th July at 9.00am.

World Book Day 2026 Winners

World Book day Winners:

Our World Book Day costumes, were, once again, fabulously creative and fun, following our theme of 'Characters from a Traditional Myth or Legend' The winners of the best costume from each class, winning a giant Easter Egg were:

OWLS- Harvey
PUFFINS- Monty
PENGUINS- Nala
PARROTS- Hudson

The Book Week Front Cover Competition winners were

Owls- Finn
Puffins- Florence
Penguins- George
Parrots Chloe
Each winning a £10 book token.
Well done to all.

Safeguarding

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping all children safe, we would like to remind families about the importance of supporting **safe and responsible online behaviour** at home.

Children are increasingly accessing the internet for learning, games and communication. To help keep them safe, please ensure:

- **Devices are used in shared family spaces** where possible.
- **Parental controls** are switched on across devices, apps and broadband settings.
- **Games and apps are age-appropriate**, as many popular platforms include features not suitable for primary-aged children.
- You talk regularly with your child about staying safe online, including not sharing personal information and knowing what to do if something worries them.