



Dates for your Diary

23/04/26 BSA's Bingo Night- School Hall 5.00-7.00pm
01/05/26 Tinga Tinga African Animals Art workshop for Owls and Puffins. No Charge for this event
04/05/26 MAY DAY Bank Holiday
11/05/26 SAT's Week
15/05/26 KS2 Athletics at the Cotswold School. Please submit consent via Parentpay
18/05/26 K'NEX Challenge final for Arthur and Grace from Parrot Class
19/05/26 PC Leah Davis to visit Parrot Class
20/05/26 Photographer at school for class photos
20/05/26 Drawing Skills Workshop by Emma Cox for Penguin Class. No Charge for this event
21/05/26 Art Workshop by Emma Cox for Parrot Class. No charge for this event
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
02/06/26 Team of 8 from Parrot Class to attend cricket competition at The Cotswold 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)
18/06/26 Penguins and Parrots- RE trip to Gloucester to visit the Cathedral and Mosque. Details will be up on Parentpay shortly, but please note, departure at 8.30 am
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- parents of Parrot Class Children (years 5 and 6)
17/07/26 Break up at 1.10 for Summer Holidays

Congratulations

Congratulations to the prize winners of the Bledington Spring Flower Show, held during the Easter holidays. We were delighted by the high standard of entries and would like to commend all pupils for their wonderful artwork and poetry. Thanks to Ami Morley for organising this event. The winners were as follows:

Class 1- up to Year 2

1st - Annie from Puffins; 2nd - Henry B from Puffins; 3rd - Artie from Owls

Class 2 - School years 3 & 4.

1st - Jamieson; 2nd - Esma; 3rd - Seren

Class 4 - Poem years 5 & 6.

1st - Bella ; 2nd - Emily G ; 3rd - Isaac

The Wendy Scott Handwriting Cup was won by Annabelle from Parrots. Well done to all.

Thank you to the BSA

Huge thanks to the BSA for their tireless fundraising efforts and for hosting so many wonderful events in support of the school. Chastleton Teas was a huge success on Saturday, raising an impressive £770 (before expenses). They have also worked incredibly hard planning and preparing for tomorrow evening's Bingo, which has already sold out. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Nearly New Toys for Bledington Village Fete

Following on from the success of last year's toy stall at the Village fete, we would be very grateful for donations of nearly new toys for this year's stall. These can be brought into school from next week and left in the box in the link.

For those who are new to the school, Bledington School runs several stalls at the Village Fete each year, one of which is the popular Tombola. We kindly ask children to bring in a tombola prize to support the fete, in exchange for a non-uniform day on Friday 5th. Thank you for your continued support.

Volunteers for KS1 Forest School

If anyone can volunteer at Mrs Droy's Forest School on Wednesdays, (for KS1 for the rest of the academic year) please put your name down on the sign-up sheets on the POD door. Thank you!

BSA's Bingo Night –Thurs 23rd April 5pm to 7pm

Dabbers at the ready! Tomorrow night's Bingo starts at 5pm

and promises to be a fantastic evening. Enjoy hot dogs, a paid bar, great raffle prizes, and Bingo calling by Michael Canby. Please note, this event is now **sold out**.

Art Workshops- Provided by CATS - Cotswolds Art Through Schools

Owls and Puffins have an exciting Tinga Tinga African Animals art workshop to enjoy, while Penguins and Parrots are looking forward to a Drawing Skills and Art workshop. These workshops are kindly provided by CATS- Cotswolds Art Through Schools and are free of charge to the children.

KS2 Athletics Friday 15th May

Penguins and Parrots will join children from other North Cotswold schools on Friday, 15th May for the annual KS2 Athletics Day at The Cotswold School.

Transportation: Children will travel to and from the event by coach, returning in time for the usual school pick-up.

Lunch: Please provide a packed lunch and drink.

Clothing: Children should wear their school PE kit and trainers. Additionally, ensure they have joggers & sweatshirt.

Weather Preparation: Be ready for any weather! Pack a cagoule if it's wet, and sun lotion and a sunhat if it's sunny.

Consent: Please submit your consent via Parentpay by 15/5. Please note there is no charge for this event.

Walk to School Day 19th May . Meet at 8.40am on the Village Green

Walk to School Day is scheduled for May 19th 2026

Please drop off your child(ren) at the Kings Head car park at 8:40 AM, where school staff will be waiting. The walk is exclusively for children, so to minimize congestion on The Green, please drop off your child promptly. We will begin the walk at 8:45 AM sharp, heading to school via Church Lane. Please note, children must not be left unattended prior to the arrival of school staff on the Green.

Children attending Early Bird Club will walk down to the Green with school staff so that they can participate in the walk

For those not taking part, please enter the school playground at the usual time. A member of staff will be present.

School Photographer 20th May

The school photographer will be visiting on May 20th. for individual and class photos. Please ensure your child is dressed in their full school uniform. Thank you

Maypole Afternoon 22nd May

Please come along on Friday 22nd May to join us for our annual Maypole dancing afternoon– Gates open 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start. In addition to the children's performances we will end the

afternoon with a parents' dance! Refreshments kindly provided by the BSA- cash only please.

Term-Time Absence and Fixed Penalty Notice

As you may already be aware, holidays taken during term time are classed as unauthorised, except in exceptional circumstances, and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by Gloucestershire County Council. These are currently £160 per parent, per child, reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance of 96–97% is considered good, while 90% or below is classed as persistent absence. The 95% benchmark may sound high, but it still equals 10 missed school days per year. Attendance below 90% means a child misses nearly four weeks of learning each year, and 80% attendance is the equivalent of missing a whole year of education across primary school.

Punctuality matters too—arriving just 5 minutes late each day adds up to three days of lost learning over a year. Thank you for helping your child be in school, on time, every day.

PE Kit and Uniform

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day during the summer term. This should include a white T-shirt and black shorts or black joggers, as PE may take place on any day.

As mentioned in the BSA newsletter, we have a large supply of nearly new uniform for sale at school. Please check with us before placing any orders with Price and Buckland- as we may have exactly what you need!

Safeguarding

Many of the events happening around the world are discussed frequently in the news and on social media. Even if adults try to shield children from it, they often pick up snippets of conversations, headlines or comments from other children. Because of this, children may already have partial information, misunderstandings or worries that they have not shared. For primary-aged children, it is usually better that the trusted adults in their lives help them make sense of what they are hearing. When parents and carers talk openly and calmly about world events, it helps children feel safe, supported and able to ask questions. The goal is not to give lots of detail or expose children to distressing information. Instead, it is about helping them understand the basics, reassuring them that they are safe and reminding them that many people are working hard to help