



Dates for your Diary

22/9/26 Cotswold School Open Morning 9.30 to 12.30
24/9/26 Chipping Campden Open Evening 5.30 -8:30pm
25/09/26 Whole School Walk- all welcome
25/9/26 Cake Sale in aid of Macmillan
29/9/26 School Photographer at school for individual colour portraits
30/9/26 Cotswold School Open Morning 9.30 to 12.30
01/10/26 Cotswold School Open Evening 5.30 to 7.00pm
02/10/26 European Day of Languages at school
28/09/26 Food for the North Cotswold Foodbank can be brought in from 1/10/26 - boxes will be in the link
05/10/26 Harvest Festival (whole school)- Doors open 1.50pm for 2pm start- all welcome
6/10/26 Toys and Games workshop for Owls and Puffins
07/10/26 Nasal Flu Vaccine- please make sure all consent given/declined by noon on 6/10
12/10/26/13/10/26 and 15/10/26 Parents Evening. Sign-up sheets will be in the link on 1/10/26
13/10/26 Open Morning for prospective families- 9.30 to 11.30am- please call school to book a slot
16/10/26 Longborough Festival Opera to school for workshops and Hansel and Gretel performance
22/10/26 Whole School 1 st Aid Training
23/10/26 INSET DAY – NO PUPILS AT SCHOOL
26/10/26 to 30/10/26 Half Term Holiday- back to school on 2/11/26
31/10/26 Deadline for Secondary School applications
2/11/26 Application window open for Sept 27 Primary School admissions until the deadline of 15/1/27
11/11/26 Remembrance
20/11/26 Children in Need
24/11/26 Drop in Community Café in the school hall. More details to follow
8/12/26 : Infant Nativity- school hall Gates open 1.30 for 1.45pm start. All welcome
9/12/26 Whole school trip to the PANTO at Chipping Norton
9/12/26 Change of menu from Roast Dinner to Fish and Chips - due to Christmas Dinner on Friday 11 th Dec
11/12/26: Christmas Dinner; Christmas Jumper and Christmas Parties- during school hours.
14/12/26 Carol Singing at St Leonard's Church Bledington- all welcome 2.00pm start.
18/12/26 Break up at 1.10 for Christmas Holidays
21/12/26 to 1/1/27 Christmas Holidays- return to school Tuesday 5th Jan 2027 (Inset day on the 4th Jan)

Thank you

Thank you so much to Henry Dennis for setting up the sound system for our end of year production in July- very much appreciated- thank you!

Thanks to Mr Canby for giving the staff and years 1 & 2 the VIP treatment at the International Sheepdog Trials at Daylesford last Friday. It was a great morning and the delicious ice-creams were very much appreciated. Thank you, Mr Canby for looking after us so well! Thanks, also, to Kingham Hill School for providing free of charge transportation to and from the event.

Open Day 13th Oct - 9.30am to 11.30am

Please spread the word to friends and family that we have an Open Day for prospective families on Tuesday 13th October. If you know any families with pre-schoolers that may be interested, please let them know. To make a booking, please contact the school office on 01608 658388 or email admin@bledington.gloucs.sch.uk

Whole School Walk – all welcome Fri 25th Sept. 1.45pm

Please join us for our Whole School Walk on Friday 25th September. We will meet on the playground at 1.45pm before setting off on a walk around Bledington.

As we'll be walking across fields, wellies are recommended. We expect to return to school in plenty of time for the Cake Sale in aid of Macmillan, organised and run by Parrot Class. All welcome to join us, the more the merrier. **Sorry, no dogs allowed.**

Macmillan Coffee and Cake Sale Friday 25th Sept 2.15pm approx

Following our Whole School Walk on Friday 25th Sept, please join us for teas and cake sale organised and run by Parrot Class in aid of Macmillan. The sale will begin as soon as we return to school from the walk.

Huge thank you to Parrot Class parents and families for their generous donations of cakes. We look forward to seeing you there and raising money for a fantastic cause. The target to beat is last year's £273.67!

School Photographer Wednesday 29th Sept

The school photographer will be with us on Tuesday 29th Sept to take individual colour portraits of all pupils. Orders need to be done online, and all photos will be delivered in plenty of time for Christmas.

School Census- 1st October

As part of our School Census, the number of children receiving Universal Free School Meals (available to all children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2) helps determine the funding we receive for school meals in the coming year.

To support this, we kindly ask that all children in Owls and Puffins (Reception, Year 1, and Year 2) have a school meal on Thursday 1st October, even if they don't usually do so. Thank you for helping us secure this funding for our school.

Harvest Festival supporting Bledington Village Foodbank and the North Cotswold Foodbank- Monday 5th Oct-Gate opens 1.50pm for 2.00pm start

Please come along to watch the children sing in this lovely Harvest assembly on Monday 5th Oct, gates open 1.50 for a 2.00pm start. All welcome. This year, we will share the donations between Bledington Village Foodbank and the North Cotswold Foodbank, both of which rely heavily on donations to feed local people in crisis. We would be most grateful if you could bring in non-perishable, in-date dried food/toiletries that we will donate to the organisation. Items such as tins, jars, UHT milk, cereals, dried pasta and toiletries are all ideal, No fresh produce please. Items can be brought in from 28/9 and left in the link area at drop off or collection. Thank you

Toys&Games Workshop for Owls&Puffins 6th Oct

Owls and Puffins will be taking part in an exciting Toys and Games Workshop led by the Oxfordshire Museum. This will take place at school. The children will have the opportunity to explore toys from the past, handle historical artefacts and discover how childhood has changed over time through a range of engaging, hands-on activities. The cost of the workshop is £5 per child, payable via ParentPay. Thank you for your support

Flu Immunisation 7th October

As part of the 2026 Flu Immunisation Programme, NHS staff will visit school on 7th October to administer the nasal flu vaccine to all children from Reception to Year 6 with parental consent. For details on how to give or decline consent, please refer to the email sent on 4th September. Please note, the link will close at midday on Tuesday 7th October, all forms will need to be submitted prior to this date, **even if you are declining the vaccine.**

Parents' Evening 12th, 13th & 15th October

Please sign up for a time slot to meet with your child's teacher. Sign-up sheets will be in the link (the library area/entrance to the school hall) from 1st October.

Longborough Festival Opera 16th Oct

We are very excited to welcome the Longborough Festival Opera to school on the 16th Oct for fun music workshops and a performance of Hansel and Gretel. Please see Parentpay for information.

First Aid Training for all pupils 22nd Oct

On 22nd October, all pupils will take part in a whole-school First Aid Training Day. Led by qualified instructors, the sessions will help children learn age-appropriate first aid skills, build confidence, and understand how they can respond safely in an emergency. We are looking forward to a fun and informative day of practical learning. This will be free of charge to all pupils

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 Early Bird, the Panto; PGL and other events that run out of normal school hours.

To find out if you're eligible and how to set up your account, visit [Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

Punctuality

School gates open every day at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. Registers and lunch choices are taken by 9.00am, so arriving on time helps children settle quickly and be ready for the day's learning. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child arrives promptly each morning.

Forest School

Thank you so much to everyone that has signed up to support Mrs Droy's Forest School until half term. The rota for after half term is available in the Pod window. We are always looking for helpers on a Wednesday from 1-3pm, come rain or shine!

Plea from the POD

The Pod would be very grateful for donations of boxes of tissues. At this time of year, we get through a large number each week! If you are able to send in a box of tissues, it would be much appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Parking at morning drop off and pick up

We have recently experienced significant congestion on Old Burford Road, particularly at afternoon pick-up time. Much of this is caused by vehicles parking on the white lines opposite the school, restricting the flow of traffic.

Please do not park on or near the white lines and avoid reversing onto neighbouring driveways. Keeping the road clear is important for the safety of our pupils and other road

users.

We are also seeing regular three-point turns outside the school, along with vehicles turning in private driveways and Waterboard Lane. Please avoid these manoeuvres, as they add to congestion and can cause frustration for our neighbours. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep the area around the school safe and accessible for everyone.

Christmas Cards- Class Fundraising

Our children have been hard at work designing their own personalised Christmas cards as part of our festive fundraiser. Every order placed through Class Fundraising helps — the school receives 30% of the proceeds, so the more you order, the more funds we raise for school. To ensure your cards arrive in time for Christmas, please place your order online as soon as you receive your order form. The deadline is usually around **10th October**, although the final ordering date has not yet been confirmed. We will share further details as soon as they are available.

If you miss the deadline, the online shop will reopen for approx. 1 week at the end of November for late orders. However, please note that school won't get a percentage of the proceeds for any orders placed during this period

Mobile Phones

The current Department for Education statutory guidance states that all schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default. The guidance also covers other smart devices with similar functions, such as smart-watches and devices that can send messages, receive notifications, or record audio and video. This requirement is outlined in the updated Mobile Phone Policy, which will be published on the school website following approval at the next Governors' meeting

Only in exceptional circumstances, with permission obtained from the Headteachers, may a child bring a mobile phone in to school. Any phone brought to school must be switched off and handed to the class teacher at the start of the day. It will be stored securely and returned to the pupil at the end of the school day. Parents should not use mobile phones on the school site. If you need to make or receive a call, please leave the school premises before doing so! Thank you so much for your cooperation.

To sign the 'Smartphone Free Childhood' pact, please click on the following link

[Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

2027 Primary School Admissions



If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 they can start primary school in September 2027

- **November 2026** Letters sent out explaining how to apply for a school place. If you are a Gloucestershire resident and you still have not received a letter by December please contact the Coordinated Admissions team.
- **2nd November to 15th January online** application facility open.
- **15th January 2027** - Closing date for all applications
- **16th April** - Allocation Day.
- **23rd April** - Closing date to return reply form accepting school place

2027 Secondary School Admissions



If you live in Gloucestershire and require an out of county school, you will still need to apply to Gloucestershire School Admissions

- **September 2026** Letters sent out explaining how to apply for a school place
- From 3rd September to **31st October** Online Secondary/High School transfer application facility open
- **31st October** Closing date for all applications
- **1st March 2027** - Allocation Day.

Safeguarding- Video Games Age Ratings

Video games PEGI ratings

When choosing appropriate video games for your child, you can use age ratings to help you.

What are PEGI ratings?

PEGI stands for Pan-European Game Information and is the video game content rating system used across the UK, Europe and the Middle East.

PEGI 3 – suitable for all ages

PEGI 7 – suitable for young children

PEGI 12 – suitable for children 12 and over (e.g. Fortnite)

PEG 16 – suitable for children 16 and over

PEGI 18 – Only suitable for adults

Each PEGI rating also contains content warnings to help you make an informed decision.

Family Help Gloucestershire

Family Help Gloucestershire offers support, advice and guidance for families with children and young people from birth to 19 years (or up to 25 for those with additional needs). Whether you need help with parenting, child development, attendance, emotional wellbeing, behaviour, finances or family relationships, Family Help can provide practical support and connect families with the right services. If you feel your family could benefit from extra advice or support, please speak to the school office, who can help you find out more about the service.

Reading Tea Party 2026



Thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Reading Tea Party, organised by Mrs Bell, which raised over £130 for our school library. We thought you might like to see a sample of the wonderful graphic books purchased with the funds raised. A special thank you to Mrs Bell for arranging, and to Mr and Mrs Young for sourcing these books at such excellent value and helping us make the most of every penny. Thank you!