



Dates for your Diary

12/3/25 OWLS book fair in the school hall – 8.45am
13/03/25: PUFFINS Book Fair in the school hall – 8.45am
14/3/25 PENGUINS Book Fair in the school hall – 8.45am
17/3/25; PARROTS Book Fair in the school hall- 8.45am
18/03/25 Whole School Acrylic Portrait Workshop
21/03/25 RED NOSE DAY- come to school dressed in as much red as you can for £1.00- payable to the charity via Parentpay
25/03/25 Art workshop by Emma Cox for Penguins and Parrots
5/04/25: Bledington Village Spring Flower Show 2.30pm Village Hall
7/04/25: Sing In Spring- Gates open 2.20 for a 2.30pm start- all welcome
10/04/25 Easter Extravaganza- all welcome. 2.15pm start
11/4/25: Break up at 1.10 for Easter Hols
14/4/25 to 25/4/25 Easter Holidays. Return to school 28/4/25
01/5/25 Primary Languages Day at the Cotswold School for Penguins- Parents/carers to drop off and pick up from the Cotswold School .
05/05/25 May Day Bank Holiday
8/05/25 Penguins and Parrots to 'Sculpture at Kingham Lodge'. Travel to and from event by coach. Please see Parentpay for details.
9/05/25: Parents Working Party- Garden and Grounds Clear up- the more the merrier 3.15 to 6.15pm
12/05/25: SAT's week
19/05/25 KNex Challenge Final for Bruno and Casper
21/05/25: Walk to School Day
21/05/25 Photographer at school for Class photos and individual black and white photos.
22/05/25 Walk to School Day
23/05/25: Maypole Afternoon Gates open 1.15 for a 1.30 start
26/05/25 to 30/5/25 half Term Holidays (INSET DAY 2ND JUNE)
6/6/25 NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY in return for Tombola Prize for Bledington Village Fete
07/06/25; Bledington Village Fete
11/6/25 1 st induction day for Sept reception children and parents
17/06/25: 2 nd Induction day for Sept reception intake (children only)
18/6/25: Parents Open Evening
20/6/25 Sports Day
24/06/25: Whole School Science Workshop by Science Oxford
26/06/25 PC Leah Davis to see Parrot Class
27/6/25 Reserve Sports Day if wet on the 20th
8/7/25 End of Year Performance- afternoon - gates open at 1.15 for a 1.30 start (please note afternoon and evening performances are on the same day this year)
8/7/25 End of Year Performance – evening. Gates open 5.40 for 6pm start
9/7/25 Bag2School Collection
11/07/25 BSA Summer Social – details to follow
17/7/25. Leaver's Assembly
18/7/25 Break up at 1.10 for Summer Hols

Welcome

We are delighted to introduce our new school cook, Bridget Cross, who brings a wealth of experience and is excited to

join our team. Please join us in welcoming Bridget to our school community!

Chastleton Teas- Thanks to the BSA

Huge thanks to the BSA for all of their hard work making the Chastleton Teas fundraiser such a huge success on Saturday 8th March. Sunshine, coupled with it being Chastleton's first weekend opening of the season brought out the crowds in their droves. They raised an incredible £1010.00 on the day! Thank you.

School Governors

We extend our grateful thanks to John Morley, who has served as a dedicated school governor for the past four years. His commitment and contributions have been invaluable. Thank you, John, for your unwavering support and hard work. You will be greatly missed.

We are delighted to introduce two new school governors, Sophie Davison and Fi Douglas. Their expertise and enthusiasm will be invaluable and we look forward to working together. Welcome to the team, Sophie and Fi!

Bag2School- update

Just to let you know that last week's Bag2 School raised £49.20 for the BSA. Thanks so much to everyone that donated. Save the date for the next collection which is on the 9th July at 9.00am.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bruno and Casper from Parrot class for winning the local STEMWorks K'Nex Challenge. They will now go on to represent Bledington School in the County Finals at Renishaw plc, Wotton-under-Edge, on May 19th. This is Bruno's second time to the finals! Well done and good luck to you both.

Congratulations to Emily G, Casper, Marley and Hudson for their impressive performances at the District Cross Country Qualifiers. They went on to represent the North Cotswolds in the County Finals on Sunday 9th March where they all performed fantastically well.

World Book day Winners: Our World Book Day costumes were, once again, fabulously creative and fun, following our theme of 'characters from a Roald Dahl' book. The winners of the best costume from each class, winning a £10.00 Book Token each, were:

OWLS- Connie as Mrs Fox
 PUFFINS- Jim as Willy Wonka
 PENGUINS- Ava as Roly-Poly Bird
 PARROTS- Lewis as The Enormous Crocodile

Extended Care

Thank you to all families that completed our survey regarding extended care. Results show that it would be a valuable addition and we're investigating ways of introducing this provision from September 2025. We'll keep you informed of any updates.

Sickness bugs

If your child is absent from school with a sickness bug, please adhere to guidance set by the Health Protection Agency which states that pupils must stay away from school for 48 hours from the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

School Bookfair-School Hall- dates below

Our annual Book Fair will be held after half term kicking off with Owls on Wednesday 12th March. If you're looking to add to your home library, this is the perfect place to buy books suitable for all ages and tastes. **£1.00 World Book Day tokens will be issued during the sale- they will not be issued in advance.** If you can't make it to the Book Fair, you can collect a voucher from the office.

Every book sold at our Book Fair helps to earn free books for school- the more we sell, the better for our school library.

Scholastic provide a card payment reader machine which means we can accept payment by debit or credit cards.

Dates and times of bookfairs as follows:

OWLS: 12th MARCH 8.45am School Hall
PUFFINS: 13th MARCH 8.45AM School Hall
PENGUINS: 14TH MARCH 8.45AM School Hall
PARROTS: 17TH MARCH 8.45AM School Hall

Parking at Drop off and Pick up

We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring safe and considerate parking during school drop-off and pick-up times. We appreciate that it's very busy, but recently, we have noticed instances of dangerous parking and manoeuvres that can create hazards for our pupils and other parents.

Please do not:

- park on the white and yellow lines
- reverse on to the road from the lane adjacent to the playground
- do 3 point turns in the road outside school.

Please do be considerate to our neighbours by not parking in or reversing onto their driveways.

Red Nose Day /Comic Relief 2025

21/03/25

We are excited to be celebrating **Red Nose Day** on 21/03/2025. To mark this special occasion, we invite everyone to come to school dressed in as much red as possible for £1.00, payable through Parentpay. There will

also be a 'best joke' competition –The winning joke from each class will be shared with the whole school in the afternoon.

Your participation will help raise funds and awareness for those in need. Let's make this Red Nose Day unforgettable!

Sing In Spring- 7/4/25

Gates open 2.20 for a 2.30pm start

Please join us on Monday 7th April for a whole school singing assembly, led by Mr Nicholls. All welcome. Gates open at 2.20 for a 2.30 start. We look forward to seeing you there!

Easter Eggstravaganza! 10/4/25

To celebrate Easter, we'll be holding an **Easter Bonnet competition** on **Thursday, April 10th**. Entries need to be brought in to school at morning drop off on the 10th April (Please do not bring your entries in before this).

In the afternoon, our Easter Eggstravaganza starts at 2.15pm- all welcome. Please come along to see the Bonnet Parade and enjoy teas kindly provided by the BSA. We look forward to seeing all the creative and festive bonnets!

Morning Drop-Off Time Change from 28/4/25

We would like to inform you of an important change to our morning drop-off routine. Starting from **April 28, 2025**, the school gate will close promptly at **8:55 AM**. All children are expected to be seated in their classrooms by **9:00 AM** for registration.

This adjustment is being made to ensure that classes can begin on time and that our students have the best possible start to their day. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in helping us maintain a smooth and efficient morning routine.

Afternoon Pick-Up- The school gate opens at **3:10 PM** for afternoon pick-up. However, please note that children (all year groups) are not released until **3:15 PM** when the school day officially ends.

Primary Languages Day at the Cotswold School for Penguin Class 01/05/2025

The Cotswold School will host a Primary Languages Day on Thursday, 1st May and Penguin class will attend. This unique event promises to be both educational and fun for our pupils. Please note that the school will not be providing transportation to and from the event. Parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up. Drop off by 9.10am, pick up at 2.00pm. A packed lunch will also be needed. Consent to be submitted via Parentpay nearer the time. If you can't get your child to and from the event, please contact the school office asap

Garden and Grounds Working Party 9/05/25

The BSA are holding a Garden and Grounds Tidy-Up Working Party on Friday, 9th May, from 3.15 to 6.15pm. We invite everyone to join us in making our school grounds beautiful and welcoming. The more, the merrier!

Your participation will make a huge difference, and is greatly appreciated.