



## Dates for your Diary

11/11/24: Remembrance Day
11/11/24: Photographer at school for individual portraits
13/11/24: Flu immunisation for whole school (optional)
15/11/24: Children in Need- NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY
19/11/24: Heights, Weights and Eyesight Screening for Reception and year 6 children
4/12/24; Wreath Making Evening- 7pm start.
6/12/24: Eco Council Bring and Buy Sale in the school hall 3.15pm
09/12/24: <b>NO CLUBS FOR LAST 2 WEEKS OF TERM</b>
9/12/24: Infant Nativity- school hall Gates open 1.30 for 1.45pm start. All welcome
10/12/24: Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk at Chipping Norton Theatre- whole school trip- details on Parentpay
13/12/24: Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day
17/12/24: Carol Singing at Daylesford straight after school- all welcome
18/12/24 Carol Singing at St Leonard’s Church Bledington- all welcome 10.00am start
<b>20/12/24: School breaks up at 1.10pm</b>
<b>23/12/24 to 3/1/25 - Christmas Holidays. Return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025</b>
7/1/25 Parrot class start swimming lessons at Chipping Norton (6 x sessions)
17/01/25: Young Voices for Penguins and Parrots
24/1/25 Longborough Opera workshop
30/01/25 National Story Telling Day
05/02/25 In the Net for Year 4 at Stow on the Wold Primary.
10/11/13 <sup>th</sup> Feb Parents Evening
<b>17/02/25-21/02/25/ Half Term Holidays- BACK TO SCHOOL TUES 25<sup>TH</sup> FEB</b>
<b>24/02/25 INSET DAY- NO PUPILS AT SCHOOL</b>
26/02/25 K’Nex STEM Challenge for Parrot Class
27/2/25 :Fair Trade Hot Chocolate and Tuck Shop day
03/03/25 Book Week
6/3/25 World Book Day- Dress up Day- Come to school dressed up as a character from a Roald Dahl book
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
10/04/25 Easter Extravaganza
11/4/25: Break up at 1.10 for Easter Hols
<b>14/4/25 to 25/4/25 Easter Holidays. Return to school 28/4/25</b>
<b>05/05/25 May Day Bank Holiday</b>
12/05/25: SAT’s week
21/05/25: Walk to School Day
23/05/25: Maypole Afternoon
<b>26/05/25 to 30/5/25 half Term Holidays</b>
<b>2/6/25 INSET Day- No pupils at school</b>
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 <sup>st</sup> induction day for Sept reception children and parents
17/06/25: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Induction day for Sept reception intake (children only)
18/6/25: Parents Open Evening

20/6/25 Sports Day

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

17/7/25. Leaver’s Assembly

**18/7/25 Break up at 1.10 for Summer Hols**

**Thank you**

Thank you to Marc Moy for repairing the school roof!

## Middy Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a committed, cheerful and energetic midday supervisor to join our midday team. Main duties include supervising pupils during lunch and outside play then putting away tables and chairs daily. The hours of work are 12.00 to 1.15pm Monday to Friday, term time only. For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office on 01608 658388 or e mail [admin@bledington.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bledington.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Poppy Appeal



To mark Remembrance Day, The Royal British Legion have provided us with a box of merchandise to sell at school. Items for sale include reflectors, poppies, wristbands, rulers and crayons ranging from a donation for a poppy to £1.50 for a wristband. If you would like your child to buy an item, please send cash in on Friday 08<sup>th</sup> Nov

## BBC Children in Need 2024



15/11/2024

**Wear Bright Colours to school- NO school uniform on this day.**

To mark this year’s appeal, we request that children come to school dressed in their boldest, brightest colours in exchange for loose change. The School Council voted to create a ‘Coin Pudsey’ with the loose change. This will take place on the playground, weather permitting. Look out for the photos on our Instagram page!

All funds raised will go directly to the charity.

## Flu Immunisation 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024

As part of the Flu Immunisation Programme 2024, NHS staff will visit school on the 13<sup>th</sup> Nov to administer the nasal vaccine to all school children (with parental consent) from Reception through to Year 6. All consents/ refusals have now been received- thank you for your prompt responses.

## Wreath Making Evening 04/12/24 7pm School Hall

Tickets for the Wreath Making Evening on the 4<sup>th</sup> Dec are now available. To reserve a place, please contact Mona as soon as possible. £18.00 per ticket. As usual, the wreath ring, wire, moss, decorations and a glass of Prosecco (or two...) will be provided. Please bring your own foliage and secateurs. Once your place is confirmed, your payment can be made via Parentpay, BACS directly to the BSA or cash.

## Bring and Buy Sale 6/12/24 3.15pm

### Bledington Eco Council's bring and buy sale

Do you want to be more eco friendly this year?

Do you need to recycle some old toys, books and games to help get ready for the gift giving season?

Then we need your help!

#### How does it work?

1. Your family looks through their toys, books, games and any other unwanted gifts they have that are in good condition.
2. They donate these to our bring and buy sale.
3. Families attend our sale on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December and buy some toys, books, games and gifts that are new to them.
4. School gets money raised.

Eco-friendly recycling of goods, new toys, games and books and funds raised for school. The more you can donate the more choice there will be at the sale and more funds raised. It's a win, win, win!

If you can help with any items for our sale please put them in the boxes in the link at any time up to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Cards

The school 'post box' will be open for business from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Please make sure that all envelopes are clearly addressed with the person's name and class. The post box will be in the link area.

## Infant Nativity 9/12/24 Gate Opens 1.30pm

Please join us in the school hall to watch the Infant Nativity on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. Gates open at 1.30pm for a 1.45pm start. All welcome.

## Panto- Jack and the Beanstalk-10/12/2024 The Theatre, Chipping Norton

Our annual whole school trip to the Panto is almost here. Coaches, kindly paid for the BSA, will transport the children to The Theatre, Chipping Norton but *parents/carers will need to collect at the end of the performance (approx. 3.45pm-4.00pm)*. For payment and full details, please log on to ParentPay. Any child not attending the Panto will need to be collected at 12.30pm as there'll be no one at school in the afternoon. We will send a message out to announce the sale of any spare tickets- they will be sold on a first come, first served basis to any parents that wish to attend.

## Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day.

Friday 13/12/2024 

Our whole school Christmas dinner will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> December. All *Parentpay accounts need to be in credit by this date*. **Don't forget your Christmas jumper...!**

(Christmas jumpers can be worn instead of a school sweatshirt/cardigan but all other uniform items must be worn).

## Carols at Daylesford-17/12/24 Straight after school

**Following on from the success of last year's carol singing at Daylesford, we're doing it again this year on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like your child to take part, please make your way to Daylesford straight after school pick up. We aim to get there at 3.30 for a 3.45pm start.**

## Carol Singing at St Leonard's Church, Bledington 18/12/2024 10am

Please join us for our annual carol service at the village church. This lovely service will start at 10.00am at St Leonard's Church, Bledington, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. All welcome- we hope to see you there!

## Christmas Card Orders- it's not too late!

Some of you may have noticed that the Class Fundraising Christmas Cards order line has closed. It's not too late as Class Fundraising will open the Bledington school 'shop' for orders from the 15<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> November. This will be the last chance to order.

## Safeguarding- Mobile Phones

According to Ofcom, about a quarter of 5-7 year olds own a smartphone, while by age 11, 91% of children have one. If you're considering getting your child a phone or passing down an old device, here are four crucial questions to think about: Is your child mature and responsible enough? Evaluate if your child can adhere to screen time guidelines and use the phone appropriately.

Have they shown responsibility in other areas like taking care of their belongings?

Make sure your child understands the potential risks of smartphone use, such as exposure to inappropriate content and cyberbullying. What are your child's communication needs?

Think about whether your child truly needs a smartphone. If they're occasionally away from you and involved in activities where they need to stay in touch, a smartphone might be helpful, but not always necessary. If it's for educational purposes, consider whether they should have their own phone or if it could be a family device. What safety features does the device offer? Activate parental controls before handing it over to them to limit access to unsuitable content. Explore apps on your phone to monitor their usage. Research the device to understand the available safety features. What boundaries should be set to ensure your child's safety when using a smartphone? Establish clear rules regarding phone usage, including when and how it can be used, permitted apps and guidelines for communication with others. Discuss consequences for not following the boundaries and model healthy smartphone habits yourself to set a positive example for your child.