



Dates for your Diary

24/4 NHS Screening for Owls and Year 6 (Height; Weight, Vision)
26/04 Photographer at school for class groups and individual black and white photos
30/04 Author Sam Copeland to visit Owls and Puffins- pre-order information sent out via email to Owls and Puffins.
6/5/24 May Day bank Holiday
13/5 SAT's week
17/5 Parrots and Penguins- athletics at Temple Guiting- all day
20/5 K'Nex Challenge Finals for Bruno and Isla
21/5 Orienteering at Far Peak for Parrot Class
22/5 Walk to School Day
23/5 NO after school clubs
24/5: Maypole Afternoon: gates open 1.15 for a 1.30 start- all welcome
27/5 – 31/5 half Term Holidays
3/6 Inset Day – no pupils at school. Return to school 4/6
7/6 Non school uniform day in return for a tombola prize
8/6 Bledington Village Fete
11/6 No after school clubs
13/6 1 st Induction afternoon for Sept reception children and parents
14/6 Whole School Clay Workshop
17/6 : 2 nd Induction day for Sept reception intake (children only)
17/6: Parents Open Evening
25/6 Sports Day
26/6 PC Leah Davis Schoolbeat officer to see Parrot Class
27/6 Reserve Sports Day if wet on the 25 th
2/7 Year 6 Induction Day at the Cotswold School
3/7 Tennis at Chipping Campden School for Penguins- travel by coach
5/7 BSA Summer Social
9/7 End of Year Performance- gates open 1.15 for a 1.30 start
10/7 End of Year Performance – 6pm START TIME
12/7 Whole School Trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park- confirmed
16/7 Leaver's assembly. 2.00pm start time
17/7 Brass concert in the school hall 2.30 start time
19/7 Break up at 1.05 for Summer Hols

UNICEF- Rights Respecting School

Recently we have signed up to become a **UNICEF Rights respecting school**.

Being a Rights Respecting School, we believe, helps our pupils become confident, caring and responsible young people both in school and in the wider world. By learning about their rights, our pupils also explore how they need to respect these rights and stand up for the rights of all children in the world as global citizens.

The United Nations Children's Fund was set up by the United Nations in 1946 and the Convention is a universally agreed set of non-negotiable standards and obligations, also called human rights.

What is the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA)?

The award recognises achievement in putting the UN Convention on the Right of the Child (UNCRC) at the heart of a school's practice to improve well-being and help all children and young people realise their potential.

The award is based on principles of equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation, regardless of ethnicity, gender, language, religion, opinions, origins, wealth or ability.

The initiative started in 2006 and schools involved in the Award have reported a positive impact on relationships and well-being, leading to better learning and behaviour, improved academic standards and less bullying.

We have already had several Assemblies to introduce the initiative to our pupils and have set up a small pupil group who will help to lead ideas across the school.

Learn more at: <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/about-the-award/what-is-the-rights-respecting-schools-award/>

Thank you to David Lowe

Our Year 3,4,5 and 6 classes were incredibly lucky this week and were treated to a special music Assembly. Our speaker was Mr David Lowe who is a famous composer. Dave has performed in a highly successful pop band and also written many pieces of music for Television. Probably his most famous piece of music is the BBC news theme which is heard all around the world every single day of the year. We were amazed when we thought of how many people must hear and recognise that piece of music daily! Some of his other theme tunes include The One Show, Grand Designs and Countryfile to name just a few! We were fascinated to hear how Dave has created music for a really wide range of programmes including current affairs, wildlife and entertainment shows.

Dave explained how he is given a brief of what the TV executives are wanting for a particular programme. He then thinks about the background, content and inspirations around the brief. Next, he puts together layers of sounds and instruments to build up a composition. His theme tunes are instantly recognisable and are punchy so that people remember them. We listened to different versions of tunes and saw how they had changed or been refreshed over the years. Dave even put together a new theme tune for our school during the Assembly!

We had the opportunity to ask lots of questions and everyone felt truly inspired to go and create some music of our own!

NHS Screening for Reception and Y6 24/4

NHS vision, height and weight screening will take place for Reception and Year 6 children on Wednesday 24th April. (Height and weight only for year 6). Information letters were sent out via e mail on January 17th. If you are happy for your child to take part, there is no further action. To opt out, please call 0300 421 8225 or follow the link on page 3 of the e-mailed letter. Screening will take place at school and children will be accompanied by school staff at all times.

Author Sam Copeland to visit Owls and Puffins 30/04/2024

We are delighted to welcome author Sam Copeland to our school to visit Owls and Puffins on 30th April. He is the author of the bestselling 'Charlie Changes Into a Chicken' series, which was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. With Jenny Pearson, he has also written Tachus & Topps Investigate: The Underpants of Chaos and Tachus & Topps Investigate: The Attack of the Robot Librarians.

If you would like to buy a book, you can either follow the link sent out by email or you can bring £7.20 cash in on the day.

SAT's Breakfast Club for year 6 wc 13/5

For SATs week, Mrs Droy and Mme Ziebeck will run a morning club for year 6 children serving up a variety of breakfast items, fruit juice and hot drinks or milk. We've done this in previous years and found it to be a great way for the children to have a relaxing get together and chat before their assessments.

We will open the doors at 8.15am on Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May. Please let Mrs Droy or Mme Ziebeck know if your child will be attending and also if there are any allergies that we need to be aware of.

Siblings are welcome to attend Early Bird Club to avoid two morning drop-offs. Please e mail earlybird@bledington.gloucs.sch.uk to make your booking.

KS2 Athletics Day 17/5/24

Penguins and Parrots are taking part in a District KS2 Athletics competition at Temple Guiting School on Friday 17th May. Children will need their school PE kit i.e. blue or black shorts, white PE T shirt and trainers.

A quick heads up that a packed lunch and drink will be needed. Children will be transported to and from the event by coach which will return in time for normal school pick up. Consent for this trip will need to be given via Parentpay at the start of May.

Parrot Class Orienteering 21/5/24

An Orienteering session at Far Peak Climbing Centre has been arranged for Parrot Class. This will take place during school hours on the 21st May. Packed lunch and drink required. A mini bus has been booked to transport the children to and from the event. Consent for the trip will need to be submitted via Parentpay at the start of May.

Walk to School Day – Whole School 22/5/24

A 'Walk to School Day' has been arranged for 22/5

Please drop your child/children off at the Kings Head car park at 8.40am where school staff will be waiting. The walk is for children only, so to avoid congestion on The Green, please drop off your child as quickly as possible. We will start walking at 8.45am prompt and will walk to school via Church Lane.

If your child is not participating, please enter the school playground at the usual time– there will be a member of staff present.

Maypole Afternoon – Gates open 1.15pm 24/5/24

Our annual Maypole afternoon will take place on Friday 24th May. Gates open at 1.15 for a 1.30 start. All welcome. Refreshments served by the BSA- our thanks for arranging this.

Safeguarding- WhatsApp

On Wednesday 11th April, the minimum age to use WhatsApp went down from 16 to 13 years old.

Please click on the link below for guidance on end-to-end encryption, which is used on WhatsApp and soon will be on Instagram, Facebook messenger etc..

[e2ee-parent-guide.pdf \(iwf.org.uk\)](#)