



Parental support: www.familylives.org.uk or glosfamiliesdirectory.org Head Teacher's email address: head@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk
 PTA fundraising via internet purchases: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/birdlipschoolpta/>
 Parent Matters www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=94089
 Birdlip online Virtual School Uniform Shop: http://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/advanced_search.php?skl_id=38923&pager=view_all
 School closure website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures>
 Ofsted Parent View <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> Confidential contact for Governing Body: chair@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk
 Health Protection Agency Guidance http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1194947358374
 Safeguarding http://www.birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk/our_school/policies/policies.html Birdlip Wish list <http://amzn.eu/9pZsmG2>

School Dinner Menu Choices

Menu Choices for next week should be taken from the Week 3 selection

Events in the week ahead:

Wed 18th Sept, PTA Bonfire night planning meeting, 8pm @ Royal George, Birdlip. All welcome

Wed 18th– 20th Sept, Yr 5&6 Residential trip to Condover Hall

Forthcoming Events

Mon 23rd Sept, 3:30 – 4:30pm New to Year 1 parents' information evening. All Year 1 parents welcome. (Newly added)

Fri 4th Oct, PTA event – Wayne Wonder and his magic show. 3:15 – 4:15pm under the shelter. All welcome

Wed 9th Oct, School photographs – all pupils (Newly added)

Tue 15th Oct, Parents' Evening

Wed 16th Oct, 9am Harvest Festival Assembly – all welcome

Thu 17th Oct, Parents' Evening

Thu 17th Oct, Flu jabs for all pupils

Thu 17th Oct, Book fair after school

Tue 22nd Oct, Tue 24th Sept (Date moved), Highways England workshop for Years 3-6. Parents and pupils welcome. 3:30 – 5:30pm in classroom block

Fri 25th Oct, Celebration Assembly at 2:30pm, all welcome

Fri 25th Oct, Last day of term

Thu 31st Oct, Deadline for secondary school place application (Yr 6 parents only)

Mon 4th Nov, Back to school for all

Fri 8th Nov, PTA Bonfire night

Mon 2nd Dec, 2pm – 3pm, Parents' Open afternoon – all welcome (Newly added)

Starting a new school for the first time or moving up to a new year group can be a daunting and bewildering prospect, and not just for the children. For parents the change in staff faces, routines, structure and expectations can all bring with it many questions.

This is especially true when moving from EYFS to Year 1 as we expect our Year 1 pupils to become rapidly more independent through the year and so you may find that we take a little bit more of a tough love approach when it comes to remembering their jumper or book bag for example.

To, hopefully, aid this transition we are holding a meeting for parents with pupils in Year 1 on the 23rd September so please do come along if you have pupils in this year group. We haven't, yet, organised a meeting for years further up the school as there are not so many changes involved but if there is a demand for them then we can certainly set some up.

Lastly if you do have any questions about any aspects of school life then please do approach any of the staff, drop me an email (head@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk) or phone the school office and we will be more than happy to help.

That's all from me, have a lovely week, work hard and enjoy yourselves. Mr M.

Calling all gardeners!

Can you spare some time after school next week to help out in the school garden and grounds? We have lots of weeding, fruit picking, mowing, strimming and general tidying up to do. If you can help then drop by the school office at 3:15pm to sign in and we'll go from there.

Year 1 Parents

Just a reminder that you are, if you wish, welcome to send your child into school with a healthy snack for their first break. There will also always be a piece of fresh fruit made available to pupils as part of the government's free fruit scheme.

New Parents

Is it your child's birthday soon? At Birdlip we celebrate birthdays by allowing the birthday boy or girl to come to school in their own clothes for the day. If your child's birthday falls on a weekend or in the holidays just choose the date nearest to it that they are in school.

Osprey Parents – Residential Departure and Arrivals

Just to remind that pupils attending the residential trip to Condover Hall should arrive at Birdlip School for the normal start time, ie by 08:45am ready for morning registration. The coach will depart after morning break to travel to Condover Hall. Please ensure that your child brings a packed lunch in a disposable bag, no lunch boxes please. On the Friday 20th September the pupils will arrive back at Birdlip for 4:15pm. Should there be any delays due to heavy traffic conditions the school will contact you to give you the revised expected time of arrival.

PTA News

Wayne Wonder and his Action game show and magic show is a free to attend PTA event on Friday 4th October @ 3.15-4.15pm, school shelter. Refreshments are available.

The PTA AGM is at 8pm on the 11th Sept at school – please come along and find out what we're all about!

Flu Vaccinations – Whole School Programme

Letters from the NHS Trust Gloucestershire Care Services should have arrived with you via pupil post today. The letters include an information leaflet and a consent form. Please return the completed consent forms to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Birdlip & Brimpsfield Playgroup

Monday, Tuesday & Thursdays
0845am - 1245pm Term time only

Parent & Babies/Toddlers
Thursdays, 0845am 10.00am Term time only.
For more details please see
www.birdlip&brimpsfieldplaygroup.btck.co.uk
or email bbplaygroup@btinternet.com

Birdlip Brownies

For girls aged 7 - 10
Birdlip Village Hall
Thursdays 6.15pm - 7.30pm
for more details email birdlipbrownie@btinternet.com

Birdlip Guides

For girls aged 10-14
Birdlip Village Hall
Thursdays 7.30pm - 9.00pm
for more details email birdlipguides@btinternet.com

Birdlip Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open to all pupils for a small charge and runs daily from 8am – contact the school for further details.

**Once a week take a peek...**

Head lice are sadly a perennial problem for any school so we advise that once every week you check your child's hair. Early intervention stops the problem spreading. If you do find head lice please let the school office know.

For plenty of advice on dealing with head lice try the following link: <http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>

Whilst I'm on the subject of not so pleasant things another common problem in schools, particularly for the younger pupils are Thread worms. These are mostly harmless but are both itchy and unpleasant, sadly they are also very easily spread as their eggs can live outside the human body for up to two weeks. The best prevention is regular handwashing as the eggs need to be ingested in order to hatch.

If your child does get a case of Thread worms please do notify the school and follow the steps on the NHS link below at home.

In school we ensure that the pupils wash their hands regularly and thoroughly, especially before eating and after using the toilet. We also clean all school surfaces on a daily basis with additional 'deep cleans' termly or sooner if we have a case in school. However unless everyone plays their part they are difficult to eradicate

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

P.E. Kits – a reminder

Please ensure that P.E. kits come into school on a Monday morning, they will be sent home again on a Friday.