



Birdlip Primary School

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Friday 14th October 2022

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Useful Links

Head Teacher's email address: head@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk

School Emergency Phone No: 07775 203 435

Confidential contact for Governing Body: chair@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk

School closure website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures>

Safeguarding: https://www.birdlipprimary.co.uk/parent_information/safeguarding/new_menu.html

Ofsted Parent View: <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Health Protection Agency Guidance http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/HPAweb_C/1194947358374

Parental support: www.familylives.org.uk or glosfamiliesdirectory.org

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

Birdlip Wish list <http://amzn.eu/9pZsmG2>

Amazon Wish List – Library Books: <https://amzn.eu/cVgR1hs>

PTA fundraising via internet purchases: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/birdlipschoolpta/>

School Dinner Menu Choices

Menu choices for next week should be taken from **week 1** of the Autumn Menu 2022.

Diary Dates

Events Next Week

Sat/Sun 15th & 16th Oct, Halloween Trail

Sun 16th Oct, Parents Evening Sign-up Deadline

Tues 18th Oct, Kingfishers and Robins Class Trip to Cotswold Farm Park

Tues 18th Oct, Parents Evening (Virtual)

Wed 19th Oct, House Day – **All pupils to wear PE Kit (newly added)**

Wed 19th Oct, Harvest Festival – 2.45pm at Birdlip Church – parents welcome

Thurs 20th Oct, Parents Evening (in person)

Thurs 20th Oct, Foodbank donations deadline

Thurs 20th Oct, Extra-Curricular Club sign-up deadline **(newly added)**

Fri 21st Oct, Celebration Assembly at 2.30pm – parents welcome **(newly added)**

Fri 21st Oct, Last day of term

Forthcoming Events

Mon 31st Oct, First day of term

Mon 31st Oct, Secondary School application deadline

Fri 11th Nov, School Photographer

Tues 22nd Nov, Pupil Nasal Flu Immunisations

Message from Mr Pugh

Dear Parents and Children,

We've had another fantastic week at school. In Ospreys we've been learning about gravitational force and carrying out an experiment to prove how it works, in Golden Eagles we've been learning about the Stone Age and how Stonehenge was created, in Kingfishers we've had a fantastic week of physical activity with a round robin of activities and in Robins we've been on an autumnal walk and made suncatchers out of the leaves we found.

Next week we've got our first house day on Wednesday for the harvest festival. We'll spend the day creating harvest art, baking different types of bread and performing our harvest songs which you are all welcome to come and watch. We'll also have a celebration assembly for the end of term on Friday at 2.30pm so please come along and see what your children have been doing this term.

We work really hard at Birdlip to ensure the school is a welcoming, fun and safe space for all children. Our attendance target is 95% - even meeting this target means that over a year a child would lose 9.5 days of learning, essentially 2 weeks. The benefits of high attendance are numerous, after the last few difficult years it's so wonderful to see the children together again building friendships and learning to socialise so please try to ensure your child is in school as much as possible - illness notwithstanding.

Some of the entries in the reading photo competition were absolutely outstanding. We had people in the bath, one reading on the toilet (!), someone was gallivanting with their chickens while reading and many many more. Our overall winner of the book voucher was Alicja who went to the incredible effort of reading underwater - even making her book waterproof!

We've got some fantastic trips coming up in the near future with Robins and Kingfishers off to Cotswold Farm Park while Ospreys have their residential trip booked. Swimming has been fantastic so far and the children have enjoyed practising their life saving skills. Please check ParentPay in case you have forgotten to contribute to any of these activities - if you are struggling to do so please inform the office and we'll do our best to help.

Finally, we're looking forward to the Halloween trail this weekend, last year's event was absolutely brilliant so please remember to purchase your tickets and we hope to see you there.

Librarians and Library

Hello, we are the librarians Willow, Aria, Alicja, and Harry. This library is important to Birdlip Primary School because of the children's love of reading. We have a wide range of books from comics, to classics, to picture books and many more. This has helped the children's vocabulary and imagination improve during their years at Birdlip. Being a librarian is important to us because it gives us the opportunity to learn life skills and connect with our peers. From wacky competitions to mindful reading this library is our happy place.

James Pugh

School Value Certificates Awarded Today

House Cup awarded to Yellow Hedgehogs



COVID vaccines: how to access first or second doses for children aged 5-17

It isn't too late for children to access a COVID vaccination if they haven't already completed their course.

Children are eligible for:

- First or second dose – Children aged 5 to 11 (paediatric dose Pfizer)
- First or second doses – Children aged 12-17 (Pfizer)
- Third primary dose – Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer – 8 weeks after second dose), anyone aged 12+ who is severely immunocompromised (Pfizer – 8 weeks after second dose)
- Autumn booster - Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer – at least 3 months after previous dose), anyone aged 12-17 who is severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (Pfizer – at least 3 months after previous dose)

*children aged 5-15 inclusive must wait 12 weeks after a COVID-19 infection to get a vaccination

**people aged 16 or over must wait four weeks after a COVID-19 infection to get a vaccination

To access a vaccination, contact your GP Practice for advice on how to book an appointment at a local vaccination centre, use the national booking system to get an appointment at a community pharmacy or the JabVan at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital (www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination or call 119), or look out for drop-in clinics on the [local COVID information portal](#).

Please make sure to carefully check eligibility before taking your child to a drop-in clinic; depending on their age they may only have specific vaccines which will not always be available at every clinic.

More information about the COVID vaccines for children and young people is available [here](#).

Quick Reminders

Parents Evening – Sign-Up by Sunday 16th October 2022

Please sign up for Parents Evening (via the Arbor Parent Portal) by midnight on Sunday 16th October. Parents Evening will take place virtually on Tuesday 18th October and in-person on Thursday 20th October 2022. Zoom links will be circulated closer to the time for those attending the virtual parents evening.

No Cooking or Singing Club next week

Due to parents evening, there will be no Singing or Cooking Club next week.

Robins and Kingfishers Trip to Cotswold Farm Park – Tuesday 18th October 2022

Please remember to send your child in their school uniform, along with their wellies, a snack, drink in a refillable bottle and a packed lunch (unless pre-ordered).

House day All Pupils to wear PE Kit – Wednesday 19th October 2022

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE Kit on Wednesday 19th October 2022.

Harvest Festival – Wednesday 19th October 2022

We will be holding the Harvest Festival in Birdlip Church at **2.45pm on Wednesday 19th October**. All parents/carers are welcome. If you would like to donate any food to the Foodbank, please drop donations into the office by Thursday 20th October 2022.

Extra-Curricular Club Sign-Up – by Thursday 20th October

Please sign up to the new extra-curricular clubs **by Thursday 20th October**. Clubs will commence the first week back after half term (31st October 2022).

Transfer to Secondary School applications 2023

The closing date for secondary school applications is **Monday 31 October 2022**. Year 6 parents are encouraged to apply online as this means you will receive an email on allocation day. The link to apply online is <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/transfer-to-secondary-school/>. Further information can be found in the email sent from the school on 13th October 2022.

PTA News

Dates for the diary:

- 15/16 Oct - Pumpkin Trail
- 4 Nov - Pop up Cafe @ 3.15pm (based in the shelter)
- 23 Nov - Film Night @ 3.15pm
- 26 Nov - Fire Walk
- 9 Dec - Disco and Adult Mulled Wine
- December - Christmas lunch and Jumper day - date tbc



Halloween Pumpkin Trail – This weekend!

This event is open to all so please share this link with family and friends:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/birdlipschoolpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=52018#.YyJGEuzTWNx>



Pumpkin Carving Competition

Some superb pumpkins were submitted to the pumpkin carving competition! Thank you for taking part. Judged by Eddie Parker, our inspiring music teacher, the winners are **Ralph in EYFS/KS1 and Carys in KS2**. A massive well done! A trophy and bucket of sweets await you in the office! You will be able to spot all of the spooky pumpkins throughout the trail this weekend so keep your eyes peeled!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The PTA Team

Jodi Croft, Lauren Maguire, Lisa Urban-Smith, Claire Norman, Dani Rosser

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Local Events

Into Nature CIC – October Half Term Activities

Into Nature CIC is a not-for-profit organisation based at Hailey Wood between Cirencester and Stroud offering families, young people, communities and individuals Forest School and Wellbeing in Nature opportunities.

Over October Half Term, they are offering sessions for families and children:

- Wildcraft Adventures for ages 8 to 14 years (Minecraft-based woodland game)
- Explorer Family sessions for families with children aged 18 months to 12 years

Support and Guidance for Parents

Links for Online Safety

[Click here](#) to visit the school website for links to Online Safety.

Government Guidance for parents and carers: COVID-19

The Government have published a collection of guidance providing [information for parents and carers of children attending early years settings, schools and colleges](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wrap Around Care

Birdlip Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open to all pupils from 7.30am. Prices are based on arrival time and include breakfast:

Prices

Arrival between 7.30 to 7.45am	£6.00
Arrival between 7.45am to 8.00am	£5.00
Arrival after 8.00am	£4.00

Breakfast finishes being served at 8.20am

To register and book
Contact the playgroup leaders on
bbplaygroup@btinternet.com
07914091427

Atlas Camps Aftercare

Atlas Camps Aftercare provide after school care between 3.15pm to 5.45pm. For more information and to book your place online visit: <https://atlas camps.co.uk/asc/birdlip/index.php> **Please note that the emergency number for Atlas when your children are with them is 07522 909 409.**

Playgroup and Holiday Clubs

Birdlip Playgroup

Birdlip Playgroup runs on a Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 08:45am - 12:45pm (Term time only). You can register your child by contacting the play leaders at bbplaygroup@btinternet.com or 07914 091427.

Atlas Camps - October Half Term Holiday Club

It's just 1 week to go until Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs this October half term, with a selection of places still available to book!

Rating Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialise in multi-activity clubs for children ages 4-14. With a focus on fun, activities on offer span everything from arts and crafts, to sport and active play, all in a safe, enjoyable environment designed to cater for all.

Highlights include:

- Ofsted rated 'outstanding'
- Childcare vouchers accepted from a variety of providers
- Early drop-off/ late pick-up options
- Sibling discount available

For further information, [click here to watch our video](#) and head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlascamps.co.uk to book.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN

★ WE'RE RUNNING ACTION-PACKED HOLIDAY CAMPS THIS OCTOBER, FROM ONLY £26 A DAY ★

★ AWARD-WINNING MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMPS ★ OFSTED RATED OUTSTANDING

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