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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 Spring/Summer Menu 2023.

Diary Dates

Events Next Week

Mon 8th May, Bank Holiday

Tues 9th May, Year 6 SATS run Tuesday to Friday (**newly added**)

Forthcoming Events

Fri 26th May, Celebration Assembly at 2.45pm (all parents/carers welcome)

Fri 26th May, Last day of term (**newly added**)

Mon 5th Jun, Back to school (**newly added**)

Message from Mr Pugh

Dear Parents and Children,

Firstly I'd like to thank the PTA for putting together another fantastic event for the coronation. We hope you all enjoyed the assembly and the festivities afterwards - they raised over an incredible £500 from the event and words can't fully express how grateful we are as a community to the time, effort and commitment they put into every event that is organised. It makes a huge difference to the school and what we can provide for the children so thank you.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the governing body and school community for one of the proudest moments of my career so far, being appointed substantive headteacher of this amazing school. Nothing motivates me more than taking Birdlip Primary School forward and making it the best it can be, so I am incredibly proud and humbled to be given the opportunity to do so. Working with this staff body and the amazing children we have truly is the best job in the world.

Next week is SATs week for our Year 6's - we are incredibly proud of all of them and if you could ensure they rest, relax and have a good break over the long weekend so they are fresh for next week. We aim to reduce the pressure as much as possible and make it an enjoyable experience rather than an intimidating one - we hope to see them all for breakfast at 8am on Tuesday. We are so proud of them and we hope you are too.

In the coming weeks I will be sending out some attendance information to see if there is any way the school can help boost attendance for anyone with less than 90% attendance. It is a huge contributing factor to your child's learning. Learning is a progressive activity; each day's lessons build upon those of the previous day(s), building on children's knowledge and skills. If there are any questions or concerns about attendance please let us know and we will see what we can do to help.

Have a great bank holiday
Mr Pugh



King's Coronation
Collage created by Birdlip
School pupils

School Value Certificates Awarded Today

House Cup awarded to Red Foxes and Blue Rabbits



Attendance

Attendance figures for this week are Robins – 100%, Ospreys – 99.1%, Golden Eagles - 94.6% and Kingfishers – 91.3%. Well done Robins. That really is great attendance. Please see the attached leaflet for more information about school attendance and how absence can have an impact on your child's learning.

King's Coronation Party

We all had a fantastic time at yesterday's King's Coronation Party, with lots of performances from the children including music, singing, dance and poetry. Thank you to all the staff, children, PTA and parent volunteers that helped to run all of the events and pop-up cafe.

We had an amazing array of cakes entered into the Great Birdlip Bake-off – winners, as judged by the School Council were Wren, Wilf and Reggie. Well done and thank you to all of those that donated cakes to the pop-up.



School Council judges



Proposed Temporary Road Closure – 9th and 10th May 2023

Please see attached notice regarding the proposed Cirencester – Brockworth Road closure on Tuesday and Wednesday between 9.30am and 3.30pm. This may affect pick-up for some of you that usually use that route.

Applying for Free School Meals (this applies to all year groups)

For every child that is entitled to free school meals, the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

'Infant' Free School Meals are slightly different, in that your child will be able to get universal free school meals if they are in Reception (Robins), Year 1 or Year 2 (Kingfishers). We still ask that you apply for this via the normal free school meals applications because this may give the school access to additional funding.

Please [click here](#) for more information and to apply.

Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers – May Half-term

For the May/June half term, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) will be providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to the Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by GCC as part of their commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire.

Families who sign up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child. Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register - you will already have been included. If you have any updates to an existing application, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the May/June half term are now open until midday 16 May. Voucher emails will be sent out on 22 May 2023. Please check your junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If you have not received their vouchers by the 23 May, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

For more information and to sign up, please visit - [Holiday School Meal vouchers](#).

PTA Update

Thank you to everyone that helped at the event yesterday (whether donating cakes, setting up, running the stalls and clearing away) - it is all greatly appreciated and couldn't happen without you. You can still make donations for wearing non-school uniform via ParentPay – we will then be able to announce the full amount raised for the coronation event next week.

We have lots of fun events planned for the Summer term – please make a note of the **dates in your diary** and we will be sending the details through soon:

- 6th or 13th June - Film Night - tbc
- 24th June – Quiz Night @ Ruby's, Birdlip – 7.30pm
- 7th July – Summer Disco



Quick Reminders

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs next week. We will be open from 8am (breakfast provided) and same as last year, any siblings can use the playground (under parental supervision) while the Year 6's are getting sorted.

Reporting Pupil Absence

Please remember to inform the office by 8.45am if your child will be absent from school (along with the reason for their absence). This is to ensure that your child's attendance is marked accurately on the register.

Local Sporting Activities

All Stars and Dynamos Junior Cricket

Birdlip and Brimpsfield Cricket Club will be running [All Stars Cricket](#) (5-8 year olds) and [Dynamos Cricket](#) (8-11 year olds) again this year. This is soft ball cricket running 4.15-5.15pm every Friday for 8 weeks from 12th May.

**Please feel free to send through any club recommendations
that we can then share with parents.**

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

Please remember to cancel your booking if it is no longer required.

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 07955 188 140.**

Local Services

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 – May Half Term

May half-term camps are just around the corner! Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs this May 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 sports 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, please watch this video <https://atlas camps.co.uk/promo/generic-16x9.mp4> or check out the attached poster. Head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlas camps.co.uk to book.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN

★ WE'RE RUNNING ACTION-PACKED HOLIDAY CAMPS THIS MAY AND JUNE, FROM ONLY £27.50 A DAY ★

★ AWARD-WINNING MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMPS ★

★ OFSTED RATED OUTSTANDING ★

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MAY/JUNE CAMP 2023

★ EARLY DROP OFF/ LATE PICK UP ★

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