



Birdlip Primary School

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Friday 29th September 2023

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Newsletter 4

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Useful Links

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

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 Guidance [UK Health Security Agency](#) and [Office for Health Improvement and Disparities](#)

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 <https://amzn.eu/80t4xsF>

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. **We will be using the Caterlink Census menu on Thursday (see attached).** This will replace the normal options that day.

Diary Dates

Events Next Week

Sun 1st Oct at 10am, Parent Task Force morning (**newly added**)

Tues 3rd Oct, 3.15pm, Reading & Phonics Parent Info Evening for Robins and Kingfishers

Thur 5th Oct, Census Day Lunch Menu - attached

Forthcoming Events

Wed 11th Oct, Golden Eagles trip to Copsegrove Farm (see email sent 15th September)

Thur 12th Oct, Pupil Nasal Flu Vaccination

Fri 13th Oct, 2.30pm, Harvest Festival at Birdlip Church (parents/carers welcome) (**newly added**)

Mon 16th Oct, 3.15pm, Book Fair in Teaching Block (parents/carers welcome to browse/purchase) (**newly added**)

Tues 17th Oct, 3.15pm, Book Fair in Teaching Block (parents/carers welcome to browse/purchase) (**newly added**)

Thur 19th Oct, Non-Uniform Day (suggested £1 donation through ParentPay)

Tues 24th Oct, Kingfishers Trip to Bristol Zoo Project (see email sent 28th September)

Thur 26th Oct, 2.30pm, Celebration Assembly in the Village Hall (parents/carers welcome) (**newly added**)

Thur 26th Oct, Last day of school

Tue 31st Oct, Secondary School application deadline

Sat 4th Nov, Birdlip Fireworks Night – [click here to purchase your tickets](#)



Mon 6th Nov, Back to school

Wed 8th Nov, School Photographs (**newly added**)

Message from Mr Pugh

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

It has been an absolute gem of a week and the term is now in full swing. There has been some exciting learning taking place across the school: Ospreys have been learning about the history of UK cities and analysing songs in Guided Reading, Golden Eagles have been studying germination and making scientific observations, Kingfishers have been identifying the different types of species of animals and Robins have learnt the first 10 sounds in their reading - they're well on their way in their reading journey which is wonderful.

There have been a few issues arising from villagers around parking in the mornings - please don't park on the white or yellow lines shown in the pictures provided. The church car park was recently redone which you have been welcomed to use by the parish. We realise that if you are running late it is stressful but the safety and security of the community is vital - they were out helping us clear snow last year to get the school open for your children so I think it is important that we show respect in return.



We realise that we may use some terms at school that not everybody understands. Hopefully the below will clarify some of the acronyms:

KS2 = Key Stage 2 (Ospreys and Golden Eagles)

KS1 = Key Stage 1 (Kingfishers)

EYFS = Early Years Foundation Stage (Robins)

PPA = Teacher's planning, preparation and assessment time

SATs = Standard Assessment Tests - these take place each year for Year 2 and Year 6

The phonics and reading parents information run by Mrs Harding and Mrs Locke will be taking place next week to explain the systems we use and how you can help your child read at home.

Have a great weekend - I'll be enjoying it watching Gloucester playing the Barbarians
Mr Pugh

Value Certificates Awarded

House Cup awarded to Blue Rabbits



Parent Task Force Day – 10am This Sunday (1st October)

Clare Tutty has kindly organised a Parent Task Force Day at 10am this Sunday (1st October) to help tidy up the school site. It would be great if you could come along for an hour or two to help. Please bring some gardening tools if you have them (e.g. brooms, spades/rakes, hedge trimmers, sand paper etc) & your own gardening gloves.

Harvest Festival – 2.30pm on Friday 13th October 2023

We will be holding a Harvest Festival at 2.30pm on Friday 13th October in Birdlip Church. All parents and carers are welcome to join us. We will be collecting for the Gloucester Foodbank – please see attached list of food that they would find most beneficial. Please drop-off any donations to the office by 19th October 2023. Thank you in advance.



Book Fair – Monday/Tuesday 16th/17th October 2023

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair on Monday 16th October and Tuesday 17th October straight after school, in the Teaching Block corridor. Please come along and take a look at the books on offer.



Quick Reminders

Reading and Phonics Parent Information Evening – Robins and Kingfishers – 3.15pm on Tuesday 3rd October 2023

We will be holding a Reading and Phonics Parent Information Evening for EYFS (Robins) and KS1 (Kingfishers) in the Teaching Block. **Attendance is highly encouraged**, even if you are not new to the school. This is also an opportunity for you to meet the class teacher and ask any questions about the transition into KS1. We appreciate that you will likely have your children with you - we are hoping to put on a little crèche to help entertain them whilst you attend the session.

PE Kit Payment – Robins Only

Please make any outstanding payments for your PE kits via ParentPay. Please contact the office if you need your login details to be resent or for confirmation of how much you owe.

Swimming Lessons – Golden Eagles Only

The total expenditure from the school budget to provide swimming lessons is substantial, any financial assistance given by parents will be greatly appreciated and can be made via ParentPay.

Well-Being wall

The well-being wall was one of the most beloved parts of the school last year and we are incredibly keen to show-off all the wonderful things the children do outside of school. Please email a picture to admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk of your child doing something they do in their free time: this can be playing a sport or an instrument, producing some wonderful art or any other activity that they love doing!

Childhood Nasal Flu Immunisation – 12th October 2023

Please remember to return any outstanding Childhood Nasal Flu Immunisation forms to the school office, indicating whether you consent or decline the vaccination.

Secondary School Application Deadline – Yr 6 Only

Please note that the deadline for completing your secondary school application is **Tuesday 31st October 2023**. It is recommended that you apply online via <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/transfer-to-secondary-school-or-from-middle-to-high-school-september-2024/>

PTA Update

It is not just events that can raise funds for the school – each time you use the below, Birdlip School will benefit:



C&G Clothes Bank Recycling - <https://cgcollections-ltd.co.uk/>

Having a clear out? We have a clothes recycling bank in the village hall car park. This is regularly collected and all proceeds from the recycling go to the PTA. Head to their website to check what can be donated.

Amazon Smile - <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

If you use Amazon then switch to shopping via Amazon Smile and choose Birdlip PTA as your chosen charity and Amazon will donate to our PTA fund for all purchases.

100 Club

If you fancy taking part in 'The 100 Club' and purchasing a number or two, please make payment via ParentPay and look out for someone holding a bright green folder in the playground at school drop-off and pick-up, and we will get your numbers sorted.

Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 19th Oct 2023

Children can come to school in non-uniform on Thursday 19th October to raise money for the school. You can make a donation of £1 per child via ParentPay.

The Big Birdlip PTA Firework Night - Sat 4th Nov 2023

Remember to get your tickets for our amazing Fireworks Night at Ruby's, Birdlip. [You can purchase your tickets by clicking here.](#)

- Gates open at 5.30pm
- Display will be at 6.45pm

We need as many volunteers as possible – if you can help on the night, [please click here](#) and pop your name down. A member of the PTA team will then be in touch. As a thankyou, volunteers will not need to pay for entry.

A417 Missing Link - Public Information Event – Wed 11th October

This Public Information Event will take place at The Royal George Hotel, Birdlip between 2pm and 7pm on Wednesday 11th October 2023. The event will give you the opportunity to meet the team members who will be working on the scheme and to ask questions you may have regarding the project.

Local Clubs and Activities

Try an Instrument Day – Gloucestershire Music – 10am to 12pm on Saturday 7th October

Lots of children would like to start playing a musical instrument but are not sure where to start. So Gloucestershire Music are running a FREE session for anyone to come and try out a variety of instruments including Violin, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Alto saxophone, Trumpet, Cornet, Tenor horn, Euphonium and Percussion. Where: **Sir Thomas Rich's School** – main hall (go through car park gate 1). To sign up, please go to [LIVE Portal \(paritor.com\)](https://www.paritor.com)

Atlas Camps – October Camps

Our October camps are just around the corner! Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs this Summer with a selection of places still available to book!

Rated Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialises 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 [click here to watch a video](#). Head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlascamps.co.uk to book.

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.

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://atlascamps.co.uk/asc/birdlip/index.php> **Please note that the emergency number for Atlas when your child is with them is 07955 188 140.**

