



Birdlip Primary School

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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

Diary Dates

Mon 15th Apr, Ospreys Swimming Sessions start (see email sent 1st March 2024)

Mon 15th Apr, 3.15pm, Y5/6 Parent Online Safety Talk, Ospreys Classroom

Tues 16th Apr, Primary School Allocation Day for September 2024 start (**newly added**)

Wed 17th Apr, Ospreys trip to Skillzone – see email sent 28th Feb 2024

Wed 17th Apr, Golden Eagles trip to Cattle Country – see email sent 22nd Feb 2024

Mon 22nd Apr, Extra-Curricular Clubs start – details to follow

Tues 23rd Apr, Closing date to return reply form accepting Primary School Allocation (**newly added**)

Wed 24th Apr, 9am to 11am, Y3/4 Cross Country event (**newly added**)

Tues to Fri 30th Apr to 3rd May, Ospreys Residential, Devon (**newly added**)

Sat 11th May, 12pm to 3pm, Birdlip Olympic Summer Fair, School Playground (**newly added**)



Message from Mr Pugh

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have kicked off the term as if we never left with lots of exciting learning experiences taking place this week. Robins have been learning about different types of animals as well as odd and even numbers, Kingfishers have been studying 3D-shapes and finishing off their plant topic, Golden Eagles have been learning about rivers and been introduced to the water cycle while Ospreys have begun to learn about genetics and evolution.

Kingfishers also went to Copsgrove farm this week where they had a great time making some bread using wild garlic and learning about the outdoors. Next week Golden Eagles are off to Cattle Country while Ospreys will be visiting the Skillzone. We also have a Y5/6 online safety parent information session straight after school on Monday so please attend if you can. As recently as today there has been some news about issues with WhatsApp groups for children ([click here](#) to view) so I have attached a guide before Monday to help adjust any privacy settings within the app should you wish to do so.

A big thank you to the staff, parents and PTA who helped revitalise the outdoor area for Kingfishers over the weekend. Already, Kingfishers have put the space to excellent use so your help is greatly appreciated. We also received a Kitchen garden and Caterlink grant which we have invested in the water butts and other materials for the garden area of the school.

We welcomed a German exchange student - Noah - into the school this week and he has been helping out across the school, the children have made him feel really welcome.

We hope you have a great weekend,
Mr Pugh

PTA News

Birdlip Olympic Summer Fair – 12pm to 3pm on Saturday 11th May 2024

The PTA will be holding the Birdlip Summer Fair on Saturday 11th May 2024. Everyone welcome, so please invite along your friends, family and neighbours. All money raised will go straight to the school.

We are kindly asking for donations for the tombola, screw-top wines, old newspapers, raffle prizes, plants and fresh produce.

We also need volunteers to help run the stalls and set-up the event, so please sign-up with the PTA reps in the playground or contact the office (we can't run it without you!). If you have any suggestions for stalls or games, please do let us know.

100 Club Winners

Winners of the 100 Club for April are:

- 1st Prize – Olivia Tonks
- 2nd Prize – Olivia Cole

Congratulations! Your winnings are ready for collection from the office. Good luck to everyone next month. Thank you again for supporting this easy fundraiser.

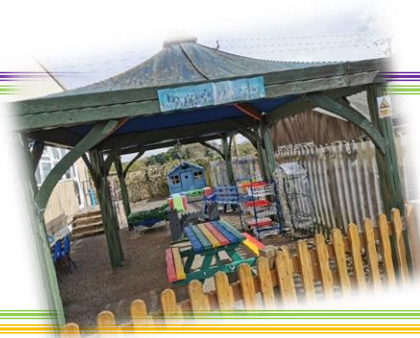


Value Certificates Awarded

House Cup awarded to Yellow Hedgehogs



Revitalised Kingfishers Outdoor Learning Area



Thank you for the PTA donations and to the staff and parent task force last weekend

Free Maths and English Courses

South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS) offer valuable FREE educational opportunities for families in our community. Please see the attached leaflets for more information on the Maths and English courses on offer.



Parents' Relationships Matter

In Gloucestershire, parents now have free access to a great range of online self-help relationship guides with One Plus One. There are three to choose from, they are quick, confidential and simple to use and parents can take as long as they need and use them as often as you want to. There are videos of couples and situations to watch and easy activities to do to help you along. Please see attached leaflet for more info. Courses include:

- **Arguing better** – for anyone looking to learn how to cope better with stress and deal with arguments in a healthy way.
- **Me, You and Baby Too** – to help new and expecting parents navigate the changes that happen in their relationship when a baby arrives.
- **Getting it right for children** – to help separated or separating parents learn to manage conflict and minimise the impact it has on their children.

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Local Sports Clubs

GKR Karate

Please see the attached leaflet for more information about GKR Karate, which runs in the local area, promoting self-defense and fitness classes to families.



Local Events

Jet Age Museum – 27th April 2024

Please see the attached leaflet for details of a special event being held at Jet Age Museum on Saturday 27 April 2024 to commemorate the first British jet flight.



Dinomania – 13th and 14th April 2024

Dinomania will be visiting Oxstalls, Gloucester at the weekend (13th and 14th April) and are offering discount ticket prices to families and staff at Birdlip Primary School. Just use promo code 'MONTP5.' Please [click here](#) for more information.



100kinMay Challenge

Local Stroud and Cotswold youth charity, The Door, needs you to step this spring, get on your bike or dive in across the District and take part in their annual 100kinMay Challenge. Participants are challenged to walk, run, jog, cycle or swim their way to 100km in the 31 days of May all while getting sponsored to raise much needed funds for The Door. The charity provides vital mental health support to 11-25 year olds and their families across the district and relies on generous donations to stay open and ensure that their mentoring, youth work and family support services are accessible to all.

Registration for the event is FREE and there are no fundraising targets. If you want to take part simply fill in the form at thedoor.org.uk. Please see the attached leaflet for more information or call 01453 756745. You can also find The Door on social media @TheDoorStroud

