FOXMOOR PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



Autumn 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of what has been a very busy half term, I am sure that both the children and staff are looking forward to a well-earned rest! It has been a packed few weeks, and I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support since the start of the school year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents of a couple of important matters.

School Car Park
Although the school car park gates are open early in the morning to allow staff access, I would like to remind parents that the car park must not be used when dropping children off at Breakfast Club. The car park is strictly for staff use, and we ask all parents to respect this arrangement to help keep everyone safe.

School Uniform
A gentle reminder that children should be wearing the correct school uniform each day. School fleeces are intended for outdoor wear and should not be worn as a replacement for the school jumper or cardigan. Please also remember that trainers are not permitted as part of our school uniform. A full list of uniform requirements can be found in the Parents section of the school website. Thank you for your support in ensuring that children come to school looking smart and ready to learn.

Finally, I would like to wish all our children, families and staff a fantastic half-term break. I hope everyone has the opportunity to relax, recharge their batteries and enjoy some quality time together.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back through the school gates on Monday 2nd November, ready for another exciting and busy half term!

Mr Bridgewater
Headteacher



Coming up in the weeks...

- 22nd October - Harvest Festival
- 22nd October - FOF Halloween Disco
- 23rd October - End of Autumn Term 1
- 2nd November - Start of Autumn Term 2
- 3rd November - Individual and Sibling Photos

Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this academic year so far is

96.2%.

If your child is off school due to illness, you must call every day that they are off before 9am to update us on their condition. Any other absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Remember - moments matter, every day counts

KS2 Atlas Cross Country

Our KS2 children had a fantastic time taking part in a cross-country event with Atlas. The competition was fierce, with over 80 children racing in each event, making it a brilliant experience for everyone involved.

A special well done to Bradley in Year 4, who came 1st in his race — an incredible achievement!!

All our children ran brilliantly and it was wonderful to see so many pupils taking part, including those who have been developing their skills and confidence at our Wednesday lunchtime Cross Country Club with Mrs Cox and Mrs Pearce.

We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part. Well done, team!





Superstars of the week

A huge congratulations to our first group of 'Superstars of the week'. All the children have excelled in one of our school values and were awarded in our celebration assembly last Friday. Well done to you all!





Year 6 Girls Football Tournament

Our Year 6 girls had a fantastic time representing the school at the Atlas football tournament, competing against 16 other teams. It was wonderful to see so many girls enjoying the game, showing brilliant teamwork, kindness and sportsmanship throughout.

The girls had an outstanding tournament, winning every game in their group to finish top of the table and secure their place in the semi-finals. They then won their semi-final before facing a very tight final, eventually finishing as runners-up after conceding just one goal throughout the tournament! A big thank you to Mrs Exell for coaching the girls in the football club this term and to Betsy's Dad Adam, for coaching the girls on the day with Mrs Hassall.

We are incredibly proud of the girls and we are looking forward to the district final in May! What a fantastic achievement — well done, girls!





Hello Yellow Day

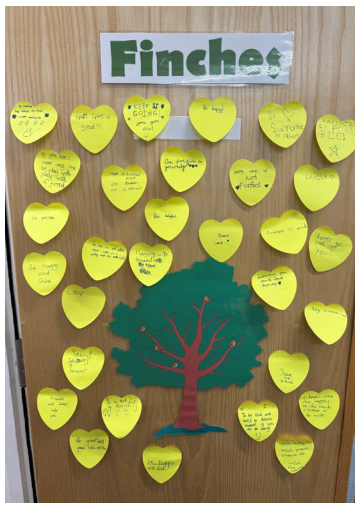
Last week, we proudly supported Hello Yellow Day, focusing on the importance of children's mental health and well-being.

During our PSHE lessons, we discussed the power of kindness, how we can lift others up and the importance of supporting one another. Every child wrote positive and encouraging words on yellow hearts, which we brought together to create a special classroom display.

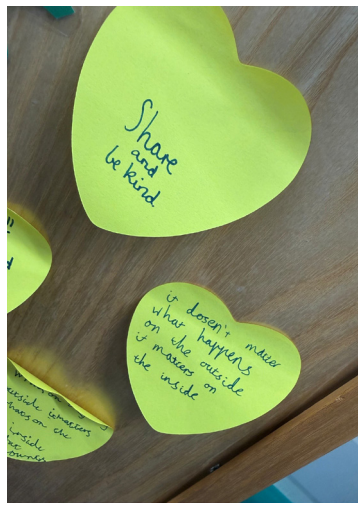
The displays will remain in place for children to revisit whenever they need a little boost, a reminder of how valued they are or some encouraging words to brighten their day.

It was a lovely way to remind everyone that small acts of kindness can make a big difference and that we all have a part to play in helping others feel happy, supported and included.









Outdoor Learning with Stroud Valley Project

Foxmoor has enjoyed some fantastic outdoor learning opportunities this week with Tamsin from the Stroud Valleys Project!

Year 6 took part in an exciting "Beast Hunt", linked to their science topic of classification. The children had a wonderful time searching for different types of invertebrates and learning how to classify living things. It was a hands-on adventure that brought their science learning to life!

Meanwhile, Kingfisher Class worked with Mrs Drewett and Tamsin to build hedgehog houses as part of their science investigation. The children explored the fascinating topic of hibernation and enjoyed getting outdoors to put their learning into practice.

A big thank you to Tamsin from the Stroud Valleys Project for providing such engaging and memorable learning experiences for our children!


















DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below a list of current planned visits and some important dates. Further dates will be added in subsequent newsletters. Please note that new dates added are in blue.

Autumn 2026	Term 1
22nd October	Harvest Festival at 2pm (Year 3 & 4 parents invited to watch)
22nd October	FOF Halloween Disco
23rd October	End of Autumn term 1

Autumn 2026	Term 2
2nd November	Start of Autumn Term 2
3rd November	DSP Photography (Individual photos)
3rd December	Reception Nativity at 9:30am (Parents invited to watch)
4th December	DT sale and Friends of Foxmoor Christmas event after school
9th December	KS1 Christmas play (2pm and 5:30pm)
14th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert from 5pm at St Matthews Church (Year 5 and Year 6 parents invited to watch)
16th December	KS1 Christmas Parties in school (information sent nearer the time)
17th December	KS2 Christmas Parties in school (information sent nearer the time)
18th December	End of Autumn Term 2 - 12:30pm finish

Spring 2027	Term 1
4th January	Start of Spring Term 2
8th January	Whole school pantomime trip

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

CRAFT TABLES

Daily Monday - Saturday

Monday 26th - Saturday 31st October

10am - 12pm



Craft · Create · Play

A different craft each day, hosted by Kids Stuff

SCAN ME

Offered: Drop-in, join-in, Pay-as-you-can!
All ages welcome

Activities subject to change. Children must be accompanied by an adult

Find us: Kids Stuff Stroud, Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN

www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk @Stroudkidsstuff Stroud District Kids' Stuff

Kids Stuff Craft Tables are part of the School Holiday Programme at BRIMSCOMBE MILL check out the full programme at www.brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays

OCTOBER HALF-TERM



Kids Stuff Fancy Dress Corner All Week! 9.30am-5pm

Kids Stuff will be hosting a fancy dress up corner all week leading up to Halloween. Come down and pick up a Halloween outfit, from Moana to Spiderman what will you find at Kids Stuff?
*While stocks last

CRAFT TABLES 10am - 12pm



Monday 26th October
Autumn Wreath



Tuesday 27th October
Pumpkin Carving
Kids Stuff craft table hosts the annual family Pumpkin Carving.



Wednesday 28th October
Spooky Snake



Thursday 29th October
Pinecone Bats



Friday 30th October
Spider Crown



Saturday 31st October
Toilet Roll Mummies

No booking required, just drop-in and join-in.
Offered Pay-as-you-can. Aimed at 3-11 years.

Please check full schedule at www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays and www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk/activities *Activities subject to change. *Children must be supervised.

All School holiday events here: www.brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays

Find us at: Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN

PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS

October Half Term
Victory Park, Cainscross
GL5 4JH
Thursday 29th October 2026
10am to 4pm

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With thanks to Cainscross Town Council for funding this day



Cainscross Town Council
Cashes Green & Ebley



Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come and go as they please.

Our activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by an adult.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional support to enjoy Play Rangers. We welcome disabled children & their families.

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Dolly's ***Imagination Library*** helped millions of children learn to read by sending out free books.

In honour of Dolly's ***Imagination Library***, our shops at Brimscombe and Stonehouse will give a **FREE BOOK to every child**, *under 16yrs*, who visits us at either of the Book & Music Shops until 31st October.



Our shops:

STONEHOUSE 10am – 4pm
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2–6 Queen's Road, Stonehouse, GL10 2QA
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Brimscombe Hill, Stroud, GL5 2QN
01453 703717 / 07761 902 967 bookshop@cotswoldcanals.org

Raising Funds for the **Cotswold Canals Trust**





Buzz Club
Sun 25 Oct 11.30am – 1pm
Model flowers with clay & explore the Autumn garden. FREE, all welcome, drop-in.

SVP's Green Halloween: Pumpkins in the Park
Sun 25 October 2pm – 6pm
Bring along your carved pumpkins for a chance to win a prize! FREE entry, drop-in.

'Garden Stories' Creative Drop-in Activities for all ages
Tues 27, Wed 28, Thurs 29 Oct 10.30am – 3.30pm
FREE entry, drop-in.

Half Term Woolly Morning with Stroudwater Textile Trust
Thurs 29 Oct 10am – 2pm
Please pre-book your slot @ www.stroudtextiletrust.org.uk

'Crafty Creatures' Drop-in
Fri 30 Oct 10.30am – 3.30pm
Make some spooky creatures! £1 per child, pay on the door.

'Spooky Songs' Concert with Carnival of Cryptids
Sat 31 Oct at 3pm FREE

Free Museum Explorer Trails
always available, please ask us when you visit!

For full details see www.museuminthepark.org.uk
Museum opens 11am Sat & Sun, 10am Tues to Fri | Closes 4.30pm
Admission free, donations welcome | Closed on Mondays



