

## Welcome back!

Welcome back to a brand new school year!

We hope you had a wonderful summer break filled with rest, fun, and family time. It has been such a joy to see the children returning with big smiles and such enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled back into school life and routines already. The staff and I are really excited for the year ahead, with lots of new opportunities, experiences, and achievements to look forward to together.



Please find within this newsletter regular updates on what the children have been up to, from class trips, special events and sports fixtures, we will keep you informed of all their wonderful efforts across the year, all of course underpinned by our PRIDE values.

## GRAFFITI P.R.I.D.E.

A HUGE thank you to local graffiti artist Lee Kirby (also known as 3rdEye) who joined us back in July to create this eye-catching mural in our library area, showcasing our school **PRIDE** values for all children and visitors to enjoy.

The piece was carefully designed with our school in mind, taking inspiration from the rolling hills we enjoy from the balcony and our love of nature. From Owls to Eagles, our children will grow and flourish through a 'flying start to a life of learning'.

If you haven't yet seen the mural yet, please do pop in to have a look!

Lee also worked with some of our Arts Ambassadors to create some fabulous space scenes!



# WELCOME!



## WELCOME OWLS!

We are **delighted** to welcome our new Owls cohort, who have settled in brilliantly over their first couple of weeks at school!

The children have been busy learning how to find their way around and getting to know new routines and faces.

It's also been so lovely to see their confidence grow already, and we're so proud of how well they've adapted. We're very much looking forward to the rest of the term where we are sure the children will continue to thrive.

Welcome to Gastrells Owls!

## CLUBS

Extra-curricular clubs resumed this week, with a wide variety of offerings including lego, art, running and crochet but to name a few.

If you have forgotten to book onto a club this term, but your child would like to attend something, please get in touch with the office team and we can confirm which spaces may still be available.



## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Caterlink will continue to provide nutritional school lunches this year, a full menu is available to download here: [MENU](#)

Please remember to keep the school updated with any food allergies or dietary requirements for your children on a regular basis.

GCC Spring Summer 2022		Meat Free		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 28 April 19 May 14 June 2 July 1 September 13 October		<b>Option One</b> Tomato Pasta	<b>Option Two</b> Chicken Pasta	BBQ Chicken Pasta With Hearty New Potatoes	Mild Mexican Crisp with Rice	Veg Wellington: Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Smothered Bolognaise with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
<b>WEEK TWO</b> 5 May 23 June 14 July 5 September 29 September 20 October		<b>Option One</b> Jacket Potato	<b>Option Two</b> Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese
<b>WEEK THREE</b> 12 May 30 June 21 July 15 September & October		<b>Option One</b> Jacket Potato	<b>Option Two</b> Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese
<b>MEAT KEY</b>		Meat	Meat Free	Added Plant Protein	Wholemeal	Vegan	Chef's Special	ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please email us at: <a href="mailto:info@gastrells.co.uk">info@gastrells.co.uk</a> or call us on 01273 811111. If your child has a serious allergy and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a food allergy form. We have the necessary procedures in place to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the catering of our meals and due to the nature of our business it is impossible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.



# ...IN OTHER NEWS

## HORTICULTURE UPDATE

This year, we will be focusing on cultivating a culture of 'grow your own' as we continue to build upon our horticulture area, with some very exciting plans on the horizon! Thanks to FOG helping us out with the Tesco Community Token Scheme, we are in line for receiving between £500 - £1,500 which we will be putting towards a new and larger produce area that the children can help to manage and harvest.

Last year we grew tomatoes, courgettes and cucumbers, all of which were used within DT cookery and life skill lessons.

Watch this space for the coming year!

(you may have also noticed the beautiful sunflowers that were at the front of the entrance - we had a little (or rather large actually!) friend come and visit us so couldn't resist a snap.

If you would like to help support our horticulture project or could volunteer some time, please contact Mrs Hyatt [rhyatt@gastrells.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:rhyatt@gastrells.gloucs.sch.uk)

And tokens can still be accepted...so if you're passing a Tesco store, please do continue to support our project!



## UPCOMING ARTIST VISIT



We are very lucky to be welcoming the very talented cardboard sculpture artist, Darrell Wakelam to Gastrells at the end of his month. Darrell will be working alongside Miss Mahaffy and some of the KS1 and KS2 children to create a large installation piece in the lower foyer area.

We are VERY excited to see how the project unfolds!

## WRAP AROUND CARE

This term we were delighted to launch a new online booking system for our Wrap Around Care provision, including both **Breakfast Club** and **After School Club**.

To offer families greater flexibility, our After School Club is now available to book in **two** separate hourly sessions, making it easier to tailor childcare to your needs.

Please refer to the circulated letter for more details.



# DIARY DATES

## AUTUMN 1 TERM

### SEPTEMBER

04	Term starts
09	Y2 Swimming starts
30-03	Artist Darrell Wakelam visit. KS2

### OCTOBER

07	Y3 Stroud Museum visit-Blacksmith workshop
08	Yr5 London trip, Matilda & Science Museum
14	Y4 Stroud Museum visit-Blacksmith workshop
16	Individual and sibling photographs
18	FOG Autumn Fayre
21	Opening morning for prospective parents
21	KNEX challenge, Y5 & Y6
20-24	World Awareness week
22	Nasal flu vaccinations
24	World Awareness —sharing 2.30pm
24	Term ends 3.15pm

## TERM DATES 25-26

Term 1	Wed 3rd Sept	-	Fri 24th Oct 2025
Term 2	Tue 4th Nov	-	Fri 19th Dec 2025
Term 3	Tue 6th Jan	-	Fri 13th Feb 2026
Term 4	Tue 24th Feb	-	Fri 27th Mar 2026
Term 5	Mon 13th Apr	-	Fri 22nd May 2026
Term 6	Mon 1st Jun	-	Fri 17th Jul 2026

## INSET DAYS

Mon	1st Sept 2025	Mon	19th Jan 2026
Tue	2nd Sept 2025	Mon	20th July 2026
Mon	3rd Nov 2025		

## AUTUMN 2 TERM

### NOVEMBER

03	INSET day
04	Term starts
05-09	Stroud Book Festival
07	Opening morning for prospective parents
12-13	Parent's evening
13-14	Scholastic Book Fayre

### DECEMBER

05	Stroud Lantern Festival, whole school
08	iRock concert
16	School nurse, heights/weights YR & Y6
17	Xmas jumper day & Christmas lunch
17	Tabernacle concert 6pm (Yr 3-6)
TBC	Goshawks class play
TBC	Owls & Peregrines Christmas performance
TBC	Santa Run!
19	Carols around the tree
19	End of Term 12.15pm

## SPRING 1 TERM

### JANUARY

05	Spring 1 Term Starts
07	Pantomime—Whole School
19	Inset day

We will continue to add events to this page throughout the term.

# DATES CONT...

## SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

2025/26



Gloucestershire  
COUNTY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER						OCTOBER						NOVEMBER						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24		
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues		7	14	21	28	Tues	4	11	18	25		
Wed	3	10	17	24		Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	5	12	19	26		
Thur	4	11	18	25		Thur	2	9	16	23	30	Thur	6	13	20	27		
Fri	5	12	19	26		Fri	3	10	17	24	31	Fri	7	14	21	28		
Sat	6	13	20	27		Sat	4	11	18	25		Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	30	
DECEMBER						JANUARY						FEBRUARY						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon	2	9	16	23		
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues		6	13	20	27	Tues	3	10	17	24		
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Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22		
MARCH						APRIL						MAY						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon	4	11	18	25	
Tues		3	10	17	24	31	Tues		7	14	21	28	Tues	5	12	19	26	
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Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat	4	11	18	25		Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	3	10	17	24	31
JUNE						JULY						AUGUST						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	31	
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues		7	14	21	28	Tues	4	11	18	25		
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Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

Term Time	Holidays
Bank Holiday	

Term 1: Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2025	40 days
Term 2: Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	35 days
Term 3: Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan - Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026	30 days
Term 4: Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2026	25 days
Term 5: Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	29 days
Term 6: Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June – Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	36 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>195 days*</b>

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
New Year Bank Holiday	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026
Good Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026
Easter Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Early May Bank Holiday	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## ★ ATLAS MINIS ★ **FOOTBALL**

### Confidence, Friendships & First Goals!

*Our action-packed football sessions are specially made for little ones aged 2–4, giving them the perfect place to run, play, and make new friends. Every kick, giggle, and high-five helps them grow in confidence while learning through play. It's all about big smiles, tiny goals, and unforgettable first steps—come be part of the adventure!*

**Book your child's first session today!  
Scan the QR code now**





# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## Golden Bears Trail 2025

15 – 30 September

Join us on the Golden Bears Trail around Stroud. Visit local shops, spot the bears and collect the names of each bear to see what they spell out!

**Supporting Children's Cancer Awareness Month.**

Complete the trail and enter our prize draw to  
**WIN your very own Golden Bear!** \*T&Cs apply

Meet us in person at the Stroud Subscription Rooms:

**Saturday, 20th September | 10am–2pm**

**Saturday, 27th September | 10am–2pm**

Buy your map here!



Help us raise awareness for  
**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.**

Proceeds from the Golden Bears Trail support Wiggly T (local not-for-profit), creating and gifting free T-shirts for children with cancer and medical lines.



Follow @thewigglyt for updates!



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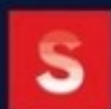
FROM THE SAME TEAM THAT BROUGHT YOU  
LAST YEAR'S SMASH-HIT ROBIN HOOD

A detailed illustration of Sleeping Beauty Castle at night, with its towers and spires illuminated. A large, stylized 'S' shape is superimposed over the scene, with a dragon perched on the right-hand curve of the 'S' against a full moon. The background is a deep blue night sky filled with stars.

# SLEEPING BEAUTY

THE PANTOMIME OF YOUR DREAMS

Friday 19th December 2025 to Sunday 4th January 2026



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