



Blewbury Endowed C of E Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year. The weather that would have been welcome during the summer holidays instead arrived at the start of the school term however, staff and pupils have managed well in the heat and made the most of our outdoor shaded space.

You may have noticed some building work took place over the summer break; O'Keeffe class now has two new double doors leading out onto brand new Astro turf.



We have also been working hard to develop the school Library. Thank you to the PTA for funding this and to Miss Gibson for the donation of furniture. It should be ready and open by the end of the month.



Click on the links below to see some of the learning that has taken place this week:

[O'Keeffe](#) [Goldsworthy](#) [Picasso](#) [Klimt](#) [Banksy](#)

CLUBS

The following clubs will take place this half term:

Tuesdays: Football with Mr Sadler, Reception – Year 2, £4.50 per session, 3.15-4.15 starting **Tuesday 19th September**.

Wednesdays: Gardening club with Mrs Jacob – Free

Thursdays: Football with Mr Sadler, Year 3 – Year 6, £4.50 per session, 3.15-4.15 starting **Thursday 14th September**.

Please contact Mrs Bealey in the school office to book your place.

Lunches and Payments

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to a hot meal each day under the [Universal Infant Free School Meals](#) (UIFSM) initiative. Once pupils enter Year 3 and beyond, they must pay for their school meals unless eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). The cost is £2.40 per day and is payable through your Parent Mail account. You may send your child in with a home packed lunch if you would like to.




Please do not let your Parent Mail account get into arrears. They are checked termly, and we will write to any families who have got into debt. Do talk to us if you have difficulty paying as we may be able to support you by setting up a payment plan.

Your child may be entitled to [Free School Meals](#), which is a means tested support fund.

If you think you may be entitled to this, please contact Mrs Watts, Office Manager. All we need is your NI number and we can run a check through the Local Authority.

STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to be welcoming the following members of staff to the Blewbury Team:

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| Miss Penny-Dance has previously been a volunteer at our school and will now be working as a TA in Banksy class. | Miss Rawson is joining us as a TA, initially every Friday, in Goldsworthy class. | Mrs Pithie is joining us as a TA and will be working with O'Keeffe class. |

Road safety

Please remember that driving onto the school site at drop off and pick up times is **not permitted**. Parents and carers are welcome to use the Village Hall car park at these times.

May we also remind you to refrain from parking on the yellow painted lines on the road outside school and to respect our neighbours by not parking on the entrance to Grahame Close or blocking driveways.

We have asked Thames Valley Police to make random checks on the road to ensure safe driving and parking is taking place, as we did last year.

Thank you for supporting us to keep our children safe.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Reeder
Headteacher

| Diary Dates | |
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| Tuesday 12 th September, Drop off – 9.30 | O'Keeffe and Goldsworthy Coffee morning |
| Thursday 14 th September, Drop off – 9.30 | Picasso, Klimt, Banksy Coffee morning |
| Tuesday 26 th September | Sports day. O'Keeffe and Goldsworthy 9.15-10.15am Picasso, Klimt and Banksy 2-3pm |
| Thursday 5 th October, 9.30 | Harvest Festival in Church |
| Friday 13 th October | School Photos |
| Tuesday 17 th and Thursday 19 th October | Parents' Evening |
| Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October | HALF TERM BREAK |
| Monday 30 th October | INSET (school closed to pupils) |
| Wednesday 20 th December | School ends at 3.15 for Christmas Break |

[2023/24 calendar](#)