Hatherley Infant School and Nursery

Where we all learn together, to be successful in learning for life.

Newsletter 3

6th November 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all have a wonderful half term and are looking forward to the festivities that lie ahead this term. Please see the section below, outlining key dates for the term.

Many thanks to those of you who bought items at our end of term bake sale. I am delighted to inform you that a staggering £200 was raised which means that we our close to our target of £800. With this in mind, I am delighted to inform you that a pantomime theatre has been booked for later in the term. Children and staff will be treated to a traditional pantomime within school. An enormous thank you goes to the PTA, especially Bethany, Kulsum and Zainab for their amazing contributions. Anyone who bought baked goods will know just how delicious they were!

The PTA is organizing more events for this term, and I know that members would appreciate more help. Please speak with either Mrs Jones or myself if this is something that you would be interested in. Every contribution no matter how big or little supports school as well as your child.

As the weather turns colder, please ensure children come to school suitably dressed and that all hats, gloves and scarves are clearly labelled. Labels make it easier for lost items to be returned to their original owner!

Mrs F Briggs

All children should have **100%** attendance.

School is open for **190** days of the year for teaching and learning.

This leaves **175** days for holidays, family gatherings and other special occasions.

Help your child to be successful, by supporting good attendance.



School Attendance

The class with the best attendance last term was Squirrels, though hot on their heels was Foxcubs. Well done to both classes! Special mention also goes to Owls and Foxcubs, both of whom achieved one week where their attendance was 100%. This is an amazing achievement! Well done to everyone involved.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Foxcubs	95.74%	98.28%	100%	98.33%	97.50%	96.67%	97.87%	95.83%
Hedgehogs	96.67%	98.00%	96.09%	90.87%	95.58%	91.82%	85.24%	94.03%
Owls	100%	96.76%	98.21%	98.56%	98.93%	96.50%	98.62%	93.77%
Badgers	91.38%	99.31%	98.28%	99.30%	94.48%	97.93%	94.48%	93.08%
Squirrels	98.21%	95.71%	98.57%	96.43%	99.26%	95.56%	99.26%	98.15%

*School gates open at 8.40am, ready to start at **8.45am**, with gates closed at 9.00am. School finishes at **3.15pm**. The school office is open from 8.30am-12.30pm and 1.00-3.30pm.*

Dates for your diary





Friday 13th November Children in Need Wear something fun and spotty!

Monday 16th November-wear odd socks to celebrate the fact that everyone is unique. This is the launch day of our Anti-Bullying and Friendship week.

Friday 20th November-wear what makes you happy! This is to complete our Anti-Bullying and Friendship week.



Friday 20th November-Coffee morning. All welcome!



Tuesday 8th December-Nativity performance 1 at 10.00am

Nativity performance 2 (date to be confirmed)

Wednesday 9th December-Christmas Pantomime 'Goldilocks'.

Friday 11th December-Share a story



Wednesday 16th December-Christmas dinner and jumper day



Friday 18th December- Christmas parties for classes

Friday 18th December- **School closes early to children at 1.15pm**

Reading cafes

Our popular reading cafes are back this term! These events will be held on a Friday morning at school drop off time and you are warmly invited to attend. This will be a great opportunity for you to work with your child's class teacher and learn how you can support with your child's reading at home.

Friday 6th November- Squirrels

Friday 13th November- Badgers

Friday 27th November-Year 1

Friday 4th December-Reception

The greatest progress in reading is made when home and school work together.





Gloucester Rotary

A special shout out to Gloucester Rotary who has donated £200 towards books for school.

Some of this money has already been spent on books for the curriculum, along with our school value of respect, perseverance, curiosity, collaboration and forgiveness.

