

Battledown Centre for Children & Families



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Well, term 1 is over already. It has been great to see how the children have all settled well into their new classrooms and discovering more about the universe with this term's topic of 'Up, Up and Away'.



It was a quieter summer with the addition of the sunken trampoline which has been a big hit, new fencing in the playground and decorating around the school. No major projects, thank goodness! We have warmly welcomed new children and new staff who have all settled in well to life at Battledown and it is lovely to see everyone back and the school buzzing with activity.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you at parents' evening next term, and to putting on some Christmas performances which we will invite you to come and enjoy.



Have a lovely half term, fingers crossed it stays dry!

Nikki

Squirrels Class Visit to the Cheltenham Literature Festival



On our fantastic trip to the Festival, we met the Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho. He read a few of his brilliant poems and all the children really enjoyed listening and joining in with the actions.

As part of the session, Joseph used the class' ideas to write a new poem all about our favourite things. The trip was so successful and the pupils were amazing throughout!



To remember our special trip, we wrote our own poem using our memories of the trip:

*I remember when
I got a long, red balloon.*

*I remember when
I took orange 'F' to the Literature Festival*

*I remember when
I had a pink sword balloon*

*I remember when
I sat in a Yurt with my friends*

*I remember when
The sun was shining*

*I remember when
Joseph read us a story, he was nice!*

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Parents Evening

Wednesday, 16th November. More details to follow.

Allergy Aware School



NO NUTS! Please check contents of lunch boxes.

Children in Need Friday, 18th



November. Wear spots, pyjamas or something yellow!

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022—2023

Term 2: Tue 1 Nov - Tue 20 Dec 2022

Inset: Wed, 4 Jan 2023

Term 3: Thu 5 Jan - Thu 16 Feb 2023

Inset: Fri, 17 Feb 2023

Term 4: Mon 27 Feb - Fri 31 Mar 2023

Term 5: Mon 17 Apr - Fri 26 May 2023

Bank Holiday: Mon, 1 May 2023

Term 6: Mon 5 Jun - Fri 21 Jul 2023

Inset: Mon, 24 & Tue, 25 Jul 2023

Meet Holly Hewitt



Hello! My name is Holly and I am a Class Teacher here at Battledown. I have been working in education for many years in SEN and mainstream settings. I love being outdoors, getting messy, having fun and all things creative. I believe that happy children thrive, and as a teacher I strive to help all children feel safe, secure and settled at school.

Meet Laura Collier-Hall



My name is Laura and I am a Class Teacher. I first found out about Battledown when I undertook a voluntary SEN placement at the end of my teaching degree, I noticed straight away that there was something very special and truly unique about the school. For the past five years I have been teaching at Alderman Knight School across their primary, key stage 3 and 4 phases. As an early years trained teacher, I am excited about being part of the team at Battledown and look forward to working with these inspirational young people and their families. In my spare time I spend as much time as I can with my family as well as our dogs and cats.

Hello!



Say hello to...

Jorge in Otters class
Isla & Ryan in Owls class

Teddy & Lowell in Rabbits class

Albert in Woodpeckers class

New Staff...

Laura Collier-Hall, Hedgehogs Class Teacher

Holly Hewitt, Squirrels Class Teacher

Gemma Brown, Learning Partner

Oliver Elliott, Learning Partner

Abbie O'Hare, Learning Partner

Graham Birch, Cleaner

Zoe Uren, Midday Supervisor

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Smile!

Photographer in school Wednesday, 23rd November.

If your child is unwell, don't forget to call in or message the team on Class Dojo before 9am to report any absences.



As the weather is starting to get colder, please ensure your child has a coat, hat and gloves in school for outdoor learning & play.



Battledown Pamper and shopping Night

Friday 11th November 7.00pm - 10.00pm
£10.00 per ticket to include unlimited PIMM's cheese boards and a raffle ticket

Fashion show by Allure Clothing

Pamper treatments available at a small charge

Gift Stalls

Pamper, shop or simply enjoy a drink with friends

at Battledown Centre, Harp Hill, Cheltenham, 01242 525472

Tickets available through Battledown Reception



Christmas Concerts

More details to follow but these will take place for each class as follows:

- Tue, 13th December: Owls & Hedgehogs
- Wed, 14th December: Foxes & Squirrels
- Thu, 15th Dec: Woodpeckers & Rabbits
- Fri, 16th December: Otters & Badgers

Donations required!

We will shortly be asking for donations of items for the hampers being made up to raise money for the BFG. Donations could include bottles (alcoholic & non-alcoholic), chocolates, biscuits, sweets, savoury and sweet snacks, and general festive food. Also pamper items, e.g. unused toiletries, face packs, shower puffs, mani-pedi and general beauty items (not make up please).

A basket will be in Reception where you can drop off your donations, or send them in with your child and the class team will make sure they get there.



INFOCUS
Tuesday, 22 November
9.30am - 11.30am

Come and meet Stephen Moore from Glos Carers Hub, and Becky Pain-Tolin from the Parent Carer Forum, to discuss support and information available for parent carers.

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Please remember to label all clothing & personal items.