

Battledown Centre for Children & Families



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what a term that was!!!! Thank you for all your support and understanding with class closures this term due to staffing issues, we really do appreciate it.

The children have had a fantastic last term, complete with lots of different experiences and trips, including trips to the Science and Music Festivals for Woodpeckers and Owls classes respectively (see page two for more info and pictures). It has been great to see how positively they all responded, and how much they enjoyed the activities and events. The ice cream van on our Fun Day was a great hit with both pupils and staff alike!

We have lots of building works and repairs being carried out over the summer, including Owls, Rabbits and Foxes classrooms where we are enlarging the learning spaces. We look forward to showing you the new developments in September when I will host an open day on a weekend/after school for you to see what we have created.

Sarah and Sally will be in touch in September to ascertain parent/carer availability for and interest in a range of family support ideas. Please do let them know what would be helpful.

I may see some of you at the stay-and-play sessions in the holidays, but if not, I hope you all have a good summer and will see you in September for another exciting year ahead!

Best wishes, *Nikki*



New Baby!

Congratulations to Leah and Jay on the safe arrival of baby Wilf!

Class Dojo will be updated to reflect your child's new class



in early September, in readiness for the start of the new academic year.

Save the date

Battledown welcome back Family Fun Day



Saturday 23rd September

12pm - 3pm



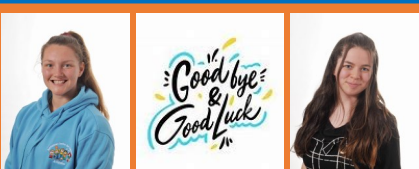
Can you help?

We would really appreciate your help/ ideas to organise this event.

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| ◦ BBQ | ◦ Contacts for food/refreshments |
| ◦ Entertainment | ◦ Stalls |
| ◦ Raffle Prizes | ◦ Setting up and clearing away |

If you can spare some time to help please email the school office on admin@battledown.sandmat.uk

Thank you



A fond farewell and huge thank you to two fabulous Learning Partners, **Chloe Morris & Eva Brockhurst**, who leave us at the end of term. You will be missed!

AUTUMN DATES

Mon, 18 Sep:
Flu Nasal Spray

Sat, 23 Sep:
School Fete



Wed, 22 Nov:
School photographer



Battledown Centre for Children & Families



Owls take a trip to the Music Festival

Owls class went on their first trip to the Music Festival this month. We were lucky to see a relaxed concert in the town hall. We listened to eight songs,

beautifully played by the orchestra, including *Libertango*, *Summer Storm* and the children's favourite, the *Can Can*. It was lovely to see all the children so engaged. We all had a lovely time and look forward to going next year.



Moving on...

Good luck in your new school to Eden, Noah, Luke & Isla



Woodpeckers visit 'Amazing Air' at the Cheltenham Science Festival

Woodpeckers class recently enjoyed a trip to the Science Festival, visiting 'Amazing Air', an interactive, multi-sensory exploration of air where children were the scientists.

Together with event co-ordinator, Sarah Bearchell, the children experimented to prove that air is there, using streamers, windmills and a fan to see bubbles being blown. They felt the air on their faces or discovered how the force of the air made paper airplanes fly. They found it really interesting and loved being able to be active in the show.



We would like to send a special thank you to the parents who helped us with the trip as well as to the Science Festival team for being so attentive and supportive with us.

TERM DATES 2023-2024

Inset: Mon, 4 & Tue, 5 Sep 2023

Term 1: Wed, 6 Sep - Fri, 27 Oct 2023

Term 2: Mon, 6 Nov - Fri, 22 Dec 2023

Term 3: Mon 8 Jan - Thu, 8 Feb 2024

Inset: Fri, 9 Feb 2024

Term 4: Mon 19 Feb - Fri, 22 Mar 2024*

**Inset: Wed, 6 Mar 2024*

Term 5: Mon 8 Apr - Fri, 24 May 2024*

**Bank Holiday: Mon, 6 May 2024*

**Inset: Tue, 7 May 2024*

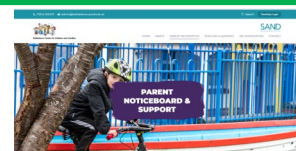
Term 6: Mon 3 Jun - Fri, 19 Jul 2024

Inset: Mon, 22 Jul 2024

New Website

You may have noticed that we have a new school website! We will be adding lots more information and resources to the Parent Notice Board and Support page but please take a look at what's already available on:

www.battledown.sandmat.uk



For more details of Gloucestershire County Council's summer holiday activities & food programme, please follow this link: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/>