

Battledown Centre for Children & Families



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic start of the school year with the children all settled well into their new classes. We have had exciting outings to different events including the literature festival. Dinky Ponies was a hit again with the children and staff!

We were lucky not to be too affected by the heavy rain in school although we still have several dehumidifiers in school so hoping for some dry days.

Enjoy the half term and Halloween and we will be back on Monday 4th November to get ready for Christmas.

Best Wishes

Nikki



The Cheltenham Literature Festival

On Monday 7th October Squirrels class went to the Cheltenham Literature Festival. When we arrived we went to the story shack and we listened to a traditional story teller. She told us a story and we joined in with some of the words and actions. Next we had a walk around the festival, we bumped into Supertato! We enjoyed giving him a high five. We also completed a treasure hunt and got a sticker. On our way to the puppet show we saw the Gruffalo, it was very exciting. Everyone had a Gruffalo hug! The last thing we saw was a puppet show all about dinosaurs, it was very active and we had to join in with some dancing and singing. It was a fun trip and we learnt lots about stories.



REMINDERS:

If your child is unwell, you must call in or message the team on Class Dojo before 9am daily to report any absences.



Don't forget to label clothing & personal items.



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Children in Need
Fri, 15 Nov
(wear spots, pyjamas or something yellow!)

School Photos
Wed, 13 Nov

Parents Evening

Wed, 13 Nov
3.30-6.00



PLEASE REMEMBER
WE ARE A NUT
FREE SCHOOL



TERM DATES 2024-2025

Term 2: Mon, 4 Nov - Fri, 20 Dec 2024

Term 3: Tues 7 Jan - Thu, 13 Feb 2025

Inset: Mon 6 Jan, Fri, 14 Feb 2025

Term 4: Mon 24 Feb - Thurs, 10 Apr 2025

Inset: Fri, 11 Apr 2025

Term 5; Mon 28 Apr - Fri, 23 May 2025

Bank Holiday: Mon, 5 May 2025

Term 6; Mon 2 June - Fri 18 July 2025

Inset: Mon, 21 Jul 2025

Christmas Events

Wreath Making 5th December

£15, workshops at 1.30, 4.45 and 6.30.

Contact the office to book

Christmas Performances week commencing 9th December

Christmas Party for children on 18th December.

More details to follow



CHRISTMAS FETE 2024

Saturday 23rd November
12:00PM - 15:00PM

Battledown Centre For Children & Families
Harp Hill, Cheltenham, GL52 6PZ



COME & JOIN US FOR...

Hot food,
Music by Gary Quinn,
Santa's Grotto,
Crafts, Raffle,
Stalls & more!

Congratulations to this year's Student Council representatives:



Foxes: **Albi**

Owls: **Hassan**

Otters: **Danny-Lee**

Badgers: **Lowell**

Hedgehogs: **Albert** Rabbits: **Freddie**

Woodpeckers: **Lewis**

Squirrels: **Theo and George**

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Donations required!

We will soon 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), biscuits, sweets, chocolates, savoury/sweet snacks, & general festive food. Also pamper items, e.g. unused toiletries, face packs, shower puffs, mani-pedi & general beauty items .



Thank you to Brooklyn's mum and Avon Freight for fundraising £3355.05 towards outdoor shades and the purchase of 6 spinner chairs



FAMILY SUPPORT

We will be sending out a questionnaire to better understand what support and information we can offer our families. Please complete the forms so that we can plan sessions and events that best to suit your needs. Thank you.



THINKING OF A TOY CLEAR OUT?

WE'RE HAPPY TO TAKE THEM OFF YOUR HANDS! DONATE YOUR TOYS BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS FETE ON THE 23RD NOVEMBER...

AND HELP US SPREAD JOY THIS CHRISTMAS!



A very warm welcome to Chloe in Owls,
Albie-Lee and Halle in Otters

Taz - Class Teacher in Badgers

Eoghan, Class Teacher in Foxes

Wing, Learning Partner

Kate, Learning Partner

Sophie, Learning Partner

Olivia, Midday Supervisor

Saffron, Midday Supervisor

Skye, Midday Supervisor

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Meet Souhila

Hello my name is Souhila. I am from Algeria where I worked as a teacher and executive secretary in a private company. I feel so proud to bring the passion I have and skills I have gained from both roles to Battledown. I started working at Battledown in 2023 working on reception and as a midday supervisor. I'm enthusiastic and excited about working alongside an inspirational and hard working team to help our lovely children to flourish and progress in life.



New minibus

Thank you to the Pied Piper for donating our new minibus.



Meet Becca

Hello! My name is Becca and I am a class teacher at Battledown. I started here in October 2023 after several years working in early years and primary education. I began my teaching career as a special needs teaching assistant and have always loved supporting children to achieve their best. I also lead our My Thinking pathway, which covers our maths curriculum.



As the weather turns colder, please ensure your child has a coat, hat and gloves in school for outdoor play and learning.

Foxes, Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers had a fab time with the Dinky Ponies. The children loved playing with them, giving them a makeover and learning how to care for them. The classes who did not have them this term will see them in the summer.

