

Monday 20th April 2026

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to Term 5!

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term.

This week, we will be enjoying exploring and identifying the wonderful flora in the fields and woods around us. The children will learn about what plants need to grow and will have the opportunity to plant their own sunflower seeds.

In English, we will be focusing on the traditional tale *The Gingerbread Man*. The children will be acting out the story, designing and making their own gingerbread men, and using their developing writing skills to invent their own versions of the tale.

We have some exciting dates for your diaries this term:

- **Monday 27th April** – We will be welcoming Steph from the James Dyson Foundation for a helicopter workshop. She previously visited Hawksbury and comes highly recommended.
- **Monday 4th May (May Day)** – A special part of village life in Iron Acton. Barn Owls and Falcons will be taking part in the “Fish and Chips” dance around the maypole. Parents are warmly invited to come along and enjoy the celebrations.
- **Monday 11th May** – We will be visiting a local farm in Latteridge to learn more about where our food comes from. Further details will be sent later this week.

PE and Forest School

- PE will continue to take place on Tuesdays. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit: red t-shirt, black bottoms, daps or trainers, and a school jumper if needed.
- Forest School sessions will continue on Mondays. Please ensure children wear appropriate clothing, such as leggings or jogging bottoms and long-sleeved tops.

Reading

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home—it really does make a huge difference. Please ensure your child brings their school reading book and yellow reading record to school every day, as we regularly carry out guided reading. Books will continue to be changed on Tuesdays.

Reminders

Please remind children that toys from home should not be brought into school. We are always happy for children to bring special items for show and tell, but these should be handed directly to an adult on arrival.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to speak to us in person, over the phone, or via email

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Mrs Lyall and Mrs Wood

Barn Owls Class

We are looking to further resource our provision within the classroom. If you have any of the following that you no longer need, they would be gratefully received.

Buttons

Bottle lids

Cereal boxes

Bottles

Flat circle wood

Jugs

Cardboard tubes

Egg boxes

Jars

Lolly sticks

Corks

Beads

Seashells

Pegs

Bubble wrap

Wrapping paper

Yogurt pots

Plastic crates

Tyres

Tarp

Wooden blocks

Pebbles

Curtain rings

Wooden compartment trays

Empty butter tubs

Ice cream tubs

Games or puzzles

Used birthday cards

Candles

Toy cars

Many thanks,

The Barn Owls Team