



SLIMBRIDGE

primary school

October Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

As we move through October, it has been wonderful to see the children continuing to work so hard in all areas of school life. This month, pupils have completed their autumn assessments, giving staff a valuable opportunity to celebrate progress and identify the next steps in learning. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, determination and positive attitude the children have shown throughout the assessment period.

Alongside their classroom learning, many pupils have enjoyed additional sporting opportunities. Our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 football coaching sessions have been a fantastic success, helping children develop their skills, teamwork and confidence. We were also delighted to take part in the Girls' Football Tournament at Rednock, where our pupils represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating both enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship.

It was also a pleasure to welcome so many parents into school for our recent Parents' Evenings. These meetings provide such a valuable opportunity to celebrate children's achievements, discuss next steps in learning and strengthen the positive relationships between home and school. Thank you to everyone who attended and for your continued support of your children's education.

As we approach the half-term break, I think many of us are looking forward to a well-earned rest. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard while battling the inevitable round of autumn coughs and colds, and everyone deserves the chance to recharge before the busy weeks ahead.

Best Wishes from
Mrs Hillman

Well done to the Girls' Football Team

We are incredibly proud of our girls' football team for their fantastic performance at the recent tournament at Rednock.

Throughout the event, they demonstrated all of the Slimbridge Values, showing excellent teamwork and resilience in every match they played. The girls represented our school brilliantly, supporting one another, playing with great sportsmanship and never giving up. Their positive attitude and enthusiasm were a credit to the school, and they should be very proud of their achievements. Well done, girls!



Pudsey Day

After half term, we are excited to be supporting Children in Need and celebrating Pudsey Day on Friday 13th November 2026. We have a range of fundraising activities planned, including colouring competitions, a cake sale and a sponsored run for Pudsey, to raise money for this fantastic charity. We look forward to seeing the children get involved and helping make a difference, while having lots of fun along the way. Children can wear pudsey themed clothes on this day or spots/stripes or pyjamas.

This is our school landing page for sponsorship for the running:
<https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/slimbridge-primary-school>

Our unique code is: FF3

All children joining in will receive a medal for their participation from the run for Pudsey team. More details to follow in our letter about Children-in-Need ... coming soon.



Pudsey Bear Colouring Competition

To help celebrate Children in Need, we are inviting all children to take part in our Design a Pudsey Bear Competition. Using the template that has been sent home, children are encouraged to get creative and design their very own unique Pudsey Bear.

We can't wait to see the fantastic ideas and colourful creations that are returned! There will be prizes awarded for the winning entries in each class, so get your pencils, paints and felt tips ready and have fun being creative while supporting a wonderful cause.

Harvest Thank You



A huge thank you to all of our families for your generous donations to support the Tabernacle Food Bank as part of our Harvest celebrations. Your kindness will help make a real difference to local individuals and families who are experiencing difficult times.

We were delighted to welcome Naomi, Karen and Samuel into school to lead a special assembly. They spoke to the children about the important work of the food bank, how our donations will support people in the local community, and they expressed their sincere thanks for everyone's generosity. The children listened beautifully and gained a greater understanding of how even small acts of kindness can have a big impact on the lives of others. Thank you once again for your continued support and for helping us demonstrate our school values through such a wonderful community effort.



Dates

Term: Autumn 2 2026

Date	Who?	Event
26th-30th October	Whole School	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 2 nd November	Whole School	Return to school gates open at 8:40 a.m.
Wednesday 4 th November	Y5/6	Boys' Football Tournament at Rednock
Friday 6 th November	Whole School	Pianist visiting school to perform a recital for children
Wednesday 11 th November	Whole School	Remembrance Day Assembly
Friday 13 th November	Reception to Y6	Nasal Flu Vaccine
Friday 13 th November	Whole School	Children-in-Need Day: come to school in pyjamas/spotty clothes. Cake sale and run for Pudsey.
Thursday 26 th November	Whole School	Christmas Fayre - evening in school
Monday 7 th December	Y1, Y2 and Y3	Nativity Performance in school hall 5:00p.m
Tuesday 8 th December	Y1, Y2 and Y3	Nativity Performance in school hall 2:30 p.m.
Thursday 10 th December	Reception	Reception Class Nativity 1:30 p.m.
Thursday 10 th December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11 th December	Little Otters	Nursery Nativity 2:15 p.m.
Thursday 17 th December	Whole School	Christmas Dinner in hall
Friday 18 th December	Whole School	Party on a plate day - please bring in a party food selection for your own child on a plate Term ends at 1:30 p.m
Monday 4 th January	Whole School	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th January	Whole School	Return to school 8:40 a.m. gates open