



COVID updates are being emailed home via eschools when new information is received. Please read these so you are up-to-date with guidance received.  
See emails sent 11.11.21 and 12.11.21.

Our brilliant **STAR ACHIEVERS** for this week:

	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> November
Beech	Oscar A and Tosia
Elm	Max C and Raine
Maple	Jayden and Romeilly
Larch	Ella and Lacie
Chestnut	Logan S and Skye-Marie
Pine	Maci and William
Oak	Alfie and Pixie-Rae



**SUPPORTING READING SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE:** Please help your child develop their reading confidence and skills **by listening to them read at home**. Reading is a wonderful skill that opens up the world for us, and is possibly the most important skill that you will ever support your child in developing. We are aiming for all children to read at home 3 times a week, but if you can manage more, that would be brilliant, and your child will see such benefits.

More information on how-to in this BBC article. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbxby9q>

Also, starting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November and running for 4 weeks - finishing on Weds 15<sup>th</sup> December will be our **SUPER COOL READING CLUB**. Starting straight after school and finishing at 4.15pm, this will be for all children Year 1-Year 6. We very much hope all children will stay and join the reading fun!

**Admissions 2023-2024 consultation.** We are required to consult on our Admissions Policy every 7 years, and a draft policy was emailed home earlier this week for consultation. Please see eschools email sent on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

DATE	CALENDAR
Fri 12.11.21	Flu nasal sprays in school
Mon 15.11.21	WEAR ODD SOCKS on MONDAY to kick-off our Friendship & Anti-Bullying week – theme ONE KIND WORD
Thur 25.11.21	Governors Full Board meeting
Fri 26.11.21	Christmas Lights switch on event in village – parade from church 5.30pm; lights on 6pm at Globe. WEAR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS or THEMED CLOTHES and bring a food item for hamper/food bank
Wed 29.11.21	Virtual book fair – more info to follow
Fri 03.12.21	Friends Christmas Fayre – in Junior Playground, 2pm start. WEAR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS or THEMED CLOTHES, bring a food item for hamper/food bank.
Sat 04.12.21	Coleford Christmas lights switch-on – to be confirmed.
Tu 14.12.21	Infant Christmas lunch – WEAR CHRISTMAS JUMPER / THEMED CLOTHES (for fun, all children)
Wed 15.12.21	Junior Christmas lunch – WEAR CHRISTMAS JUMPER / THEMED CLOTHES (for fun, all children).
Fri 17.12.21	Pantomime trip for whole school (Monmouth Savoy theatre, grateful to village lights committee for generous donation of £500 towards the cost of this ☺ Thank you!)
Fri 17.12.21	Last day of school, finish normal time. No Christmas service due to Covid.
Tu 04.01.22	Term starts, all back in school.
Tu 15.02.22	(postponed from 09.11.21) Y5 Wilderness Trip information session in the hall. 5pm
Wed 16.02.22	(postponed from 10.11.21) Y6 JCA Trip information session in the hall. 5pm.
Parent/carer consultations this week and next. If you haven't already booked, please do so on eschools, or email your child's class teacher. We really value this opportunity to feed-back on how your child has settled into their new class, and how you can support learning at home.	
Please note, term and holiday dates for 2021-22 and 2022-23 are now posted on the school website – saved as a document on the Home page.	

Our school office is open from 8.30-3.15pm Monday-Friday during term time. Contact preferred by telephone 01594 832262 or email [admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk)

Buddies Before and After-School Club now has its own email address [buddies@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:buddies@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk) REMEMBER THAT TO BOOK PLACES FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY, YOU NEED TO CONTACT US BY 12 NOON ON THE PREVIOUS DAY. THIS INCLUDES BOOKING FOR A MONDAY MORNING BY NOON ON FRIDAY. PLACES CANNOT BE BOOKED AFTER THIS, AND IF A PLACE HAS NOT BEEN BOOKED, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO BUDDIES. WE HAVE STRICT STAFF/PUPIL RATIOS THAT NEED TO BE ADHERED TO, AND STAFF ARE LIKELY TO NEED TO TURN YOU AWAY IF YOU HAVE NOT BOOKED. PLEASE ALSO ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE PAID FOR YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE, CHILDREN CANNOT ATTEND IF PAYMENTS ARE OUTSTANDING.

If you have booked a place and no longer require it, please let us know asap as this place can be offered to another child. If not cancelled by 12 noon, you will be charged for the session. More information from the school office Tel: 832262 or email [admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk)

#### Family support for mental health and wellbeing

There is much reported currently in the media about mental health issues due to the coronavirus pandemic. There are many sources of help available to families and to children, including the following:

- Young Minds Matter - [youngmindsmatter.org](http://youngmindsmatter.org)
- Family Lives.org  
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/>

For any school related concerns, contact our Family Support Worker Mrs Reddan  
[jreddan@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:jreddan@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk).

**Over 75's** of Berry Hill, Edge End and Christchurch.

 You are invited to a complimentary Afternoon tea with festive fun and cheer! Food donated by fund raising from the Berry Hill Christmas Lights and Community Events.

**Tuesday 7th December**

2-4pm at  Christchurch church. 

If you would like to come, please contact Sally Whittington on 07788804173 for more details, closing date 26/11/21

 Transport can be arranged. 

Join us

In turning the lights on **Berry Hill's Christmas Tree Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

5.45pm Decorated Tractor and Children's Lantern parade, travelling from Christchurch, lights service and festive carols starting at 6pm at The Globe.

Berry Hill Band, carols and cheer and maybe even Father Christmas on the Fire Truck!

Join us in celebrating the start of the festivities!

#### GYMNASTICS SESSIONS 2021-2022

Term 2	Maple (Y2)	04.11.21-09.12.21
Term 3	Pine (Y5)	06.01.22-10.02.22
Term 4	Larch (Y3)	03.03.22-07.04.22
Term 5	Chestnut (Y4)	28.04.22-26.05.22
Term 6	Beech (R)	09.06.22-14.07.22

#### SWIMMING SESSIONS 2021-2022 (5 weeks)

Term 2	Pine (Y5)	11.11.21-09.12.21
Term 4	Chestnut (Y4)	10.03.22-07.04.22
Term 5	Maple (Y2)	28.04.22-26.05.22
Term 6	Oak (Y6)	16.06.22-14.07.22

#### AFRICAN DRUMMING SESSIONS 2021-2022

Term 2	Elm - Year 1
Term 3	Chestnut - Year 4
Term 4	Pine - Year 5
Term 5	Beech - Reception
Term 6	Larch - Year 3

#### PLACES NOW AVAILABLE IN OUR FABULOUS ACORNS PRESCHOOL

Overseen by Mrs Williams, our Early Years Lead Teacher, and staffed by experienced Early Years experts, our Acorns preschool is integrated with our Reception Class to provide an all-through high quality Early-Years experience for our youngest learners. Places are available for children from the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday (EYs funded) and from their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday (paid). Early Years funding and Employee Vouchers are accepted. Please email our school office for more information or to arrange a visit, or see the ACORNS tab on the school website. 01594 832262.  
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**SCHOOL UNIFORM** A full range of our school uniform is available from Mapac Group Ltd [parentcustomerservices@mapac.net](mailto:parentcustomerservices@mapac.net) or telephone 01923 255525. Alternatively, there is ordering information available on our school website (see documents on the bottom of the Home Page, and also on the SCHOOL LIFE tab/UNIFORM). Orders can be paid by either credit or debit card. Delivery to school or home is offered. Our School Uniform Policy is available on the school website (see POLICIES tab).