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Our School Value this term is Love

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Our Values in Action

A Wonderful Harvest Celebration!

Last week, our children blew us away with a fantastic **Harvest Festival service**! From the beautiful singing to the wonderful poems and readings, it was a joy to see the Church filled with such community spirit. The children worked so hard practicing their parts, and it truly showed in how confidently they spoke about the autumn harvest and the importance of giving back. We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to our parent community—your generous food donations made our Harvest display look spectacular before they were packed up for the local food bank.





House of Opportunity Christmas Box Appeal

Help us bring a smile to a child's face this winter! We are officially collecting for the **House of Opportunity Christmas Box Appeal**. This wonderful charity spreads festive joy to vulnerable children, families, and elderly people living in extreme poverty across Southeast Europe. For many, a box from our school will be the only gift they receive this Christmas. Taking part is simple: Please bring either a filled shoebox or a donation towards one into school by Friday 13th November and we will construct as many boxes as we can with your donations. If you have any shoe boxes at home, we would appreciate these also. The charity requests a £3.50 contribution per box to cover road transport costs to Europe. Donating is completely optional, but if you would like to help with these shipping costs, you can do so easily by using the Shoe Box Appeal item on ParentPay. Thank you so much for your incredible kindness and for ensuring no one is forgotten this Christmas!







Supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Right after the half-term break, our school will be proudly supporting the annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We have a fantastic variety of fundraising merchandise available for the children to buy, including bracelets, slap bands, keychains, pencils, and traditional poppies. Every single item is available for £1 each.

Specific details of when and where these items will be sold on the school grounds will be shared right after half term. In the meantime, please start saving your small change! Sending your child into school with £1 coins or small change is a massive help and ensures we can smoothly collect these vital donations. Thank you in advance for your incredible generosity in supporting our Armed Forces community.



Year 1 and 2 trip to Westonbirt Arboretum

Year 1 and 2 had a truly magnificent adventure on their recent trip to Westonbirt Arboretum! The day was filled with discovery as the children took part in a hands-on Introduction to Plants workshop, building on their science skills in the heart of the forest. Creativity was also in full bloom as the pupils gathered fallen leaves, twigs, and seeds to craft stunning natural artwork. A fantastic day was had by all, and our young explorers did a wonderful job representing our school community with exceptional manners and pride.





Year 5 & 6 Football Match against Haresfield Primary



The **Year 5 and 6 football team** put on a fantastic display of teamwork and determination during their recent match against **Haresfield Primary School**. From the opening whistle, the players demonstrated excellent communication and sportsmanship, battling hard for every ball across the pitch. Both the defensive line and the attackers worked tirelessly, creating several thrilling goal-scoring opportunities through quick passing and clever movement. Even when faced with strong pressure from the opposition, the team stayed focused, showing incredible resilience and representing their school with pride. It was an exciting afternoon of sport, and all the players should be highly commended for their exemplary attitude and effort. Topped off with a 2-1 win! Well Done everyone!

Parent Survey – Proposed Change to School Start and Finish Times

We would like your views!

We recognise that balancing school drop-off and collection times with work commitments, family responsibilities, travel arrangements and other daily activities can sometimes be challenging for families.

We have received feedback from a number of parents who have shared difficulties with our current 3.20pm finish time. We are therefore exploring whether a small adjustment to the school day could help make daily arrangements easier for more families.

One option we are considering is **moving the school day five minutes earlier**, whilst maintaining the same length of school day.

Current school times: 8.50am – 3.20pm

Proposed school times: 8.45am – 3.15pm

Before making any decisions, we would really value your feedback to help us understand how this potential change might affect your family. Please complete this short survey before Friday 6th November - Thank you.

Parent Survey - Proposed Change to School Start and Finish Times - Fill in form

House point winners

Last Week: Glastonbury

This week: Fatima

PE Days

Reception - Tuesday & Friday

Y1 & Y2 - Wednesday & Friday

Y3 & Y4 - Tuesday & Friday

Y5 – Tuesday & Friday

Y6 – Thursday & Friday

Forest School

Friday 6th November – Y3 & Y4

Friday 13th November – Y5 & Y6

Upcoming Dates

23rd – 26th October
Half Term

3rd November
Y3/Y4 Swimming Lessons start

4th November
Y5 & Y6 Class Mass in school
Parents/Carers welcome at 2:30pm

10th November
2.30pm Year 5 & 6 Mass in school

16th November
INSET DAY

19th November
Phonics Information talk for YR & Y1 parents/carers

24th November
Y5 Trip to John Moore Museum

23rd 24th 26th November
Y6 Bikeability

27th November
Christmas Family Quiz Night

A time for prayer & reflection

October arrives as the Autumn term is well underway, and routines of school and family life are becoming more firmly established. In these weeks, our resources aim to bring opportunities to pause, notice what is important and make time for God and one another.

Click on this link to find out more:
TenTen Prayers for home

📚 Stroud Book Festival: Complete School Schedule & Book Orders

We are thrilled that children from **Years 1 to 6** will be attending the **Stroud Book Festival** at **The Sub Rooms** during our first week back after half-term! If you would like your child to take home a book **personally signed and dedicated** by their visiting author on the day, please order it in advance from the festival's bookseller, **The Yellow-Lighted Bookshop**.

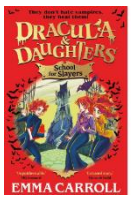
CRUCIAL DEADLINE: 4:00 PM on Friday 30th October - *The bookshop cannot guarantee signed copies for orders placed after this deadline.*

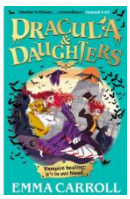
Festival Lineup by Year Group:

Wednesday 4th November



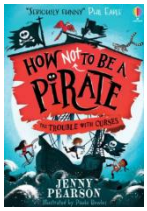
- **Year 6:** Attending **Sam Sedgman**
  - Featured Book: **The Galileo Heist** (£7.99)
  - Order Link: Order Sam Sedgman Books





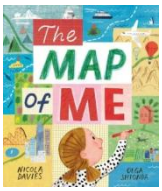
- **Year 5:** Attending **Emma Carroll**
  - Featured Book: **Dracula & Daughters - School for Slayers** (£7.99)
  - Order Link: Order Emma Carroll Books

Thursday 5th November

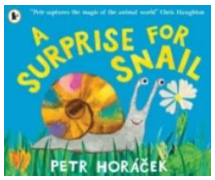


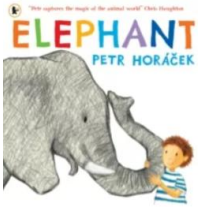
- **Year 3 & Year 4:** Attending **Jenny Pearson**
  - Featured Book: **How Not to Be A Pirate: The Trouble With Curses** (£8.99)
  - Order Link: Order Jenny Pearson Books

Friday 6th November



- **Year 2:** Attending **Nicola Davies**
  - Featured Book: **The Map of Me** (£7.99)
  - Order Link: Order Nicola Davies Books





- **Year 1:** Attending **Petr Horáček**
  - Featured Event: Wonderful Animal Tales
  - Recommended Book: **A Surprise for Snail** (£7.99) or **Elephant** (£8.99)
  - Order Link: Order Petr Horacek Books

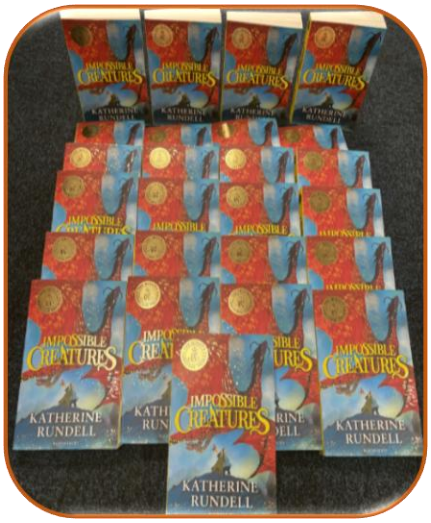
How to Order Your Child's Book

1. Click the book link for your child's author above and add the book to your basket.
2. Proceed to the checkout and select the **FREE** delivery method: **'Stroud Book Festival Schools'**.
3. In the **'Order Notes'** field, you **must** enter:
   - **School:** The Rosary Catholic Primary School
   - **Child's Full Name**
   - **Class Year Group** (e.g., Year 3)

⚠️ Paying via Apple Pay or Google Pay?

The 'Order Notes' box will not appear with express payments. If you pay this way, simply **reply directly to your order confirmation email** with your child's **School, Full Name, and Class** as soon as it hits your inbox.

A Royal Gift for Our Year 6 Pupils! 📚👑



We are delighted to share that our Year 6 children are bringing home a very special delivery today, courtesy of Her Majesty Queen Camilla! As part of "The Queen's Christmas Present" initiative - launched alongside the National Literacy Trust to celebrate the National Year of Reading 2026 - every Year 6 pupil across the UK is being gifted a free, special-edition copy of the bestselling fantasy novel *Impossible Creatures* by Katherine Rundell.

Each exclusive copy features a royal stamp on the cover and a personal message from the Queen inside, encouraging the children to dive into its world of mythical friends and magical adventures. This wonderful gift aims to inspire a lifelong love of reading and provide a shared story for all children as they prepare for their transition to secondary school. We hope our Year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoy getting lost in this spectacular adventure tonight and over half term!

Good to Know…

Rocksteady Music Workshops Success! 🤘

We had the fantastic team from Rocksteady Music School in on Wednesday for some unforgettable, high-energy music workshops! The school was absolutely buzzing with cheers, singing, spectacular screaming, and brilliant instrument playing as the children got a taste of real rockstar life. Even the teachers couldn't resist the fun - some of our staff came together to form their very own band and rock out!

If your child was inspired today and wants to join a weekly rock band at school, see the information below:

Rock and pop band lessons with Rocksteady

We partner with Rocksteady Music School to deliver fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons, right here at The Rosary School! These weekly music lessons take place in school and are led by professional musicians who make learning music fun.

It's the perfect way for children to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time – all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to amplify confidence, wellbeing and social skills.

Here's what else you need to know:

- There's no experience necessary and all instruments for lessons are provided.
- Watch as your child performs in their end of term concerts, showing just how far they have come.
- Children learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills, whilst playing songs they love.
- Children can achieve an Ofqual-regulated Music qualification, accredited by Trinity College London, without having to take a single exam.
- You'll receive regular progress updates, including photos and videos.

There's a money-back guarantee for the first month and you can cancel at any time. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Sign your child up for band lessons online at rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents

If you have any questions about Rocksteady, **call 0330 113 0330** (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate) or email **info@rocksteadymusicschool.com**







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School Disco – Friday 13th November

Get ready to glow, dance, and celebrate at our School Disco! 🪩 ✨
We are thrilled to invite all pupils to an evening of music, dancing, and fun on Friday 13th November from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. It's time to dress up, bring your best dance moves, and enjoy a fantastic night out with friends!
Ticket Price: £4.50. This includes: A refreshing drink to keep your child dancing, a bag of delicious sweets & a neon glow stick to light up the dance floor! Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please secure your child's spot via **ParentPay** no later than Wednesday 11th November.

Christmas Family Quiz Night – Friday 27th November

Dust off your Christmas jumpers, round up your cleverest elves, and join us for a fantastic evening of festive trivia and friendly competition at The Rosary Catholic Primary School in Stroud! From holiday movie buffs to music fanatics, we have rounds designed to entertain all ages. 🎅
⏰ **Doors Open**: 6:00 pm (Come early to grab your food and drinks!) **Food Served** From: 6:00 pm Quiz Starts: 7:00 pm sharp! 🎟️ **Ticket Options**: • Adults: £3.00 each • Children: £2.00 each • Family Ticket (2 Adults + 2 Children): £10.00 • Family Ticket (2 Adults + 3 Children): £12.00 🍟 **On the Menu** (All options £5.00 each, served from 6pm): • Pizza & Chips • Nuggets & Chips • Sausage & Chips 🍻 **The Bar**: Our fully stocked bar will be open throughout the night selling alcohol and soft drinks to keep you refreshed. **Click here to book tickets**

Christmas Movie Magic

Get ready for a festive and cosy afternoon at our school's Movie Magic Evening! 🎬 🍿
We are delighted to invite all children to join us for a special screening of the holiday favourite, The Grinch (2018), on Friday 11th December from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. **Tickets cost just £4.50 and include a snack and drink.**
It's the perfect way to kick off the festive season with friends! Children are welcome to bring along a cushion or a small blanket to make themselves extra comfortable while they watch. Please ensure you book your child's place by Wednesday 9th December via **ParentPay**.

Breakfast with the Christmas Grump!

Get ready for the most mischievous morning of the Christmas season! The Christmas Grump is sneaking out of Whooville and heading straight to The Rosary School for a morning packed with festive fun, laughter and just a little bit of chaos! Join us on Saturday 12th December from 9:30am - 11:30am for an unforgettable festive experience the whole family will love. Will he steal your breakfast or steal your heart? Come along to find out!
Child tickets are £8.50 and adult tickets cost £4.00
Book tickets here: **Click here to book tickets**









Rosary Catholic Primary School
Autumn Term- Important Dates

After School Clubs will run: Monday 2nd November for 4 weeks

26th – 30th October		**Half Term**
3rd November	1pm – 3pm	Y4 Swimming Lessons begin
6th November	9am	'Natter and Know' Family Maths Morning for Y3 & Y6 parents/carers
10th November		Chaplaincy team commissioning at Clifton Cathedral
10th November	2:30pm	Y5 & Y6 Class Mass in School - Parents/Carers Welcome
11th November	10am – 11:30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
13th November	5pm – 6:30pm	School Disco £4.50 per child
16th November		**Inset Day**
17th – 20th November		Anti-bullying Week
19th November	3:30pm	'Natter and Know' Phonics Information talk for YR & Y1 parents/carers
24th November		Y5 Trip to The John Moore Museum
23rd, 24th & 26th November		Y6 Bike-ability
27th November	6pm	Christmas Family Quiz Night – in school
2nd December	11am	Reconciliation Service in school
4th December		Y3 & Y4 Trip to The Corinium Museum
10th December	10am – 11:30am	Open Morning for prospective parents – Stay & Play session
12th December	9:30am – 11:30am	Breakfast with 'The Grinch' in school hall child tickets £8.50 adult tickets £4.00
14th December	2pm	KS1 Nativity in school - Parents/Carers Welcome
15th December	2pm	KS2 Carol Concert in Church - Parents/Carers Welcome
16th December	9:30am	Whole school trip to Stroud Pantomime
16th December		Whole School Christmas Lunch
16th December	7pm	St. Peters High School Carols by Candlelight service in Church – (cost tbc)
18th December	1pm	**End of Term – School returns Monday 4th January**
6th January 2027	9:30am	Beginning of term Mass in Church
27th January	2:30pm	Y3 & Y4 Class Mass in school – Parents/Carers welcome
10th February	9:30am	Ash Wednesday Mass in Church – Parents/Carers welcome
11th February		Fatima Feast Day – Fatima House to wear Red Non-uniform
15th – 19th February		**Half Term**
3rd March		Toadstool Tales Author Visit and Workshops
10th March		Life Education Tent in school
11th March		Wild Science Exotic Animal Visit

What's on locally this half term?

Looking for ways to keep the children entertained this half term? From spooky trails and Hallowe'en adventures to crafts, wildlife activities and family days out, there's plenty happening across the Stroud district over the school holidays. Many events are free or low cost, making it easy to enjoy a great half term without travelling far.
Families can follow trails, get creative with craft sessions, discover nature, enjoy themed Hallowe'en events and even take a ride on Stratford Park's miniature railway before it closes for the season. Highlights include free activities at Museum in the Park, family trails at Woodchester Park and Newark Park, Hallowe'en fun at Berkeley Castle, and a packed programme of activities at Brimscombe Mill and Active Lifestyles centres.

Pick your perfect pumpkin from one of our many farm shops and markets. Once Hallowe'en is over, don't bin it. Pop it in your food waste caddy, or place it on top if it's too big to fit, and we'll make sure it's recycled.

Throughout half term

- The Bunnies of Hoppity Hill free I Spy Trail, Museum in the Park (Tuesday – Sunday)
- A Spooky Search: free family explorer trail, Museum in the Park (Tuesday – Sunday)
- Daily drop-in activities at Brimscombe Mill including crafts, scavenger hunts, games, food and play area (Monday – Saturday)
- Kings Stanley Playgroup Hallowe'en Adventure Trail
- Become an Apprentice Dragon Keeper free family trail, Dursley Library
- Brilliant Bats trail, Woodchester Park
- Spooky Cellars, Woodchester Mansion
- Children's craft activities and dressing-up opportunities at Brimscombe Mill
- Family trails at Newark Park
- Big Bat Trail at Painswick Rococo Garden
- Let's Play Fun Days, Active Lifestyles Stroud (Monday-Friday)
- Private swimming tuition, Active Lifestyles Stroud (Monday-Friday)
- Junior Gym Sessions, Active Lifestyles Stroud
- Hallowe'en at Berkeley Castle
- SUPER Natural October Half Term, WWT Slimbridge
- Cattle Country Pumpkin Patch
- The Ghosts of Button House (PG), Wotton Cinema
- Various films at Stroud Vue

25 October

- Stratford Park Miniature Railway (last session of the year)
- Green Hallowe'en: Pumpkins in the Park, Museum in the Park with Stroud Valleys Project
- Film show: Room on the Broom, Museum in the Park
- Stratford Park Miniature Railway's final running day of the year
- Buzz Club in the Walled Garden, Museum in the Park

26 October

- Play Gloucestershire Play Rangers at Synwell Playing Fields, Wotton-under-Edge
- Bouncy Castle & Soft Play, Active Lifestyles Stroud
- Outdoor Cookery Workshop for 11-18 year olds, Common Soil Community Farm
- Rotary Five Valleys Fireworks (Ebley Fireworks)

27 October

- Play Gloucestershire Play Rangers at Kingswood Playing Field
- Multi activities and food by World Jungle, 10am – 12 noon Woodfields Play Area, Cam and 2 – 4pm Stratford Park, Stroud
- Games and activities by Sportily, Minchinhampton Primary School
- Storytelling and colouring for ages 2-5 years, Amberley Shop & Café
- K-Pop Demon Hunters dance workshop, Active Lifestyles Dursley
- Activity Day, Active Lifestyles Dursley
- Kids Kitchen at the Long Table, Brimscombe Mill

28 October

- Hallowe'en Family Roller Skating, Active Lifestyles Stroud
- K-Pop Demon Hunters dance workshop, Active Lifestyles Stroud
- Hands on Reptile Experience, Brimscombe Mill (advance booking required)
- Bat Box Making, Woodchester Park
- Clay Sculpture Animals, Newark Park
- Garden Stories free creative drop-in activities, Museum in the Park

29 October

- Play Gloucestershire Play Rangers at Victory Park, Cainscross
- Play Gloucestershire Play Rangers at Highfields Play Area, Dursley
- Half Term Woolly Morning with Stroudwater Textile Trust, Museum in the Park
- Crafternoon: Learn to Crochet, Brimscombe Mill (booking required)
- Fancy Dress Family Disco, Brimscombe Mill
- Kids Kitchen at the Long Table, Brimscombe Mill
- Garden Stories free creative drop-in activities, Museum in the Park
- Something Wicked This Way Comes!, Woodchester Mansion
- Family group sessions with crafts and games at Longfield
- Activity Day, Active Lifestyles Dursley

30 October

- Crafty Creatures family drop-in workshop, Museum in the Park
- Silly Science Workshop, Active Lifestyles Stroud
- Scare Fair with crafts, games, face painting and bouncy castle, Active Lifestyles Dursley
- Hallowe'en Craft Session, APT Stonehouse
- Hallowe'en Pumpkin Painting, Stroud Brewery
- Swim Clinic, Active Lifestyles Dursley
- Owl Pellet Exploration, Woodchester Park
- Let's Create drop-in session, The Sanctuary, Brimscombe Mill
- Children's Hallowe'en Disco, Chalford Sports & Social Club
- CCT Hallowe’en Cruise from the Bowbridge Arms
- Cotswold Canals Trust Hallowe'en boat trips

31 October

- Spooky Songs & Folk Magic with Carnival of Cryptids, Museum in the Park
- Spooky Stroll around Stratford Park, Active Lifestyles Stroud
- Hallowe'en Hunt, Active Lifestyles Stroud
- Hallowe'en Pool Party, Active Lifestyles Dursley
- Let's Create drop-in crafts, Stroud Brewery
- Hallowe'en Party, The Village Inn, Kings Stanley
- Cotswold Canals Trust Hallowe'en boat trips
- Dr Jenner’s House Hallowe’en Spooktacular
- Frampton Fright Night and Fireworks
- Shaun the Sheep: The Beast of Mossy Bottom (U), Wotton Cinema

1 November

- Hallowe'en Pool Party, Active Lifestyles Stroud
- Shaun the Sheep: The Beast of Mossy Bottom (U), Wotton Cinema
- King’s Stanley Playgroup Hallowe’en Funday
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For a full list of half term activities and event details, see VisitStroud.uk

Please visit organisers' websites before travelling, as arrangements may change.

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

Kids Stuff Stroud

Kids Stuff Fancy Dress Corner All Week! 9.30am-5pm
Kids Stuff will be hosting a fancy dress up corner all week leading up to Halloween. Come down and pick up a Halloween outfit, from Moana to Spiderman what will you find at Kids Stuff?
*While stocks last

CRAFT TABLES 10am - 12pm

Monday 26th October
Autumn Wreath

Tuesday 27th October
Pumpkin Carving
Kids Stuff craft table hosts the annual family Pumpkin Carving.

Wednesday 28th October
Spooky Snake

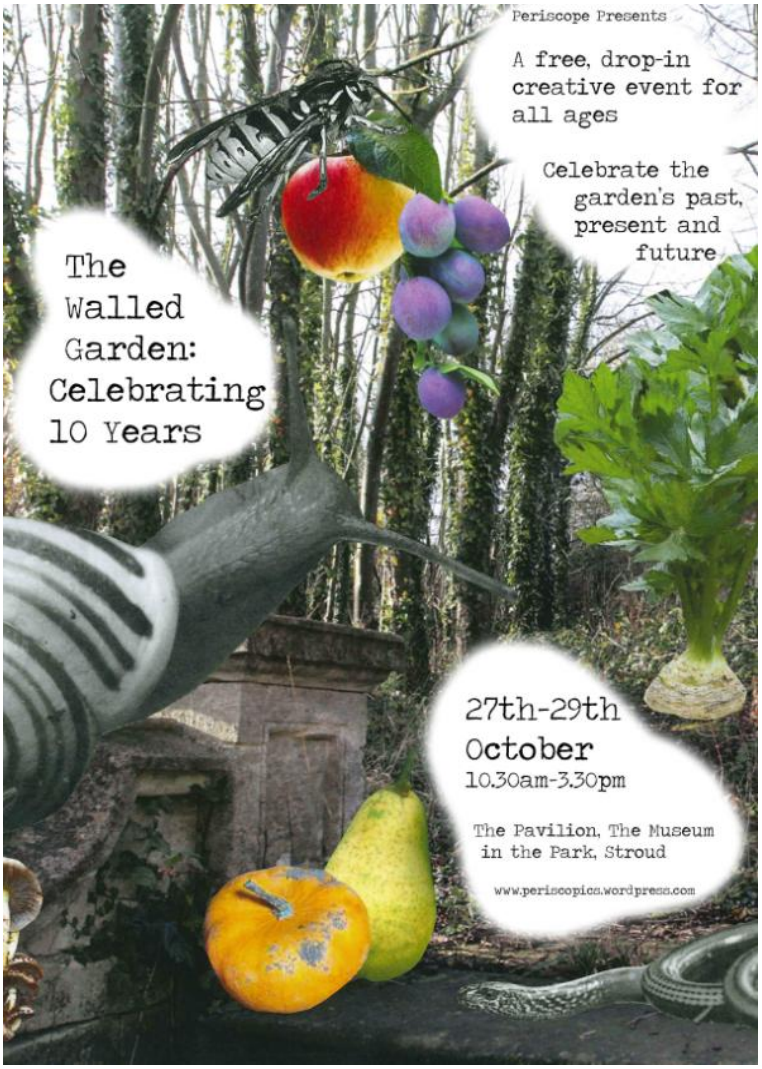
Thursday 29th October
Pinecone Bats

Friday 30th October
Spider Crown

Saturday 31st October
Toilet Roll Mummies

No booking required, just drop-in and join-in.
Offered Pay-as-you-can. Aimed at 3-11 years.

Please check full schedule at www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays and www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk/activities *Activities subject to change. *Children must be supervised.
All School holiday events here: www.brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays
Find us at: Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN





OCTOBER 2026

STROUD ROCKS

WHAT'S ON OCTOBER HALF TERM

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA


GO WILD - FREE EVENT


HALLOWEEN AT THE CASTLE - BERKELEY CASTLE


HALLOWEEN THEMED POOL PARTY

OCTOBER HALF TERM

October half term is jam-packed with things to do, local events, community events and spooktacular days out!
Visit Stroud Rocks to make planning your half term easy and inspiring - there's so much to do!

COMMUNITY EVENTS



TRAILS & PARTIES



NON-HALLOWEEN EVENTS



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