

# MIS NEWSLETTER



All things MIS from your local support unit!

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## Welcome to the Spring Term!

Hello,

Happy Spring Term! We hope you are all rested and ready for the coming weeks.

SIMS upgrades are scheduled to take place from 10th March onwards, so look out for the email.

Another SIMS Next Gen Demo will take place on 27th March at 10.30am. This is mainly aimed at teaching staff and will cover accessing the registers and fire register functions.

The Summer Census is Thursday 15th May and drop-in sessions will run from Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th May.

As always, if you need help with anything MIS-related, please get in touch!

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**One IT MIS Team**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### **SIMS Upgrades**

10th March 2025 onwards

### **SIMS Next Gen Demo**

Thursday 27th March 2025

### **Summer Census Drop-Ins**

Week beginning 6th May  
2025

### **Summer Pupil Census**

Thursday 15th May 2025

### **Website Drop-In**

22nd May 2025

## Summer Census - Thursday 15th May

### Key Dates

**Census date:** 15/05/2025

**Attendance** collected from 01/01/2025 to 20/04/2025

**Suspensions and permanent Exclusions** collected from 01/08/2024 to 20/04/2025

**Free School Meal** collected from 17/01/2025 to 15/05/2025

**Alternative Provision Placements** collected from 16/01/2025 to 15/05/2025

**Learning Support** collected from 01/08/2024 to 15/05/2025 (Secondary schools only)

**Funding and Monitoring** collected from 01/08/2024 to 15/05/2025

### Census Drop-In Sessions

The sessions will be held on:-

- Tuesday 6th May - AM (SIMS) & PM (Arbor)
- Wednesday 7th May - AM (Arbor) & PM (SIMS)
- Thursday 8th May - AM (Any) & PM (Any)

AM Sessions run from 9.00am to 12.00pm and PM Sessions run from 1.00pm to 4.00pm

It's a drop-in session so you can come and go as you please, but you need to book a place as we have limited machines available.

Breakfast buns and pastries will be available at the morning sessions and scones or cakes at the afternoon sessions.

Booking opens on 31st March 2025.

To book a place please complete the form here: [Course Booking | One IT SS](#)

### **SIMS Next Gen Demo**

In partnership with ESS, we arranged for One IT Services and Solutions schools to have an online demo of their SIMS Next Generation software on **Thursday 27th March at 10.30am**. Please [click here to join](#).

### **SIMS Upgrades**

We will be completing SIMS upgrades from 10th March onwards. This will be done out of hours. If you would like to book a specific date for your upgrade, please either call us on **01642 635570** or email [helpdesk@oneitss.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk@oneitss.org.uk)

### **PowerBI**

We have a few pre-configured PowerBI reports that we can share with schools. Please get in touch if you'd like more information on PowerBI and what it can do for you.

### **One IT Website**

Please don't forget we post a lot of information to our website to help you with things like Census and Statutory Assessments. If there's something that you'd like to see on there, please let us know!

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## MIS Features Spotlight

Please see the information below relating to specific MIS systems.



### **Arbor AI**

Arbor AI is a collection of new, AI-powered features that we will be adding to Arbor on a rolling basis. Our goal is to seamlessly integrate AI throughout Arbor, using it to make your every day tasks even easier.

### **What can Arbor AI Do?**

Currently, Arbor will help users:

Draft communications to staff, students, and guardians

Provide an instant summary of a student's performance

Suggest a new Custom Report Writer formula by using plain English

### **My HR Staff Absences can now be linked to Arbor**

Once staff absences are entered into My HR you can export and import into your Arbor MIS system. This will save duplication and hopefully prove more efficient for school staff.



### **SIMS Next Gen**

We can help you get started with SIMS Next Gen so that you can take registers online instead of being tied to a PC or laptop during registration times. If you'd like more information, please get in touch!

Sims Next Gen provides schools with options to take registers, fire registers, completed assessment data, look up pupil data from anywhere, not just the classroom.

The fire register is a new feature that allows staff to fill in the register outside the classroom and it automatically feeds back to the admin staff, meaning pupils can be easily accounted for.

We would recommend that schools register teaching staff initially to take a look at the registers and fire registers. ESS are adding more features each term so please check our newsletter for further updates!



### What's New?

#### **MCAS - Online Payments: Bank Accounts management enhancement**

Config > MyChildAtSchool > Online Payments

As an administrator, you can now add your school's bank account details directly within the MIS for approval by the Bromcom accounts team.

#### **Administration - Students: Additional columns available in the Student List**

Students > Student List

Two new columns have been added to the Student List page and they will be hidden by default:

- Destination School
- Leaving Reason



### Latest Updates

- Today we've written to all schools using ScholarPack and Integris to let them know that we are discontinuing these MIS systems in February 2026. We will instead support all schools using ScholarPack and Integris to move to Arbor. This is a big change, but we're confident it will be a positive one, so we wanted to take some time to explain why we've made this decision and what will happen next for transparency.

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