

MIS NEWSLETTER



All things MIS from your local support unit!

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Welcome to the Summer Term!

Hello,

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

SIMS upgrades will be carried out from Tuesday 21st April ready for the Census on 21st May.

The Summer Census is Thursday 21st May and drop-in sessions will run from Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th May.

It's year end time again. Please keep an eye out for the email with details of how to book a timeslot.

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

Summer Pupil Census
Thursday 21st May 2026

Website Drop-in
18th June 2026

Arbor Fest
30th June 2026

Year Ends
Keep an eye out for the email!

MIS User Groups
Information to follow

Summer Census - Thursday 21st May

Key Dates

Census date: 21/05/2026

Attendance collected from 01/01/2026 to 05/04/2026

Suspensions and permanent Exclusions collected from 01/08/2025 to 05/04/2026

Free School Meal collected from 16/01/2026 to 21/05/2026

Alternative Provision Placements collected from 15/01/2026 to 21/05/2026

Learning Support collected from 01/08/2025 to 21/05/2026 (Secondary schools only)

Funding and Monitoring collected from 01/08/2024 to 21/05/2026

Census Drop-In Sessions

The sessions will be held on:-

- Tuesday 12th May - AM (SIMS) & PM (Arbor)
- Wednesday 13th May - AM (Arbor) & PM (SIMS)
- Thursday 14th 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 now open.

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

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!

www.oneitss.org.uk/mis

My HR Absences import into Arbor

Did you know that you can now export absences from My HR into Arbor? Contact the helpdesk for more information.

[**helpdesk@oneitss.org.uk**](mailto:helpdesk@oneitss.org.uk)

Latest update from SIMS Next Gen

Please see below the latest videos for Next Gen

[Registers](#)

[Fire Registers](#)

[Pupil Profile](#)

[Assessment](#)

[My Markbook](#)

[Staff Profile](#)

[Staff Absence](#)

[Class View](#)

[Custom Groups](#)

If you would like anymore information or a demo please get in touch on 01642 635570 or email helpdesk@oneitss.org.uk.

MIS Features Spotlight

Please see the information below relating to specific MIS systems.



Smart Reports

A set of templated, editable reports that combine live MIS data, customisable tables, and AI-generated commentary in an easy-to-edit document format.

Using live MIS data you can pull in behaviour, attendance, staffing and more.

Custom templates you build once and reuse every term, automatically updated with your live MIS data.

The Ofsted Inspection Companion is a brand new Arbor smart report that automatically pulls together the key data inspectors need to see, structured in line with the new framework. [Click here](#) for more information.

SAMpeople Integration

SAMpeople now integrates with Arbor to writeback staff information including absences, contract and salary details. [Click here](#) for more information.

Arbor Fest

Message from Arbor:

Join us at ArborFest 2026 - our biggest in-person customer conference to date! Meet school and trust leaders from across the Arbor Community for a day of inspiring talks from Arbor users, sector leaders, and the Arbor Team - all exploring the theme, "The future of work in schools."

Can't make it in person? We're live streaming the day too, so sign up for a digital ticket instead.

[Book Your Tickets Here](#)

The SIMS logo is a white square with the letters "SIMS" in a bold, black, sans-serif font centered inside.

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. For more information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We strongly advise all schools using SIMS to familiarise themselves with Next Gen as the School Census will no longer be available in SIMS 7 from Autumn 2026

Sims Next Gen provides schools with options to take registers, fire registers, complete assessment data and 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 Next Gen newsletter for further updates!



What's New

SEND - Provision mapping

SEN updates to Provision Mapping providing a summary of student progress and spending, and also allowing schools to link seating plans to behaviour records for adjustments based on behaviour.

- Separate E and K provisions
- Introduce a new Provision Mapping tool
- Link to seating plan

Student Profile Details: Young Carer Flag

Adds a Young Carers flag to student profiles and assessment marksheets, enabling easy reporting.

Coming Soon

Data Quality Dashboard Phase 2/3

This will focus on added value based on feedback and current ideas. This includes requirements such as missing contact data, invalid addresses etc.



Intuitive Dashboards

'Pulse' module allows you to see live data in easy-to-read visualisations.

Class Page

Create and share lesson plans, teacher notes and share custom class news to the newsfeed.

Parent and student portals

Centralise parental engagement, schedules and payments.

Payments

Online and offline payments for meals and trips with individualised payment plans, and much more.