

MIS NEWSLETTER



All things MIS from your local support unit!

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Welcome to the Autumn Term!

Hello,

We hope you've all had a wonderful Summer break.

We're back with some more MIS updates!

Autumn term is always a busy one, with new admissions, Autumn Census, Workforce Census and much more. You can find information about all of these in this Newsletter.

We've also got some exciting updates from ArborFest!

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

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Autumn Pupil Census

Thursday 1st October 2026

Workforce Census

Thursday 5th November 2026

Pupil Census Drop-Ins

From 23rd September
(see website for all dates)

Workforce Census Drop-Ins

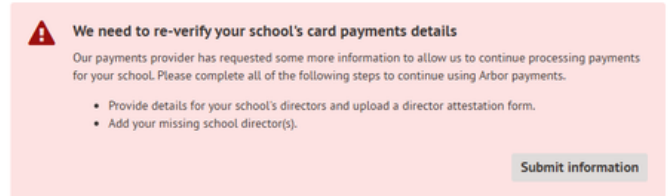
From 20th October
(see website for all dates)

IMPORTANT - Arbor Payments - Director Verification

If your school is using Arbor Payments, you will need to submit a form to verify your school director(s).

Payments will not work until this is done.

You will see a message similar to the one on the right on your Arbor homepage. Please click 'Submit Information' and follow the instructions.



If you need further guidance, please give our team a call!

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

Changes to FSM Eligibility

Please see link below to the DfE updated guidance on Free School Meals and the upcoming changes for the next academic year:

[Free school meals: guidance for local authorities, local -authority-maintained schools, academies and free schools](#)

Pupil Premium Imports

Each September, you will need to import your latest Pupil Premium file from the DfE.

This can be found via Get Information About Pupils (GIAP) on the DfE Portal. The file will be under 'Data Downloads' and the filename will start with 'pp' e.g. 'pp2627'.

We will be sending out guidance via email in September.

Autumn Census - Thursday 1st October 2026

Key Dates

Census date: 01/10/2026

Attendance collected from 06/04/2026 to 31/07/2026

Exclusions collected from 01/01/2026 to 31/07/2026

Alternative Provision Placements collected from 15/05/2026 to 01/10/2026

Funding and Monitoring collected from 01/08/2026 to 01/10/2026

Learning Aims collected from 01/08/2025 to 01/10/2026

Managed Moves collected from 01/08/2026 to 30/09/2026

Free School Meals collected from 22/05/2026 to 01/10/2026

Census Drop-In Sessions

All available sessions will be added to the course booking page on our website. Click the link at the bottom of this page to book.

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](#)

MIS Features Spotlight

Please see the information below relating to specific MIS systems.



ArborFest Updates

[Click here to see all updates that were announced at ArborFest!](#)

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.

New Parent App

Arbor are introducing a new parent app that aims to be faster, more intuitive and means you can manage multiple children, across multiple schools, all in one place!

FSM Checker

Schools will be able to check for FSM eligibility in bulk using information provided by parents via the new parent app, reducing the need for manual data entry.

New Assessment Platform

Arbor are building a brand new Assessment platform that aims to make collecting data simpler for teachers and school leaders. This is currently in the early adopters phase. If your school would like to trial this either on its own or alongside your current marksheets, please get in touch!

SIMS Next Gen Updates

Manage Attendance:

For Attendance Officers & Managers, School Administrative Staff. Replacing Manage Attendance and Lesson Monitor.

Streamlining Attendance in SNG.

Free Breakfast Club Attendance:

From Autumn Term 2026 the DfE requires that schools participating in the Free Breakfast Club (FBC) programme should record eligible pupils' attendance at FBCs in their MIS, SIMS Next Gen will provide the Free Breakfast Club feature to enable schools to comply with this requirement. The Free Breakfast Club feature will include a register for the FBC supervisors to record pupil's attendance daily, and the FBC administration pages to allow adding and editing of the recorded attendance.

See our SIMS Next Gen Newsletter for more information.

<https://www.oneitss.org.uk/mis/sims/sims-support-and-documentation/>



What's New

Attendance - DfE Free Breakfast Club Programme

This release introduces breakfast club attendance functionality, reporting enhancements, and administration settings to help schools meet these requirements.

<https://whatsnew.bromcomcloud.com/en/attendance--dfE-free-breakfast-club-programme>

Students Medical Conditions/Dietary Needs Start and End Dates

Start and End Date fields have now been added to Medical Conditions/Dietary Needs, allowing schools to define the effective period for each entry.

<https://whatsnew.bromcomcloud.com/en/preview-administration--students-medical-conditionsdietary-needs-start-and-end-dates>

Coming Soon

New Census Reports

New Leavers and On Roll reports for census will be added.

Staff Leavers

Ability to manage re-appointing former staff leavers and preserving previous employment history.



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.