



# Glenfall News

...a newsletter to inform the school community about the day to day life of our school.

Friday 22nd January 2016



## A word from the head.....

The term has started well and all clubs, topics and school activities are well under way. The space topic in Y5 and Y6 and the visit from the Black Hole Planetarium has really gained the pupils interest. Tim Peake's residency on the ISS has really stimulated great interest amongst all of the pupils in the school and we are seeing some fantastic work coming into school from home. This week I was amazed to see the solar system in cake form (which also tasted delicious!) I have been 'Tweeting' Tim Peake on a regular basis to share what we have been doing at Glenfall. As yet I have had no response. I'm going to keep trying as I have seen him respond to other schools. Maybe you could also tweet him [@astro\\_timpeake](https://twitter.com/astro_timpeake) and see if we can get a response. We also discovered in school this week that just before dawn it is now possible to see all of the planets lined up in the southern skies. Have a look and see if you can see this amazing celestial event.

Last Friday, Mrs Seeley and Mrs Pasquet supported by parents took a group of children to Young Voices in Birmingham. From all accounts it was a great event and thoroughly enjoyed by all who went.



Could I also take this opportunity to remind parents that if you arrive late please enter the school through the main reception so that we can sign you child in and ensure that they have booked their lunch if required.

**Have a great weekend  
Anthony Mitchell**

## Winter Weather Closures

During these winter months it is a timely opportunity to remind parents of the procedure for school closures should we need to shut the school.

If the school is to be closed due to adverse weather conditions or heating failure, parents will be contacted using our text messaging system. Please make sure that we have your most up to date mobile number. We will also post a message on the Gloucestershire County Council school closure pages which can be accessed at:

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/learning](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/learning)

We will also place a message on our own school website

[www.glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk)

Announcements will also be made on local radio stations.



**We have got a huge amount of lost property building up again in school. Please check the lost property boxes in the hall as soon as possible. We will try and find owners for any items that are named and any left over items will be recycled through the clothing recycling scheme in February. Melek Yemen is trying to find her pink glittery gloves if anybody has found any.**



## Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers

**Sainsbury's**



We will be collecting Active Kids Vouchers again this year. Vouchers will be available from stores from 27th January to 3rd May. Please put vouchers in the box in the entrance hall, thank you



There will be a RaGS2Riches Collection on Thursday 11th February. Please get sorting out those wardrobes and cupboards. Bags can be brought to the school hall on the afternoon of the 10th February or at 9am on the day of the collection. This is always a good fund raiser for the school.



## Diary Dates



### January

25th January - Whole school D&T week.

### February

4th February - Governors meeting at 7.30pm  
 5th February - FrOGS Quiz and Chips  
 8th February - Dance festival at Everyman Theatre  
 11th February - KeySteps Gym Competition  
 - FrOGS Cake Sale  
 12th February - Term ends for half term  
 15th February - SuperStars Holiday course running during half term break. Register on their website.  
 22nd February - Term starts  
 25th February - Governors meeting at 7.30pm  
 29th February - Book Fair in school

### March

1st March - Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.30pm - 6pm  
 2nd March - Feet First dance festival  
 3rd March - Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.30 - 5pm  
 9th March - Rotary Quiz at Glenfall  
 11th March - Football Tournament  
 14th March - Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament  
 24th March - Term ends at 2pm for Easter

### Advanced notice of a few dates:

1st March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 5pm  
 3rd March - Parent/Teacher meetings 3.40pm - 6.30pm  
 30th June - Sports Day at 1pm  
 8th July - Reports out to parents  
 21st July - Leaver's Assembly  
 - School closes for Summer Holidays

### Coats, Hats, Scarves and Gloves

Could you please make sure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing for break times. We are insisting that the children wear their coats at lunchtime and if they don't have a coat in school they will have to remain in school at break and lunchtime.



### Child unwell ???

If your child is ill, please remember to phone the school on the first day of absence and then **EVERY DAY** that they are off school. This will save unnecessary calls from the school to check where your child is.

### Dogs

Please be reminded that there is a Gloucestershire County Council ruling that dogs are not permitted on school grounds. This also includes dogs that are being carried. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



**SuperStars**  
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**Holiday Courses**

**FUN Multi Sports: Banish Boredom with SuperStars!**

**Mini Stars (Age 4)** £50/Week or £120/Day  
 9am - 11pm

**SuperStars (Age 5+)** £60/Week or £15/Day  
 8.45am - 3.30pm

Where GLENFALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

When FEB HALF TERM (15th-18th)

"Great value for money, wonderful staff and quality teaching. See you next time! 10/10"

FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK:  
[super-stars.org.uk](http://super-stars.org.uk)  
 or  
 08452413682

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**St Edward's**  
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**Open Morning**  
 Friday 22nd January 9.30am - 12.30pm  
 Applications for Year 7 now welcome

**PATE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

**Open Mornings**  
 Wednesday 23rd March 2016  
 Tuesday 26th April 2016  
 Monday 27th June 2016  
 Timings: either 9.15-10.45 or 9.45-11.15 am

Please click here to **BOOK YOUR PLACE** or book via the school website

**Ofsted**  
 Outstanding 2015-16

Pate's is a state-funded grammar school for boys and girls aged 11-18 years. Students here achieve the highest academic standards while also benefiting from exceptional pastoral care and first-class facilities. Families considering applying for entry to Pate's Grammar School in September 2017 are invited for a student-guided tour of the school and a presentation by Mr Russell Elliott, Head Master. Students and staff will be happy to answer any questions you might have about the school and the admissions process.

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**THE SUNDAY TIMES**

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