



# Glenfall News

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

Friday 15th September 2022



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

Welcome back after what I hope was a great summer for you all.

It has been wonderful to have all of the children back in school and with the weather still pleasantly warm and dry it has been great to see them all playing on the field together. The new Reception children are all now in school for the mornings and it has been great to meet our next cohort of 'Glenfallers'. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new parents across the school and look forwards to working with you over the coming years. The school is back into full swing and the children are well underway with their new learning in their new classes. Y3, 4 & 5 will be heading out on a school trips next week to enrich their new topics. After school clubs have also now started as has orchestra and music lessons.

Earlier this week, we held our 'Meet The Teacher' meetings and it was great to see so many of you in school. I hope that the meetings were informative and gave you a good flavour of your child's learning over the coming year. Much of the information shared is also available on the class pages of the [school website](#) (Browse to Children - Learning - Year Groups) You will all have the opportunity to meet the class teachers later in October when we will be holding our parents evenings. However, if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's education please do make an appointment to meet the class teacher.

Following the OfSTED inspection which took place at the school prior to the Summer holiday, we are eagerly awaiting the publication of the final report. Having returned the draft report for the final quality assurance processes to take place we are hoping that we will be able to share the outcome of the report with you in the next couple of weeks. Watch this space.

With the Rugby World Cup having now started that's my TV viewing sorted for the next month. I hope you are able to make the most of some of these bonus sunny days - and maybe even squeeze in a cheeky BBQ?

**Have a good weekend - Anthony Mitchell**

Apply online for

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and save yourself up to £437 per year.

Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

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If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child's school is entitled to extra funding.


So even if you don't want your child to take a free meal, you should still apply to make sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled - helping them provide your child with the best education and support.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receiving an Universal Infant Free School Meal arranged by their school will still have to apply to enable their school to get any extra funding.

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, speak to your child's school.

For further information, including a list of qualifying benefits, visit our website or speak to your child's school today.

Travel Assistance and Free School Meals Team  
Access to Learning  
Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall,  
Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP

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Public Health England 

**flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child**



- 1. Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable family and friends
- 3. No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

**What should I do?**

Contact your child's GP if your child was aged two or three years old (on the 31 August of the current flu season) and you haven't heard from them by early November.

If your child is at primary school, the school will send you a consent form. Please sign and return it. If your child has a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu, they can get the flu vaccine from their GP.

For more information visit [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

 HELP US HELP YOU  
STAY WELL THIS WINTER

 Flu Immunisation  
Helping to protect children, every winter

## Flu Vaccinations - Tuesday 20th October

The Immunisation Team will be visiting school on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** to deliver the Nasal Flu Vaccination programme to all children in Reception to Year 6 for those who have given valid consent.



## September

- 16<sup>th</sup> September - Grammar School entrance test
- 19<sup>th</sup> September - FrOGS AGM—7.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> September - Pittville School in to talk to Y5 & 6 Parents about school for Y7
- 21<sup>st</sup> September - Y5 - Trip to Skillzone
- 25<sup>th</sup> September - Y3&4 Trip to Avebury Stone Circle
- 25<sup>th</sup> September - Y6 Residential to Condover Hall



## October

- 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Swimming starts for Y3
- 13<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Celebration 9:30am. Open Classrooms afterwards.
- 18<sup>th</sup> October - Y5&6 GWR Evacuation trip
- 20<sup>th</sup> October - Flu Immunisations
- 24<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Mtgs 3:30 – 6pm – F2F
- 26<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Mtgs 3:30 – 6pm - Online
- 27<sup>th</sup> October - School closes for Half Term
- 31<sup>st</sup> October - Deadline for secondary school applications

## November

- 6<sup>th</sup> November - Term starts
- 7<sup>th</sup> November - Deadline for Teams4u Shoebox Appeal
- 8<sup>th</sup> November - Reception intake 2024 – Tour of school at 9:15
- 15<sup>th</sup> November - 2023 Intake – Open Afternoon 1:45pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> November - Individual school photographs
- 17<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> November - Book Fair in school this week
- 24<sup>th</sup> November - INSET Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> November - INSET Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> November - Rags2Riches Collection

## December

- 7<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Christmas Music Evening at Holy Apostles 6:30 – 7:30
- 9<sup>th</sup> December - FrOGS Christmas Fair
- 12<sup>th</sup> December - Everyman Pantomime – Mother Goose 10:00am
- 18<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Nativity at 2pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Nativity at 2pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> December - Whole School Christmas Lunch
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December - School closes for Christmas at 2pm

## January

- 8<sup>th</sup> January - Term starts

### Battery Recycling

We now have a battery recycling point at the school. You are welcome to bring your old batteries to school to be recycled. You will find the battery recycling point in the entrance hall opposite the office.



### Printer Ink Cartridge Recycling

We are now able to recycle your old printer ink cartridges. Please deposit your cartridges into the box in the Reception area, next to the battery recycling. By donating your empty cartridges for recycling you will help to raise funds for the school as well as helping to save the planet.







## A few things.....

### School Orchestra

Orchestra meets every Tuesday. Mr King will open the music room at 8.00 for people to arrive and set up. We will start playing at 8.15 - 8.45. You will need to bring your instrument.



Anyone is welcome to attend

For further information you can contact Mr King on [nathan.themusicjunction@talktalk.net](mailto:nathan.themusicjunction@talktalk.net)

### Term Dates

The confirmed term dates for this year have been emailed to you. Please try to book your holidays during the school holiday periods.



You are warmly invited to our

## OPEN EVENING

Thursday 21st September 2023  
6.00 - 8.00 pm

Headteacher's address at 6.00pm and 7.00pm  
School Tours at 9.15 am each morning from  
Monday 18th September to Thursday 21st September  
[www.balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk)  
Charlton Kings Cheltenham GL53 8QF 01242 515881

## Pittville School Open Evening Wednesday 27th September 6pm - 8pm Headteacher talks in the main hall at 6.15pm and 7.15pm

Pittville School Open Week will run from Monday 25th September until Friday 29th September and is an excellent opportunity to see our vibrant school in action.

Each session will include a tour of our school by the Headteacher or a member of our Senior Leadership Team.

Tours will take place at 9am, 11:30am and 2:15pm and must be pre-booked by ringing the Headteacher's PA on 01242 650902.

If you cannot make a tour, there will also be a video tour of the school giving information about life at Pittville available to watch and download from our website.

If you wish to have a tour outside of the days/times please contact the school on the above number and we will do our best to accommodate you. Please keep checking our website for regular updates.

## Keep us up to date

If you have moved house, changed telephone numbers or set up a new email account please let the office know so that we can accurately maintain our records to ensure that we can contact you in case of an emergency and communicate with you effectively.

**Your most up to date email and phone number is the most important.**



UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

