



Glenfall News

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

4th October 2024



A word from the head.....

I hope that you have all had a good week and have enjoyed the two dry days we've recently had. Sadly it looks like the rain is set to return over the weekend. Following the flood at the school and subsequent surveys of the damage, we are eagerly awaiting for the go ahead from the Local Authority to begin carpet replacements and other repair works. Hopefully we will get notification next week that work can begin! Year 6 have returned from their residential and from the photographs below hopefully you can see what a great time they had. Y3 & 4 also enjoyed a great trip to Cadbury World to link in with their topic on The Mayans. I'm led to believe that a small amount of chocolate was consumed on the trip. This week we were joined by a PCSO who came to work with Y5 on the Mini Police initiative. You will get to see our Mini Police Officers over the coming months when they will be conducting parking patrols, litter picks and other community based activities. Don't forget that it is our Harvest Assembly on Friday 11th October followed by Open Classrooms for Year 1-6. FrOGS will also be opening their pop-up coffee shop before the assembly. I look forward to seeing you at the assembly.

Have a good weekend - Anthony Mitchell



Public Health England **NHS**

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

HELP US HELP YOU
Flu Immunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter.

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

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.

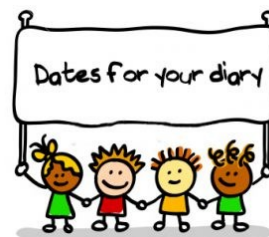
Travel Assistance and Free School Meals Team
 Access to Learning
 Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall,
 Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP

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October

- 11th October - Rags-2-Riches Collection Harvest Assembly at 9.30am
- 15th October - Andy Sead—Author visit
- 21st October - Book Fair in school this week. Parents Evening 3.30—6pm
- 23rd October - Parents Evening 3.30—6pm
- 24th October - Individual Photographs
- 25th October - School closes for half term



November

- 4th November - Term 2 starts
- 6th November - Nasal Flu Immunisations
- 8th November - Reception intake 2025 - Tour of the school at 9.15
- 11th November - Reception intake 2025 - Tour of the school at 9.15
- 13th November - Reception intake 2025 - Open Afternoon at 1.45
- 29th November - INSET Day

December

- 2nd December - INSET Day
- 4th December - Everyman Pantomime - Aladdin
- 5th December - KS2 Christmas Concert at Holy Apostles
- 16th December - KS1 Nativity at 2pm
- 17th December - KS1 Nativity at 2pm
- 19th December - Whole School Christmas Lunch
- 20th December - School closes for Christmas at 2pm

Advanced notice of some key dates

- Y4 Residential - 26th March
- School closes for Easter Holiday - 10th April at 2pm
- Sports Day - 27th June at 9.15
- Y6 Leavers Performance - 14th July at 2pm & 6pm
- Y6 Leavers Assembly - 18th July at 1pm

Harvest Assembly - 11th October at 9.30 am.

The assembly will be followed by 'Open Classrooms' in Y1 - Y6

The FrOGS 'Pop up Café' will also be open after drop off for hot drinks and pastries. Pop along for drink and a chat with friends.

Flu Vaccinations - Tuesday 6th November

The Immunisation Team will be visiting school on **Wednesday 6th November** to deliver the Nasal Flu Vaccination programme to all children in Reception to Year 6 for those who have given valid consent.

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

Requests for Leave of Absence

Should you need to request leave of absence for your child please call into the school office to collect a 'Request for Leave of Absence' form. This form must be completed and Returned to the school and your request will be considered by the Headteacher. Please do not make your requests direct with the class teachers. **You may already be aware that the DfE are focussing on school attendance at the moment and they are asking school to pursue parental fines for poor attendance that is unauthorised. Updated guidance from the school will come out to your shortly.**





MOMENTS MATTER. ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

ATTENDANCE PUNCTUALITY

190 school days in a year where every lesson counts

175 days where children are not in school (school holidays)

100%	95%	90%	85%	80%
Best chance of success	Good chance of success	Less chance of success	Serious impact on education and reduced life chances	

APPOINTMENTS Medical appointments, where possible, are to be booked outside of school hours.

ILLNESS Unless it's serious, bring your child into school and we will contact you if we need to.

Each day--

5 minutes LATE	10 minutes LATE	15 minutes LATE	20 minutes LATE	25 minutes LATE
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Over a week--

23 minutes of learning lost	50 minutes of learning lost	1 hour and 15 minutes of learning lost	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning lost	2 hours and 5 minutes of learning lost
1 Physics lesson lost	1 Maths lesson lost	1 Physics lesson and 1 Whole Class Reading lesson lost	1 Geography and 1 Art lesson lost	1 English and 1 Maths lesson lost

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If you are **10 minutes late EACH DAY**, your child will have **missed 1 FULL WEEK** in a school year.

UK Health Security Agency **NHS**

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

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Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.

Cheltenham Children's Choir

A welcoming, inclusive, musical community

Sign up on our website... www.cheltenhamchildrenschoir.co.uk

Little Lyrics, aged 5-8
9am - 9:45am, Saturday, St James Primary School

Vocalise, aged 8-11
10am - 11am, Saturday, St James Primary School

Harmonise Youth Choir, aged 11-18
11:15am - 12:15pm, Saturday, St James Primary School

AGED 5-18

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e: admin@cheltenhamchildrenschoir.co.uk

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.