



Glenfall News

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

24th January 2025



A word from the head.....

The school is once again a hub of activity and the children are well and truly back into their routines following the Christmas break. The new topics for each class have been started and there is some exciting work going on around the school. Ask your children what they have enjoyed doing at school this week or checkout the class pages on the school website www.glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk Following the flooding we had in the school in September, we have finally had the carpets replaced in five of the classrooms. As we had to vacate one classroom a day, the children and staff have been amazing at being flexible and being taught in different locations around the school. They have also become experts in furniture removal too. I am hoping that we will be able to get remaining two classrooms re-carpeted during the new financial year. If you get the opportunity, look up to the skies tonight and tomorrow around dusk and you will get to see an amazing sight. The planets are lining up across the sky from East to West and four of them are visible with the naked eye. Click [here](#) for more information.



Have a good weekend - Anthony Mitchell

Mini Police Officers

The Mini Police Officers have been out and about on patrol again this week. You may have seen them in action on Wednesday when they were carrying out a 'Positive Parking Patrol' We talked about the road markings outside the school, looked at how cars were parked and also discussed the Highway Code.



These are the things the children thought would make parking better outside the school.

- Remember not to park on the Zig-Zag Lines
- Remember not to park on the corner of junctions
- No parking on the curb up on the pathway. It makes it difficult for buggies and mobility scooters
- Remember not to block peoples driveways

Future sessions will focus on litter picking in the community, positive parking and internet safety. Keep your eyes peeled as you might see them out and about.





January

30th January - Governors Meeting at 7pm

February

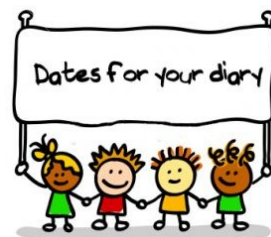
13th February - Y3 Gym Club to competition
 Y4 Residential Meeting on Zoom
 14th February - School closes for Half Term
 24th February - Term starts

March

6th March - Governors Meeting at 7pm
 11th March - Gold Cup Week starts
 12th March - Y6 Pupils to Mock Trial at Cheltenham Magistrates Court
 19th March - School Beat officer in Y6
 21st March - Red Nose Day
 26th March - Y4 Residential Deanfields Centre - FoD (26th - 28th March)
 27th March - Japanese students visiting Y5
 31st March - Parents Evening 3.30—6pm (F2F)

April

2nd April - Parents Evening 3.30—6pm (Hybrid meetings)
 7th April - Bikeability starts for Y6
 8th April - KS1 Easter Celebration and Open Classrooms
 Spring Music Concert 6.30pm at the school
 9th April - School Beat officer in Y6
 KS2 Easter Celebration and Open Classrooms
 10th April - School closes for Easter Holiday at 2pm
 11th April - INSET Day - Child Protection Training



Advanced notice of some key dates

Sports Day - 27th June at 9.15
 Y6 Leavers Performance - 14th July at 2pm & 6pm
 Y6 Leavers Assembly - 18th July at 1pm

New Menu starts on 04/11/24

[View menu](#)

Week ONE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Lasagne	Roast Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding	Sausage Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers
Omelette	Vegetable Lasagne	Quorn Filler and Yorkshire Pudding	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake	Fishless Fingers
Filled Baguette and Garnish	Soup and Baguette	Filled Baguette	Soup and Baguette	Filled Baguette and Garnish
Potato Wedges and Sweetcorn	Salad and Bread	Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy	Salad and Bread	Chips, Pasta, Peas and Beans
Today's Pudding	Today's Pudding	Today's Pudding	Today's Pudding	Today's Pudding

Week Starting: 04/11 - 25/11 - 16/12 - 20/12 - 20/02 - 10/03 - 11/03

Week TWO

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Pie	Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Curry	Beefburger
Omelette	Vegetable Pie	Quorn Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding	Vegetable Curry	Cheese and Onion Pasta
Filled Baguette and Garnish	Soup and Baguette	Filled Baguette	Soup and Baguette	Filled Baguette and Garnish
Salad and Bread	Potatoes and Vegetables	Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy	Rice and Vegetables	Chips, Pasta, Peas and Beans
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Week Starting: 11/11 - 22/11 - 26/11 - 27/11 - 14/12 - 17/12 - 01/01

Week THREE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheesy Potato Bake	Chicken Fajitas	Collage Pie and Yorkshire Pudding	Meatballs and Pasta	Chicken Nuggets
Omelette	Quorn Fajitas	Quorn Cottage Pie and Yorkshire Pudding	Quorn Meatless Balls and Pasta	Quorn Nuggets
Filled Baguette and Garnish	Soup and Baguette	Filled Baguette	Soup and Baguette	Filled Baguette and Garnish
Salad and Bread	Rice and Vegetables	Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy	Salad and Bread	Chips, Pasta, Peas and Beans
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Week Starting: 18/11 - 01/12 - 13/12 - 03/01 - 03/01 - 14/01

For information on food allergies please speak to kitchen staff

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**





FEB 17th - 21st NEXT THING EDUCATION PRESENTS **9am-4pm**
FEBRUARY HALF TERM

FEB HALF TERM 2025
 17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY 2025

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY - LIMITED SPACES
AGES 5 - 11 MULTI DAY BOOKING DISCOUNTS!

What Parents Say
 "Absolutely Fantastic! First time attending & my son loved it!"

HOW TO BOOK

STEP 1 SCAN THE QR CODE
STEP 2 FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP
STEP 3 BOOK ONLINE SPACES LIMITED!
[BOOK](#)

FEBRUARY CAMPS 2025
 £39.99 PER DAY OR £175 FOR 5 DAYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-11
 FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE www.nextthing.education

W: WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION
 E: INFO@NEXTTHING.EDUCATION T: 01442 873150

MOMENTS MATTER! ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

190 school days in a year minus every lesson counts

175 days absent reduce the high school leaver's chances

100% of success (Attendance) vs **95%** of success (Punctuality)
90% of success (Attendance) vs **85%** of success (Punctuality)
80% of success (Attendance) vs **80%** of success (Punctuality)

APPOINTMENTS Medical appointments, when possible, can be booked outside of school hours.

SUSSES Unless it's serious, being your child into school and will continue you'll be fined to:

5 minutes late
10 minutes late
15 minutes late
20 minutes late
25 minutes late

Over a week...
 10 minutes late 10 minutes late 10 minutes late 10 minutes late 10 minutes late

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

NHS UK Health Security Agency

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickpox at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over.
Diphtheria and Warts 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 general 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.
Scarlet 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 your school or nursery know about...

Head, foot and mouth Gastroenteritis
Head lice Tonsillitis
Threadworms Stopped cough

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

[SCAN ME](#)

OVATION THEATRE CLUB

WICKED

FEBRUARY HALF TERM MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THE SESSION PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2025
9AM - 12PM
AGES 7 - 11 WELCOME
£15

SWINDON VILLAGE HALL
 CHURCH ROAD
 SWINDON VILLAGE
 CHELTENHAM
 GL51 9QP

OVATIONTHEATRECLUB@OUTLOOK.COM

CHELTENHAM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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.

RECYCLE USED BATTERIES HERE

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.

Recycle 4 Charity
 Your Ink Cartridges Could Help Us Raise Funds!
 Recycle Yours Here!



Job Opportunity

The Governing Body is looking to recruit a new Clerk to the Governors. If you or somebody you know has a bit of time to spare time and would like to help support the work of the school, this post might be of interest. If you are interested in the post please come and talk to Mr Mitchell. Closing date for applications is 31st January



Head Teacher: Mr. A. Mitchell

Clerk to Governors

Grade 6 (pts 15-20) £29,093 – £31,586 pa pro rata (actual pay £1401 - £1470)

The Governors of Glenfall Primary School are looking to appoint an organised and efficient clerk to the Governors.

The Clerk is required to work 80 hours per year, equivalent of 2.1 hours per week for 38 weeks a year. Then additional duties may be claimed. We typically have 10 meetings a year consisting of full governor meetings and committee meetings, these are currently held in the evenings. Communication and meetings may be by phone, email, virtual or held at school, depending on the needs of the school.

Knowledge and experience of school governance would be preferable but training is available for the right candidate. Applicants must possess a high standard of English, be computer literate and be able to work unsupervised. No prior experience of schools is required but candidates will be expected to be confidential and understand the requirements of Safeguarding.

More information and an application form can be found on our school website www.glenfall.gloucs.sch.uk If you would like to look around the school please arrange a time with the school office.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff, and volunteers, to share the same commitment. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

A. H. Mitchell

Anthony Mitchell
Headteacher