

Glenfall News

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

14th February 2025



A word from the head.....

Half term is upon us now and its been another busy term at school; I'm sure that your children are ready for a rest. This week we had two teams of children out at a local gymnastics competition. Y3&4 and Y5&6 went to Rowan Gymnastics to represent the school against other local schools, winning team silver and team bronze respectively. Millie also secured an individual medal for her performance on the vault.



Operation Encompass. At the end of this newsletter you will find some information about Operation Encompass which is a partnership between local police forces and education. The partnership ensures that any children who are identified as having been a victim of domestic abuse, receive the support they need following an incident at which the police have attended. All school staff have received awareness training and the Designated Safeguarding Leads have also received some further training.

After the half term break there is a lot to look forward to with Y4 heading off on their residential visit to The Forest of Dean and Y6 completing their Bikeability training. We will also have parents evenings next term and also the Easter Performances to look forwards to. It really feels like we are heading into Spring with all of these upcoming events, so lets hope the weather starts to warm up and before we know it we'll be putting the clocks forward and enjoying the longer days.



Have a great half term - Anthony Mitchell

CODS present

ROALD DAHL
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

15th - 19th April 2025

Book by David Greig Music by Marc Shalman Lyrics by Scott Wittman Marc Shalman

Based on the novel by ROALD DAHL.
Songs from the Motion Picture by LESLIE BRICUSSE & ANTONY NEWLEY.

EVERYMAN THEATRE - CHILTERNHAM *noda*

MOVE MORE CAMPS
EVERY CHILD THRIVES

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMPS!

Ofsted Registered

TAX FREE & CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

HUGE RANGE OF GAMES & ACTIVITIES

LOTS OF LOCAL VENUES!

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

MOVE-MORE.ORG/CAMPS

MORE THAN CHILDCARE CAMPS

Our non-profit activity camps are about learning to...

- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- POSITIVELY COMMUNICATE
- WORK IN TEAMS
- GROW IN CONFIDENCE
- TRY NEW CHALLENGES
- BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE
- AND MOST IMPORTANTLY HAVE FUN!

YES! NO!

100% of parents surveyed said they would recommend our camps to a friend!

Football	Badminton
Tennis	Archery
Lacrosse	Tag Rugby
Hockey	Multi-skills
Cricket	Balance Bikes
Tri-Golf	Orienteering
Netball	Speed Stacking
Frisbee	Dodgeball
Curling	Board Games
Kin-Ball	Arts and Crafts

Move More Charity Number 1175899

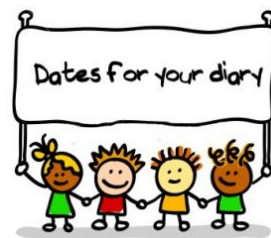


February

- 24th February - Term starts
- 27th February - New play equipment being installed

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
- 9th April - Spring Music Concert 6.30pm at the school
- 9th April - School Beat officer in Y6
- 10th April - 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

**Please remember that the school is closed to pupils on
11th April - INSET Day - Child Protection Training**

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 - 29/12 - 10/01 - 11/01

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 Party
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 - 28/11 - 29/11 - 30/11

Week THREE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheesy Potato Bake	Chicken Fajitas	Cottage 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

TECH CAMP

Coding & Robots, Creativity & Inventions, Creative Technology, Expert Engineers, Media Madness

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

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

MOMENTS MATTER ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

190 school days in a year where every lesson counts
175 school days where you are not in school (school holidays)

100% 95% 90% 85% 80%

APPOINTMENTS Medical appointments, where possible, are to be booked outside of school hours.
SUNES When it rains, bring your child into school and we will cancel your fee for that day.

Each day...
 5 minutes: 10 minutes: 15 minutes: 20 minutes: 25 minutes: LATE

Over a week...
 28 school days: 28 school days: 1 hour and 10 minutes: 1 hour and 40 minutes: 2 hours and 40 minutes: 4 hours and 40 minutes

Loss of chance of success Serious impact on education and reduced life chances

If you are 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...**

Chickenpox at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over.
Diphtheria and Waning 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).
Ingestibles their sore has crusted and healed, or 48 hours after the general antibiotic.
Measles 4 days after the rash first appeared.
Mumps 5 days after the swelling started.
Scabies they've had their first treatment.
Sore throat 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 Glabular fever
Head lice Tomatitis
Threadworms Staged check

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

ChiChi FIT With Vicky
Family session!

Come dance to all your favourite musical show tunes together!
(Recommended Ages 6+)

TO BOOK:

LIMITED SPACES
CHICHI-FIT.CO.UK \ FIND A CLASS
 OR
 EMAIL: vicky@chichi-fit.co.uk

THURSDAY 20TH FEB
9.15-10AM
HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH HALL
£12 PER FAMILY (1 ADULT AND UP TO 2 CHILDREN)

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

AGED 5-18

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

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admin@cheltenhamchildrenschoir.co.uk

Battery Recycling

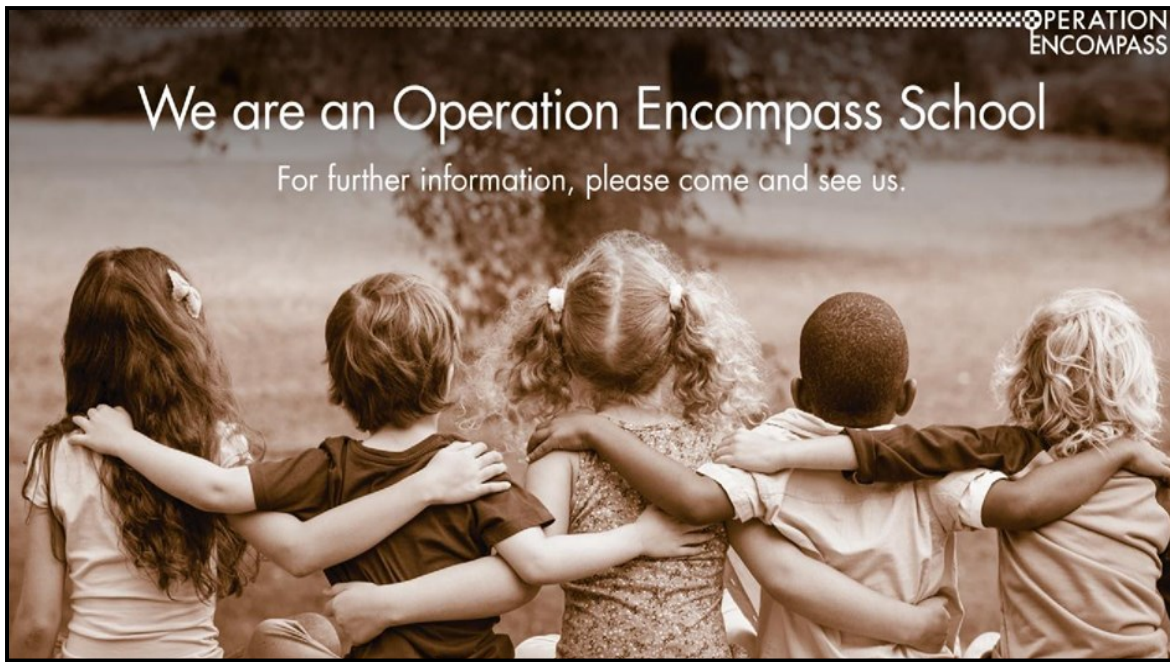
We now have a battery recycling point at the school. You are welcome to bring your old batteries to school to be recycled. You will find the battery recycling point in the entrance hall opposite the office.

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!



We are an Operation Encompass School

For further information, please come and see us.

What is Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass ensures that there is a simple telephone call or notification to a school's trained Designated Safeguarding Lead /Officer (known as key Adult) prior to the start of the next school day after an incident of police attended domestic abuse where there are children related to either of the adult parties involved.

Information is shared with a school's Key Adult (Designated Safeguarding Lead or Officer) prior to the start of the next school day after officers have attended a domestic abuse incident. This sharing of information enables appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child.

Children are negatively impacted by experiencing domestic abuse and without early intervention and support this negative impact can last through a child's life course. Domestic abuse can impact upon social, psychological, physical, emotional and behavioural outcomes with an often negative impact upon a child's academic success. Experiencing domestic abuse has been identified as an Adverse Childhood Experience.

Operation Encompass aims, by directly connecting police and schools, to secure better outcomes for children, to enable schools to better understand the impact living with domestic abuse has upon children, to help schools to better understand a child's lived experience and to therefore be able to support and nurture each child, making a child's day better and giving them a better tomorrow.

The aim of Operation Encompass is to have a presence in every force, in every school, for every child no matter where they live. It is simply every child's right.

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.

Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

We have ensured that a member of our staff (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.

This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

www.operationencompass.org