



Glenfall News

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

7th March 2025



A word from the head.....

It's hard to believe that two weeks have already passed since we returned from half term. The change in the weather has been very welcome and it has been amazing to see the children enjoying the sun and also getting onto the field at lunchtimes this week.



World book day was a huge success and it was wonderful to see the children dressed up in their costumes. You can see from the photographs that it was a joyous occasion. I think Mrs Pasquet stole the show this year with a three part costume. In the morning she was a caterpillar, at lunchtime she was a chrysalis and in the afternoon she was a butterfly. I wonder if you can guess which book she was ! The Book Swap today was also another amazing event with the children swapping some of their old books for new ones. There were so many books! Thank you Mrs Pasquet for coordinating the World Bok Day events this year - the children loved it.



This week, Y4 went to Charlton Kings Junior school to watch a drama production called 'In the Net' which helps the children to understand the dangers of the internet and how to stay safe online. Next week, some Y6 pupils will be taking part in the Mock Trial at the magistrates court and will learn about crime and justice. On Friday there is the FrOGS Bingo event to look forward to between 5:30 and 7:30. Later this term we will be holding our Spring Parents evenings. Look out for an email next week as bookings go live on 17th March.

Have a great weekend - Anthony Mitchell

Using the school field after school?

With many of our families living some distance from the school and indeed one another, we are happy for parents and children to use the school field at the end of the day if they would like their children to have the opportunity to play with friends.

If you decide that you would like to make use of the facilities, all children must be supervised by their parents. Children unsupervised will be asked to make their way home as they usually would. Any use of the school facilities after the end of the school day is at your own risk and school staff are not responsible for supervising children after 15:20 (unless part of an organised club)

Please do not let your children climb the trees or pick the daffodils.

Please be aware that the After School Club and Sports Clubs will be using the site at this time and their activities take priority over other users of the site

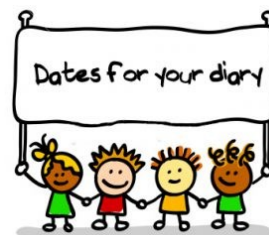
All parents and children should vacate the school site by 16:00.





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

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

Red Nose Day is Coming

Friday 21st March - Stick a Red Nose
on your konk!

Look out for a letter from The School
Council

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**

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS**



FrOGS News



You may remember that earlier in the year I announced that the FrOGS committee had been awarded the Parentkind National PTA award for 2024. As you will see from the article below they have featured in this Springs addition of the magazine. I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank the team for all of the work they do and for providing the school with additional resources, facilities and opportunities for the children - it really does make a difference. I would also like to take this opportunity to ask you to consider stepping into one of the roles that make this committee so successful. Many of the current team are coming to the end of their tenure and we really need new members to ensure that this valuable support for the school continues. Please speak to any member of the current team or come and talk to Mrs Whyte and myself.

Parentkind National PTA AWARDS 2024

In this edition of PTAextra, we're celebrating the incredible winners of the 2024 National PTA Awards, including our cover stars from Friends of Glenfall School Association. We had so many entries from inspiring PTAs that it was almost impossible to choose just nine of them! Congratulations to both the winners and all entrants, you are all doing phenomenal work for the children in your schools

Supporting your school

National PTA of the Year Award
Winners: Friends of Glenfall School Association

"Our new aim is for every Year 6 pupil to leave Glenfall with skills that will be invaluable to the community"

"One of our PTA members has a background in healthcare, and they highlighted how important it is for the school community to know how to deal with a medical emergency.

We found two ways where our PTA could have an impact. Firstly, by providing our Year 6 pupils with first aid skills to take with them, both to the next stage of their education and into our community. Secondly, by ensuring our defibrillator was accessible to the community and raising awareness of basic lifesaving skills.

We found a specialist provider with experience delivering a programme of basic life support and first aid tailored to children. Following a trial session, feedback from both the children and teachers was overwhelmingly positive, so we decided that the PTA would fund this on an annual basis. Our new aim is for every Year 6 pupil to leave Glenfall with skills that will be invaluable to the community as they start to spend more time out and about independently. We successfully obtained grant funding to provide this training.

The PTA also purchased a defibrillator cabinet with the help from Public Hearts Foundation. This allowed the school's defibrillator to be moved outside the building, adding to the growing network of machines in our community.

The PTA then sought to raise awareness of the importance of basic lifesaving skills. We used the British Heart Foundation's 'Restart a Heart Day' as an opportunity to share messaging and resources with school families. We got a first aid/lifesaving skills trainer to donate his time to promote CPR. He delivered a session for the Year 5s and 6s and held a short session just before school pick up for parents.

These activities have increased the number of people with essential first aid skills, ensuring more members of our local community can help those in need, as well as raising awareness of the defibrillator network and how to deliver lifesaving CPR."

- Words by Rebecca Mustow, Chair

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New Purchase with funds from FrOGS



Watch this space to find out about the next big purchase for the school



JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES
9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING
SERIES!

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

Junior Bake Off

We are delighted to say, that we have recently opened applications for the 11th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

With this in mind, we are contacting schools in the hope that you can help us spread this message to any of your students **aged 9-15 years old** who are budding young bakers.

If you could share our casting flyer with the children, parents & staff at your school that would be really appreciated.

Filming would take place from July 2025, but our **applications close on Sunday 23rd March 2025.**

Interested bakers can apply online at:

www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

NEW! Junior Park Run—Burrow's Field, Leckhampton

A new junior ParkRun is about to launch at **Burrow's Field**, Leckhampton, **starting on Sunday 9th March.**

What is junior parkrun?

It is a 2km run/walk/jog/skip for 4 - 14 year olds at 9am every Sunday, put on each week by volunteers under the parkrun UK framework. It is set up so that all participants can take part without necessarily needing to run with a responsible adult, giving them independence and confidence. Of course, if a parent or other responsible adult is needed for support, they are welcome to accompany the child too. Children should register with parkrun UK so they can get their weekly result and work towards the various milestone clubs, for which they earn a wristband.

The event already has a Core Team of volunteers in place who are DBS checked, but we also need extra volunteers to help out at the event each week. If anyone wishes to help us out with that too, we'd very much appreciate it! There are a range of volunteer roles that need filling each week, including marshalling on the course, leading a warm up for the children, timekeeping, giving out finish position tokens, scanning barcodes, setting up and closing down the course, and tail walking.

Volunteering to help the run go smoothly on the day by marshalling, timekeeping etc. will only take around an hour (approx 8:40 - 9.40). There's always the option to join us at the **Dugout Cafe** where we will process results and have a natter after each event.

Please do get in touch with us if you have any questions.

Kind regards
Claire & Charlie Event Directors





Most pharmacies can help you with seven common conditions without needing a GP appointment

- Sinusitis** (adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throat** (adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- Earache** (children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- Infected insect bite** (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- Impetigo** (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles** (adults aged 18 years and over)
- Urinary tract infection** (women, aged 16 to 64 years)

Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service

Visit your Pharmacy First!

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied

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% Best chance of success

95% Good chance of success

90% Less chance of success

85% Serious impact on education and reduced life chances

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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

Over a week-

- 30 minutes of lesson lost
- 1 hour and 10 minutes of lesson lost
- 1 hour and 40 minutes of lesson lost
- 3 hours and 8 minutes of lesson lost

Less 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.

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	Tonillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

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

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NEW BALCARRAS VENUE
Brand New Venue for Brand New Age 4-6 class!

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FREE TRIAL DAY
Sunday 30 March
Balcarras - 10.30am to 12am
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Balcarras School Theatre Studio
Saturdays 9.30am to 11am
Starting after Easter

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My STAGE SCHOOL

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ONLY THE BEST IN PERFORMING ARTS TRAINING

COOS 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 - CHELTENHAM

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The Production by noda Theatre

An absolute production is presented in arrangement with BODICE THEATRE INTERNATIONAL. All authorized performance materials are also supplied by BODICE THEATRE INTERNATIONAL.

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!

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