

# Glenfall News

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

13th February 2026



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

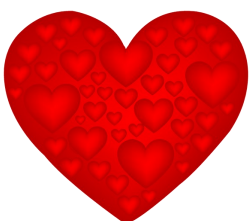
Half term is upon us now and its been another busy term at school; I'm sure that your children are ready for a rest. This week we had two teams of children out at a local gymnastics competition. Y3&4 and Y5&6 went to Rowan Gymnastics to represent the school against other local schools. Y3&4 secured a bronze medal with Y5&6 winning team GOLD! Well done to both teams, we are very proud of you all.

On Monday this week, Glenfall was represented at The Look Who's Talking inter-school speaking competition. Finley, Tilly and Pen were the Glenfall Star Speakers and went to St Lukes Church to compete against twenty other schools in front of over 200 people. All three of the children were fantastic and represented the school brilliantly well speaking about Animals, Girls Football and The Etymology of Words. Finley came first in the KS1 age group and he will now go through to the next round in April where he will compete against children from across the whole of Gloucestershire. I will keep you updated on how he gets on later next term. Well done to all three of the children, we're very proud of you all!

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 dry up and before we know it we'll be putting the clocks forward and enjoying the longer days. The first of the Glenfall daffodils have opened which is always a sign that spring is on the way.

I hope that you all have a fantastic half term break and that you get to spend some good quality family time with your children.

Have a great week - Anthony Mitchell

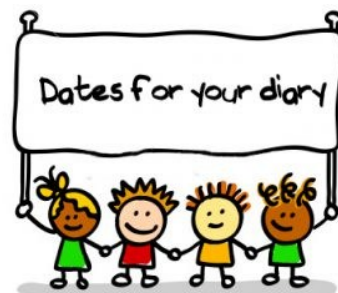




## Academic Year 2025-2026 - View dates [here](#)

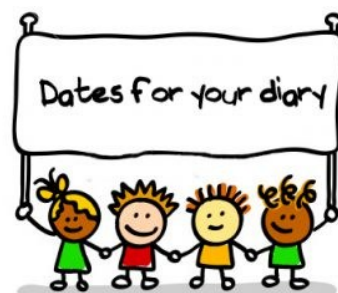
### February

- 13th February - School closes for Half Term
- 23rd February - Term starts
- 24th February - Parents Evenings
- 26th February - Parents Evenings
- Feet First Dance Competition



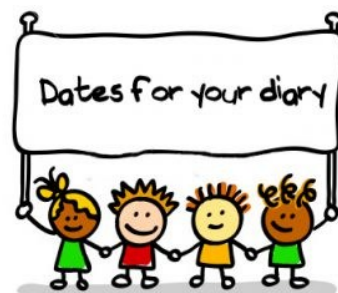
### March

- 3rd March - Y6 visit to London and Houses of Parliament
- 5th March - World Book Day
- Full Governors Meeting
- 10th March - Y6 taking part in Mock Trial
- 12th March - Y3&4 Topic Afternoon for parents at 2.15pm
- 17th March - Wildlife Quiz for Y6 pupils
- 18th March - Rotary GK Quiz for Y6 pupils
- 20th March - Red Nose Day
- 23rd March - Bikeability week for Y6
- Spring Music Concert for all musicians
- FrOGS Cake Sale
- 24th March - KS2 Easter Celebration - 2.30pm
- 25th March - KS1 Easter Celebration - 2.30pm
- Y4 Residential to The Forest of Dean
- 27th March - Term ends for Easter Holiday



### Advanced notice of some key dates

- 11th May - Y6 SATs Week
- 19th June - Sports Day 9.15 - 11.15
- 3rd July - Annual reports out to parents
- 13th July - Y6 Leavers performance at 6.30pm
- 17th July - Y6 Leavers assembly at 1pm
- School closes for Summer at 2pm



### 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.

**Please be aware that the DfE are focussing on school attendance at the moment and they are asking schools to pursue parental fines for poor attendance that is unauthorised.**



### 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



### 100 Club Winners

**November**  
Kathryn Mead  
Angela Swales  
Cameron Jones



**December**  
Sybil Mustow  
Zandra Cardelli  
Alex Lambert

**January**  
Tim Jones  
Marnie Heppenstall  
Ollie Lambert

Our latest Rags2Riches collection raised nearly £50. Thank you for your donations. The next collection will be on 19th May.



### 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 min LATE
- 10 min LATE
- 15 min LATE
- 20 min LATE
- 25 min LATE

**Over a week -**

- 25 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

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 your school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonillitis
Threadworms	Slipped cheek

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

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## 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

CODS PRESENTS

JAN FLEMING'S

# CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

31st March - 4th April 2026

LICENSED SCRIPT ADAPTED BY Ray Roderick | ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY Jeremy Sams

Based on the MGM Motion picture

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY Richard M. Sherman & Robert B. Sherman | MUSIC BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH Sony/ATV Publishing

EVERYMAN THEATRE

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.mtiinc.com](http://www.mtiinc.com)

## APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN JUNIOR BAKE OFF

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

## February Half Term at the Museum!

It's a busy Half Term packed with hands-on activities, creative workshops and plenty for families to explore. Creative makes, family fun and brilliant ways to dive into history all week long.

**Art Explorers: Arts & Crafts Trail**  
Sat 14 - Sun 22 Feb | £2 per trail

Follow the trail through puppets, pottery and nature-loving makers, try creative challenges and design your own patterns. Finish it and you'll earn a nature-inspired stamp to take home.

**Making Folk: Crafting Charms and Folk Motifs**  
Sat 14 Feb, 1-4 pm | £5

Get creative with natural materials, beads and fabric as you make your own charms or stitch folk-inspired motifs. For all ages, proudly part of Gloucester Folk Trail.

**Hands On History: Object Handling with the Birdlip Mirror**  
Sun 15 & Wed 18 Feb | £1 donation

Take a closer look at our Birdlip Mirror replicas and discover their stories with our Visitor Experience Assistant. This relaxed drop-in is free, with a suggested £1 donation. Great for families aged 3+.

**Brick Builders Club: The Great Outdoors**  
Tue 17 Feb, 10am - 1pm | £3 per child

Get creative with nature-themed LEGO challenges inspired by our Arts & Crafts displays. Build landscapes, dream up wild creatures or invent something totally new. Pick up fun prompts and let your imagination take over. Suitable for ages 5+.

**Glorious Glevum Tour**  
Wed 18 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Explore Roman Glevum with Lucius Sita, our resident auxiliary soldier. Discover why the Romans chose Gloucester, what daily life looked like and the hidden treasures inside the museum.

**Medieval Mercenary Tour of the Eastgate Chamber**  
Sat 21 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Join Sir Miles, our medieval mercenary, for a fascinating trip into the Eastgate Chamber. Explore its history, uncover old myths and hear the superstitions that have surrounded this hidden space for centuries.

MUSEUM OF GLOUCESTER

Scan me for more info

## 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.



# FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CAMPS!

**16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY**

- Huge Range Of Activities
- No Screens Policy
- Run By School PE Specialists
- 10% Sibling Discount
- Childcare Vouchers & TFC Accepted
- Early Drop-Off & Late Collection Options
- Income Reinvested Into The Charity




100%

of parents surveyed  
would recommend  
our camps to a  
friend

**SUPPORT MOVE MORE!**

**MOVE MORE'S  
CHARITY GOLF DAY**  
Friday 3rd July 2026



**RUN CHELTENHAM  
CHARITY SPOTS**  
September 2026

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**16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY**

**MOVE-MORE.ORG/CAMPS**

**CHARLTON KINGS INFANTS SCHOOL 4-7YRS**  
**BALCARRAS SPORTS CENTRE 6-12YRS**  
**CLEEVE SCHOOL 5-12YRS**  
**ST MARKS JUNIOR SCHOOL 5-12YRS**  
**JOHN MOORE PRIMARY 5-12YRS**





Cheltenham Town  
**Community  
trust**

**£16**

per day

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES

Ages  
**5-12**

**9AM  
3PM**

All genders welcome  
**FOR ALL ABILITIES**



Run by FA qualified, first aid trained and DBS enhanced checked coaches.

**GIRLS ONLY  
COURSES  
AVAILABLE**

Courses held at:  
**BISHOPS CLEEVE FC**  
**CLEEVE SPORTS CENTRE**  
**ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL**




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## 23<sup>rd</sup> February - 7<sup>th</sup> March



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