



Glenfall News

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

6th March 2026



A word from the head.....

Half term seems to be a distant memory now and we have really hit the ground running in school with lots of activities going on and with lots of exciting things to come.

Hopefully you found the parents meetings with the class teachers useful last week and that you have a clear view of where your child is with their learning. Please contact your child's class teacher should you have any ongoing concerns as there are no more formal parent evenings this academic year. The sooner you raise any issues the sooner we can hopefully resolve them for you.

Mrs Grisman took a group of girls to the Feet First Dance Festival at the Town Hall last week. The girls did an amazing job and wowed the audience. I have had so many positive comments from parents and teachers from other schools saying how good the Glenfall dance was. Well done girls, we're super proud of you all.

We had new lockers installed in the Year 1 & 2 cloakroom over half term and they have gone down really well with the children. FrOGS have paid for the lockers with funds from the activities that you have supported. Thank you everyone - the children love them!

This week was World Book Day and you can see from the pictures that the children and staff all threw themselves into dressing up. It was bit unsettling to walk into the staffroom to see two pigs, Where's Wally and Gangsta Grannie having a cup of tea!

If your child is learning an instrument at school, make sure that you've got the 23rd March in your diaries. The Spring Concert will be taking place on this date at 6:30pm. This is always a fabulous evening and it is amazing to see how good the children have got at playing their instruments.

Don't forget that next week is Raceweek so the roads will be busier.

Have a good weekend whatever you choose to do.

Anthony Mitchell





Y6 Visit to The Houses of Parliament

On Tuesday, the Y6 pupils had a very early start to the day as they headed off to London to visit The Houses of Parliament. They had a fantastic trip and had the opportunity to have a tour of the Palace of Westminster and even got to go into the public gallery. The house was busy on that day as Rachel Reeves was delivering her Spring Budget Statement so the children got to see many of the key politicians. The children were also met by Max Wilkinson, MP for Cheltenham, who joined them during their workshop. After a long day, the children arrived back at school at 6pm. Thank you to Mr Radley, Mrs Nye, Miss Drew and Mrs Wilson who accompanied the children on the trip. The children were impeccably behaved and really represented the school well.

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 do not let your children go into Forest School.

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



**100 Club
Winners**

February

Helen Jones

Suzy Drew

Kate Hardcastle





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

March

- 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 at 2pm

April

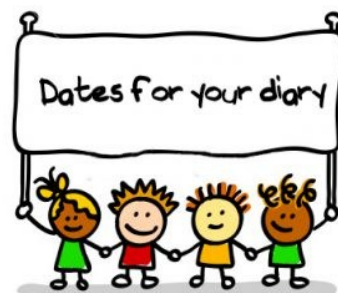
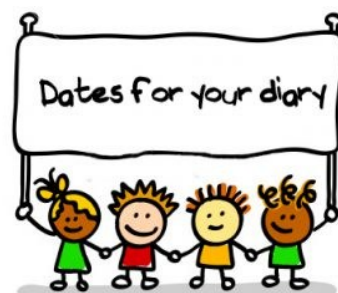
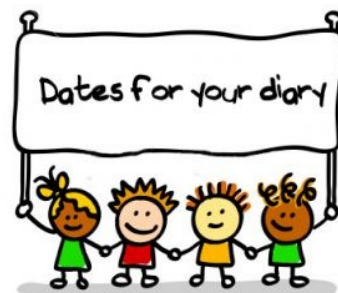
- 13th April - Summer Term starts
- 14th April - Final swimming session for Y3
- 17th April - Look Who's Talking competition final
- 21st April - Swimming starts for Y2
- 23rd April - Full Governors Meeting at 7pm
- 27th April - SchoolBeat Police Officer in Y6

May

- 4th May - BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
- 11th May - KS2 SATs week starts
- 14th May - FrOGS Disco
- 22nd May - School closes for Half Term

Advanced notice of some key dates

- 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



Come try HOCKEY

An 8-week programme delivered by Cheltenham Junior Hockey Club







Starts 18th April
Venue: CLC Health & Fitness Centre
Time: 08:30-09:30am



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 CHELTENHAM

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.co.uk

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

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 15TH MARCH 2026

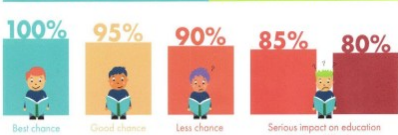


MOMENTS MATTER ATTENDANCE COUNTS

ATTENDANCE PUNCTUALITY

190 school days in a year where every lesson counts

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



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

Over a week...

- 25 minutes of learning lost
- 50 minutes of learning lost
- 1 hour and 10 minutes of learning lost
- 1 hour and 40 minutes of learning lost
- 2 hours and 5 minutes of learning 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.

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

UK Health Security Agency

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

| Condition | Until... |
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| Chickenpox | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over |
| Diarhoea 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...

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

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrc0.de/minfnc>



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.

