

# Glenfall News

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

8th May 2026



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

We're racing through May and the half term break is already fast approaching as the school continues to be a busy hive of activity.

Next week is the start of SATs week for the Year 6 pupils and we wish them well for the week ahead. They have all prepared well and have taken it all in their stride. The highlight of SATs week is always the SATs breakfast which they are all looking forward to. After a busy week of tests they will all be treated to a visit from the Ice Cream van on Thursday afternoon. They also have the FrOGS disco to look forward to on Thursday evening - Good Luck Y6.

Since I last wrote to you, Finley represented the Cheltenham Area at The Look Who's Talking oracy competition. After battling his way through the heats Finley got to represent Cheltenham schools at the final held at The Guild Hall in Gloucester. He spoke in front a large gathered audience and three esteemed judges. Finley was amazing and came runner up in his age category for the whole of Gloucestershire - Well done Finley.

Some of the Y6 pupils attended a Tag Rugby Tournament at Newlands Park. The children competed against schools from across Cheltenham in a brilliant day of rugby. The team won most of their matches and also won some recognition for attitude and sportsmanship. Mr Neale and Miss Budenis reported that the team were superb and represented the school brilliantly on and off the field.

The school Library is getting a makeover! FrOGS are funding new furniture for the library so we can improve the children's access to the books we have in school. We also received a donation from one of the local councillors, Angie Boyes.

The new furniture will be arriving in school next week and the staff have already been preparing the library to receive the new book shelves. Thank you very much for supporting FrOGS events as it is this money which enables us to purchase things like this for the school. We are hoping to have a grand opening on the day of the Summer Fair

Have a great weekend

Anthony Mitchell





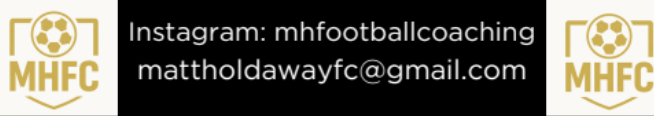


# FOOTBALL CAMPS

May Half Term 2026



		
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Charlton Kings Junior School	£20 per day Ages 7-11



£1 ENTRY FOR ADULTS,  
FREE FOR CHILDREN

BATTLEDOWN SCHOOL

# SPRING FAIR

12PM-3PM

SATURDAY 16TH MAY

CAKES, BBQ, REFRESHMENTS

TOMBOLAS, RAFFLE, ACTIVITIES

FACE PAINTING & FIRE ENGINE

## 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**

**Please do not let your children go into Forest School.**

**Please do not allow your children to cycle or scoot anywhere on the school premises.**

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**

**April**

**Kevin McPherson**

**Abi McPherson**

**Louise Smith**





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

### May

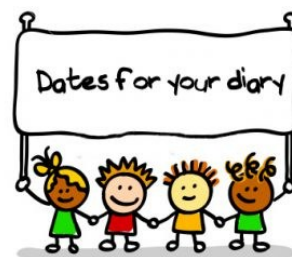
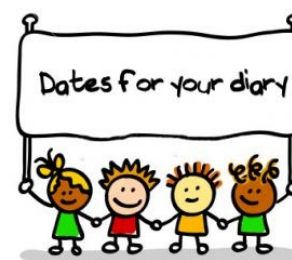
- 11th May - KS2 SATs week starts
- 14th May - FrOGS Disco
- 21st May - Full Governors Meeting at 7pm
- 22nd May - School closes for Half Term

### June

- 1st June - Summer Term 2 starts
- 3rd June - Y5&6 Science Festival
- 4th June - Athletics at Ashley Manor
- 5th June - Y3&4 visit the Science Festival
- 8th June - Class and Leavers photographs
- 9th June - Y6 Cricket Festival
- 12th June - Y5&6 visit to John Moore Countryside Museum
- 20th June - FrOGS Summer Fair
- 24th June - Sports Day 9.15 - 11.15 - **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**
- 26th June - Y3&4 Cricket Festival

### July

- 1st July - Whole School Transition Day
- 3rd July - Annual reports out to parents
- 13th July - Y6 Leavers performance at 6.30pm
- 16th July - Glenfall's Got Talent
- 17th July - Y6 Leavers assembly at 1pm
- School closes for Summer at 2pm



## Introducing the Gloucestershire Food Map - Find food support near you

Food is a big part of life in Gloucestershire, it can bring us together, improve our health, and strengthen our local economy and the environment. However, the reality is that in Gloucestershire, as in the wider country, there are members of our communities who are worrying about their next shop or struggling to access healthy food that meets their cultural or dietary needs.

The Gloucestershire Food Map is an interactive directory designed to connect residents with local food support across all six districts. Developed by Feeding Gloucestershire, with support from district councils and community partners the map brings together community food organisations from across the county into one accessible, live resource.

Gloucestershire is home to a wealth of community-led food projects and this map acts as a bridge, making local support easier to find and giving a clearer picture of our food support system to help partners coordinate services and identify gaps.

Unlike a standard directory, the map categorises support into different "rungs" of the food ladder to help people find the support that best fits their specific situation:

**Food Banks:** Provides free emergency food parcels to people in crisis who are unable to afford food.

**Food Pantries:** Membership-based shops offering affordable groceries and choice.

**Community Fridges:** Free surplus food open to everyone to help reduce food waste.

**Lunch Clubs & Community Meals:** Opportunities to share a hot meal and connect with others.

**Growing & Cooking Projects:** Community gardens and allotments focused on long-term skills and sustainability.

Visit the map today at: <https://www.feedinggloucestershire.org.uk/food-map/>

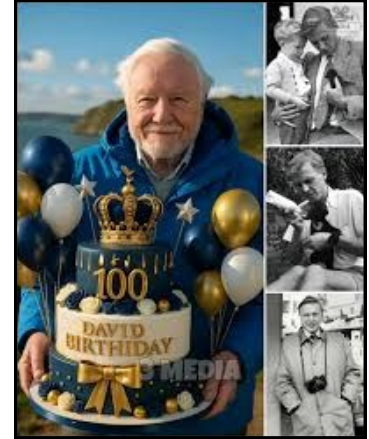




## Requests for Leave of Absence

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.**



## PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!

Two weeks after having emptied the lost property box in school, it is once again full. Please make sure that you name all items of clothing, PE kit, shoes, water bottles and lunch boxes and bags. This makes it easier to return items to the children. Thank you for your help with this

## 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

**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 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
- 3 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.

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 | **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
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...

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://qrco.de/minifec>

## 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.

