



Glenfall News

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

4th September 2026



A word from the head.....

Welcome back after what I hope was a great summer for you all.

It has been wonderful to have all of the children back in school this week. New routines are being established and all classes are well underway with their topics for this term. I know that there are lots of exciting events already in the diary with many year groups going on trips this term. After school clubs will be starting next week as will orchestra and music lessons.

The new Reception children will be starting their induction sessions next week. It has been great to meet our next cohort of 'Glenfallers' this week and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new parents across the school and look forwards to working with you over the coming years.

Next week we will be holding our 'Meet The Teacher' meetings on Wednesday 9th September (5:30pm for Reception, 6pm for Y3 & Y4, 6:30pm for Y1,2,5&6) I hope that you will find the meetings informative and that they give you a good flavour of your child's learning over the coming year. Much of the information will also be available on the class pages of the [school website](#) (Browse to Children - Learning - Year Groups) You will all have the opportunity to meet the class teachers later in October when we will be holding our parents evenings. However, if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's education please do make an appointment to meet the class teacher.

Mr Radley is now the proud dad of a little girl who was born on Wednesday 2nd September. Many congratulations to Mr Radley and his wife.

I hope that you all have a good weekend.

Anthony Mitchell

Flu Vaccinations - Tuesday 22nd September

The Immunisation Team will be visiting school on **Tuesday 22nd September** to deliver the Nasal Flu Vaccination programme to all children in Reception to Year 6 for those who have given valid consent.

Apply online for
FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and save yourself up to £437 per year.

Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

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If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child's school is entitled to extra funding.

So even if you don't want your child to take a free meal, you should still apply to make sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled - helping them provide your child with the best education and support.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receiving an Universal Infant Free School Meal arranged by their school will still have to apply to enable their school to get any extra funding.

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, speak to your child's school.

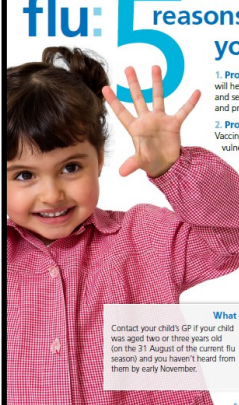
For further information, including a list of qualifying benefits, visit our website or speak to your child's school today.

Travel Assistance and Free School Meals Team
Access to Learning
Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall,
Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP

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Public Health England 

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. **Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. **Protect you, your family and friends.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable family and friends.
3. **No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have.
4. **It's better than having flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.
5. **Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.

What should I do?

Contact your child's GP if your child was aged two or three years old on the 31 August of the current flu season and you haven't heard from them by early November.

If your child is at primary school, the school will send you a consent form. Please sign and return it. If your child has a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu, they can get the flu vaccine from their GP.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

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HELP YOU
DO WELL, THIS WINTER

Flu Immunisation
Helping to protect children,
every winter.



Academic Year 2026 -2027 - View dates [here](#)

September

- 7th September - Y6 Residential Zoom Meeting at 6pm
- 9th September - Y5&6 visit to Tutenkhamun exhibition
Meet the teacher meetings
- 10th September - Pittville School - meeting for parents of Y6
- 12th September - Grammar School entrance exam
- 14th September - Y6 Residential to Culmington Manor
- 17th September - Y3&4 to Cadbury World
- 22nd September - Swimming starts for Y3
Flu vaccinations for all pupils R – Y6
- 30th September - Balcarras Open Day visits – Glenfall only

October

- 2nd October - Author visit – Jon Lock/Nich Angell (Tiny Hercules)
- 6th October - Balcarras Open Day visits – Glenfall only
- 9th October - Harvest Celebration 9:15am - KS1, 9:30 - Open Classrooms for all,
Harvest Celebration 10am - KS2
- 12th October - Book Fair in school
- 13th October - Parents Mtgs 3:30 – 6pm – F2F
- 15th October - Parents Mtgs 3:30 – 6pm - Hybrid
- 22nd October - Individual pupil photographs
- 23rd October - School closes for Half Term
- 31st October - Deadline for secondary school applications

November

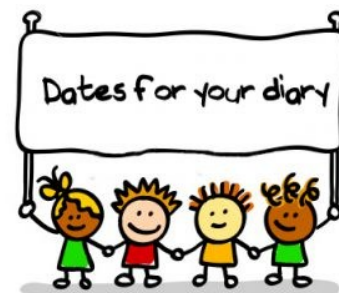
- 2nd November - Term starts
- 9th November - 2pm Reception intake 2027 – Tour of school
- 11th November - Y5 visit to Skillzone
- 13th November - Children in Need
- 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week
- 25th November - 2027 Reception Intake – Open Afternoon 1:45pm
- 27th November - INSET Day
- 30th November - INSET Day

December

- 1st December - 9.15pm - Reception intake 2026 – Tour of school
- 3rd December - KS2 Christmas Music Evening at Holy Apostles
- 8th December - Everyman Pantomime – Cinderella
- 14th December - KS1 Nativity at 2pm
- 15th December - KS1 Nativity at 2pm
- 16th December - Whole School Christmas Lunch
- 18th December - School closes for Christmas at 2pm

Advanced notice of some key dates

- 24th March - School closes at 2pm for Easter
- 10th May - Y6 SATs Week
- 18th June - Sports Day 9.15 - 11.15
- 9th July - Annual reports out to parents
- 19th July - Y6 Leavers performance at 6.30pm
- 21st 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



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

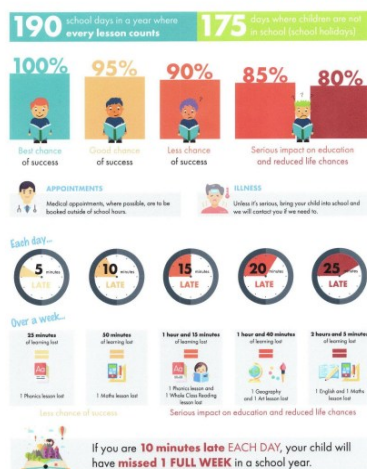
- Sinusitis** (adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throat** (adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- Earache** (children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- Infected insect bite** (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- Impetigo** (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles** (adults aged 16 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 charges rules apply where a medicine is supplied

ATTENDANCE PUNCTUALITY



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickengox	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...

Head, foot and mouth	Chondroitin Virus
Head Lice	Trachoma
Threadworms	Slighted cheek



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

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.



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.



Click [here](#) to view the menu

Week ONE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake	Chicken Curry	Chicken Pie	Spaghetti Pasta Bake	Salmon Pie
Onion Soup	Vegetarian Curry	Vegetarian Pie	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake	Pea Soup
Filled Baguette and Cornish	Filled Jacket Potatoes	Filled Baguette and Cornish	Filled Jacket Potatoes	Filled Baguette and Cornish
Today's Pudding	Today's Pudding	Today's Pudding	Today's Pudding	Today's Pudding

Week TWO

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake	Chicken Curry	Chicken Pie	Spaghetti Pasta Bake	Salmon Pie
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For information on food allergies please speak to kitchen staff

Pick 'n' mix packed lunch is available every day for years 3, 4, 5 and 6

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





Open Week 2026

21st September—25th September

Pittville School Open Week will run from Monday 21st September until Friday 25th September and is an excellent opportunity to see our vibrant school in action.

Each session will include a tour of our school by the Headteacher or a member of our Senior Leadership Team.

Tours will take place at 9am, 11:30am, (11.15am on Wednesday) and 2:15pm (2pm on Wednesday) and must be pre-booked by ringing the Headteacher's PA on 01242 650902.

If you cannot make a tour, there will also be a video tour of the school giving information about life at Pittville available to watch and download from our website.



Open Week & School Tours

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been made aware that the Balcarras Open Week clashes with the Y6 Residential in September. Therefore, Balcarras have made additional provision for parents of children at Glenfall. Please see the message from Balcarras below.

Balcarras Open Week clashes with the Year 6 residential

Parents are still welcome to attend Open Week. All the information can be found on our website [here](#):
We are offering Glenfall parents and pupils alternative dates for a tour of the school as follows:

Wednesday 30th September at 9.15 am
Tuesday 6th October at 9.15 am

If you would like to attend, please email admin@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk after 16th September to book a place advising your contact telephone number, please do not email before then.

Only one parent can accompany each pupil please.

Balcarras School

