

Glenfall News

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

21st October 2026



A word from the head.....

After what has been a very eventful 8 weeks in school, we have finally reached the time for all us all to have a well deserved half term break.

I hope that the parents evenings proved informative for you and that you got a feel for how your child is getting on at school at the moment. Our next parents evenings are not until late on in February, so please do check in with your child's class teacher if you have any concerns so that issues can be dealt with quickly.

The Harvest celebration was yet again another fantastic event with a huge collection of food for The Open Door Project who gratefully received the donation from the school. I was so pleased that we had made the decision to split the two Key Stages as both events were packed full of parents. Without running two events we would never have squeezed everybody into the hall! The FrOGS 'Pop Up café' was a great success and it was really good to see parents catching up with one another before the assembly. I do hope that you also enjoyed the opportunity to go into your child's class to look at their books and class displays.





If you do have some time over half term to put together a shoebox of gifts for the Teams4U Charity, they would be so grateful. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more details. The children all found out about the fundraising appeal in an assembly so will be able to tell you all about it.



When we return after half term, poppies will be available in school should your child like to make a donation. The Year 6 pupils will be on hand at the start and end of the school day and also during breaktimes.

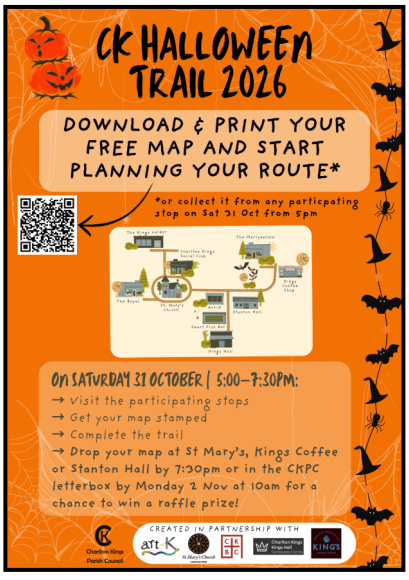
As you can see from the photograph on the right, Raffa has recently celebrated his 6th Birthday.
Happy Birthday Raffa!



I hope that the weather remains settled over half term and that you are all able to get out and about with your families.

Have a good half term break.

Anthony Mitchell







Academic Year 2026 -2027 - View dates here

October

22nd October	-	Individual pupil photographs
23rd October	-	School closes for Half Term
31st October	-	Deadline for secondary school applications

Y6 Parents

Don't miss the deadline

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
20th November	-	FrOGS Quiz
25th November	-	2027 Reception Intake – Open Afternoon 1:45pm
26th November	-	FrOGS Disco
27th November	-	INSET Day
30th November	-	INSET Day

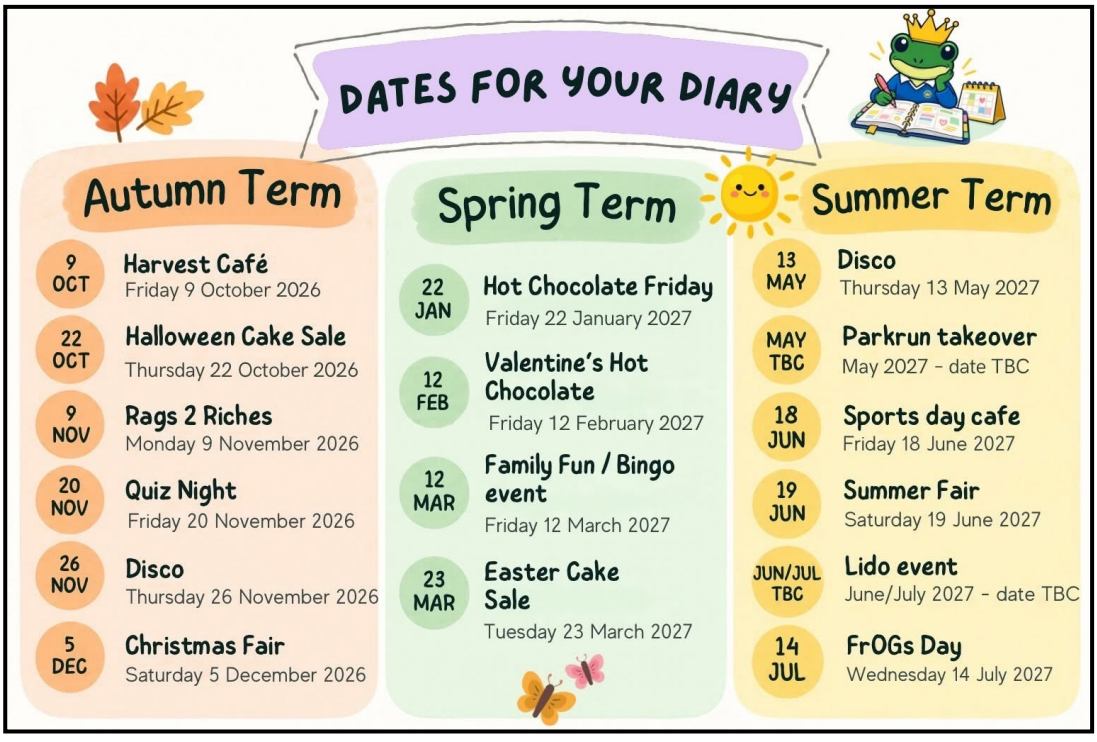


December

1st December	-	9.15pm - Reception intake 2026 – Tour of school
3rd December	-	KS2 Christmas Music Evening at Holy Apostles
5th December	-	FrOGS Christmas Fair
8th December	-	Everyman Pantomime – Cinderella
14th December	-	KS1 Nativity at 2pm
15th December	-	Whole School Christmas Lunch
16th December	-	KS1 Nativity at 2pm
18th December	-	School closes for Christmas at 2pm

Note change of dates







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.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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



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WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2026

Explore our upcoming activities and find something for you, your family or your community. We have recently launched three new Active Ageing programmes for people aged 55 and over - further details can be found on the reverse.

OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES

MIXED SESSIONS

- Mon 26th October - Fri 30th October
- 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Ages 5 - 12 years
- £17 per day
- Cleeve Sports Centre **(NEW ASTROTURF)**
  St James' Primary School
  Bishops Cleeve Football Club



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GIRLS ONLY SESSIONS

- Tues 27th October & Thurs 29th October
- 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Ages 6 - 13 years
- £17 per day
- St James' Primary School
  Bishops Cleeve Football Club



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Cheltenham Town Community Trust Charity No. 1180210

WEEKLY FOOTBALL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Cheltenham Town Community trust

FUTSAL DEVELOPMENT

- Every Monday | Term Time
- 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Bournside Sports Centre, Warden Hill Road, Cheltenham, GL51 3EFL
- Ages 5 - 12 years
- £4.50 per session

GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL

- Every Thursday | Term Time
- 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Bournside Sports Centre, Warden Hill Road, Cheltenham, GL51 3EFL
- Ages 8 - 14 years
- FREE

YOUTH DISABILITY FOOTBALL

- Every Monday | Term Time
- 7.00pm - 8.00pm
- Whaddon Youth Centre, Dart Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5QW
- Ages 12 - 25 years
- FREE

PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS

Premier League Kicks

Prestbury Park Session | Every Monday (term time) | 5.00pm - 7.00pm

The Rock Youth Centre Session | Every Tuesday (term time) | 5.00pm - 5.45pm

Whaddon Youth Centre | Every Thursday (term time) | 5.15pm - 7.00pm
Part of Fuel Thursdays in partnership with The Children's Society

All Premier League Kicks sessions are FREE.



WOMENS WALKING FOOTBALL

- Every Friday | Term Time
- 11.00am - 11.45am
- YMCA Sports Centre, Arle Road, Cheltenham, GL51 8NY



ACTIVE AGEING CLUB

- Every Tuesday | Term Time
- 1.00pm - 2.00pm
- Wallace House Community Hub, Windermere Road, Cheltenham, GL51 3PF



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LOST PROPERTY

Since the start of term in September we have accumulated a huge amount of lost property.

Please name all of your children's belongings so we can reunite children with lost items.

These labels are by far the best and stay stuck to clothing, water bottles, snack pots, lunch boxes and shoes.

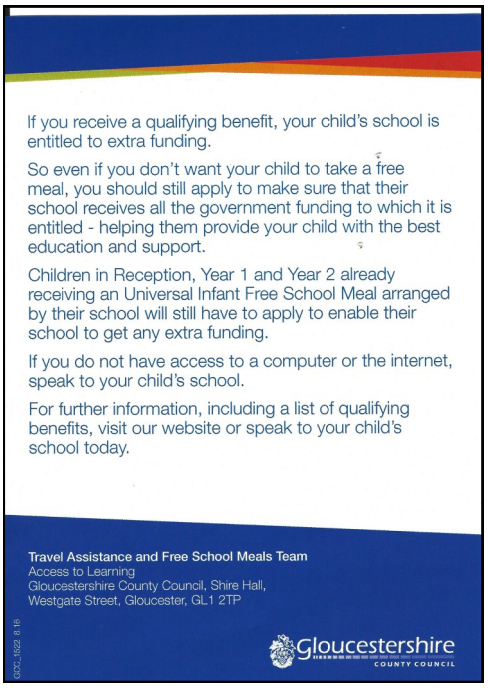
Not only do your children get there lost items returned the school also receives a payment for each order placed.

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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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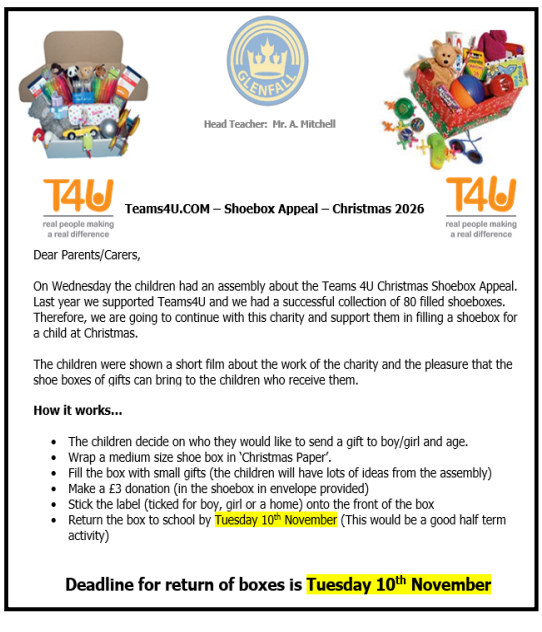

If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child's school is entitled to extra funding.
So even if you don't want your child to take a free meal, you should still apply to make sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled - helping them provide your child with the 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
Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL


Public Health England
NHS
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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Helping to protect children, every winter


OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMPS
CHARLTON KINGS JUNIOR SCHOOL
SCHOOL YEARS 2-6
9AM-3PM
£20 PER DAY
TUESDAY 27TH
WEDNESDAY 28TH
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Make storytime more fun!
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Parent and Carer Book Groups
Join Cheltenham Festivals for our free, friendly Family Book Group, designed especially for parents and carers of children aged 3–6 years.
This is a year-long programme and the sessions build on one another throughout the year. As spaces are limited, please only book a place if you are able to attend the majority of sessions.
A free children's book to take home each month
Fun and practical storytelling ideas
Friendly, informal discussions with other parents and carers
Support and encouragement to help make reading a positive part of family life
Simple activities to enjoy together
Oakwood Children's Centre
Session dates:
Tuesday 20 October
Tuesday 24 November
Tuesday 15 December
Tuesday 26 January
Tuesday 23 February
Tuesday 23 March
Tuesday 27 April
Tuesday 25 May
Tuesday 22 June
Tuesday 27 July
August tbc
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Aspire FOUNDATION


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2ND NOV - 18TH DEC
Invent It!
BIOMIMICRY
MONDAY & TUESDAY
15:45PM UNTIL 17:00PM
ART-K, CHARLTON KINGS
In this hands-on STEM challenge, we'll take a closer look at the amazing world of the woodlouse.
Using biomimicry, we'll take inspiration from the woodlouse to design and build our very own fully functioning robotic insect.
Ever wondered how the humble woodlouse moves and senses its environment?
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Teamwork
Small groups
Safe, supervised environment
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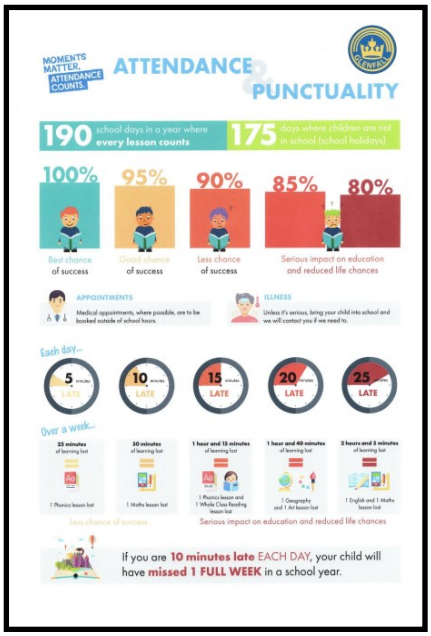

GLENFALL
Head Teacher: Mr. A. Mitchell
T4U
real people making a real difference
Teams4U.COM – Shoebox Appeal – Christmas 2026
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Dear Parents/Carers,
On Wednesday the children had an assembly about the Teams 4U Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Last year we supported Teams4U and we had a successful collection of 80 filled shoeboxes. Therefore, we are going to continue with this charity and support them in filling a shoebox for a child at Christmas.
The children were shown a short film about the work of the charity and the pleasure that the shoe boxes of gifts can bring to the children who receive them.
How it works...
The children decide on who they would like to send a gift to boy/girl and age.
Wrap a medium size shoe box in 'Christmas Paper'.
Fill the box with small gifts (the children will have lots of ideas from the assembly)
Make a £3 donation (in the shoebox in envelope provided)
Stick the label (ticked for boy, girl or a home) onto the front of the box
Return the box to school by Tuesday 10th November (This would be a good half term activity)
Deadline for return of boxes is Tuesday 10th November


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Soft play
Mondays and Wednesdays
Under 4's only
9:30am - 10:15am
10:30am - 11:15am
11:30am - 12:15pm
SEND soft play sessions
Under 8's only
1pm - 1:45pm
2pm - 2:45pm
Sensory room
Mondays and Wednesdays
Under 4's only
9:30am - 10:15am
10:30am - 11:15am
11:30am - 12:15pm
SEND sensory room sessions
Under 8's only
1pm - 1:45pm
2pm - 2:45pm
Scan to book your space









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





