



Glenfall News

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

2nd October 2026



A word from the head.....

As you can see from the photographs on this page it has been a busy start to the year!

Today, children from Y2 - Y6 had an author visit from Jon Lock & Nich Angell (Author and illustrator of Tiny Hercules). The session was an interactive draw along session and the children found out about the writing, illustrating and editing process that goes into creating a comic strip book. The children were captivated by Jon and Nich who will also be at the Cheltenham Literature Festival later on in the month.

The children in Y3 & Y4 enjoyed an exciting trip to Cadbury World to launch this terms topic (or was it to just eat chocolate?) They found out about the history of chocolate going all the way back to the Aztecs and also found out how chocolate is made today at the Cadbury factory in Birmingham.

Y5 & Y6 visited the amazing Tutankhamun Immersive Exhibition at the NEC. The children were fully immersed in Ancient Egypt and also got to use VR headsets to be Howard Carter exploring the tomb of Tutankhamun.

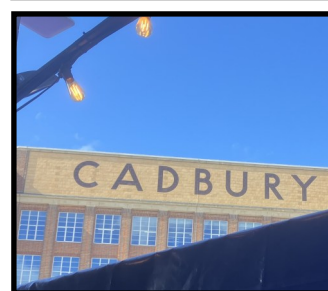
Y6 also went away to Culmington Manor for the week for their residential visit. It was a very full week of adventure activities enjoyed by the whole group. Over the 5 days they experienced 19 adventurous activities including: kayaking, climbing, abseiling, zip-line, underground maze, rifle shooting archery, axe throwing, grass sledging and many others. They all came back to school thoroughly exhausted, as were the staff.

The rest of the school are now fully into their new routines and the reception children are now in full-time and have settled exceptionally well.

On Friday 9th October we look forward to welcoming you into school to share in our Harvest Celebration. You will have received an email detailing the arrangements for the morning and also making suggestions for the harvest collection.

On Monday 5th October from 07:30 you will be able to book your appointments for the upcoming Parent Teacher Meetings on 13th and 15th October.

Have a great weekend
Anthony Mitchell





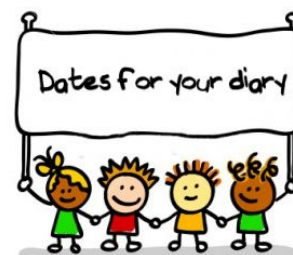
Academic Year 2026 -2027 - View dates [here](#)

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
- 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

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



ROAD CLOSURE: Glenfall Way - 19 October

Please see below message from Highways Gloucestershire County Council. Please note: CKPC is not responsible for these works, but we'll continue sharing updates as we receive them.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE C98 GLENFALL WAY (CHARLTON KINGS PARISH)

Gloucestershire County Council, as traffic authority intend to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to temporarily close part of the C98 Glenfall Way from its junction with Hartlebury Way to its junction with Reaburn Close for a distance of approximately 150 metres. The reason for the closure is for tree maintenance.

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

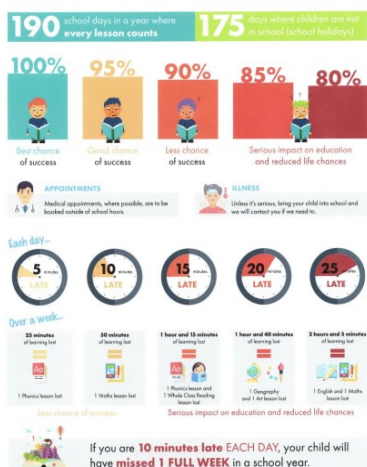
- Sinusitis** (adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throat** (adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- Earache** (children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- Infected insect bite** (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- Impetigo** (adults and children aged 1 year and 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/Venar
Head lice	Tenidol
Threadworms	Sigapack

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrcs.de/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	Chilli con Carne	Chicken Pie	Swampy Pasta Bake	Salmonid Pie
Onion	Vegetarian Chili	Vegetarian Pie	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake	Potato Pudding
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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





Apply online for

FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website www.goucestershire.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.



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



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



OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMPS

CHARLTON KINGS JUNIOR SCHOOL

**SCHOOL YEARS 2-6
9AM-3PM**

£20 PER DAY

**TUESDAY 27TH
WEDNESDAY 28TH**



SCAN ME

IG @MHFOOTBALLCOACHING



MATTHOLDAWAYFC@GMAIL.COM

Make storytime more fun!

FREE

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

Friendly, informal discussions with other parents and carers

Simple activities to enjoy together

Fun and practical storytelling ideas

Support and encouragement to help make reading a positive part of family life

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



Book your place by scanning the QR code