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Issue No 4

Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM MRS MILES

Dear Parents,

After an epic eight week term, we are all ready for the half term holiday. It has been so lovely to see so many of you at our Parents' Evenings this week. It is a great opportunity for teachers to share with you how well they have settled into their classes and the progress they have made, like you, we think that they are all superstars.

Our first Spotlight is in this newsletter and this month Mrs Champion is sharing everything that has been happening in our Forest School.

On the first Friday of next term, Friday 7th November, we are having our 'Outside Achievement' assembly. If your child has something that they would like to share, can they bring it into class when we return from the half term holiday.

A big thank you to FOTS for organising our Halloween cake sale and please keep Friday 5th December free for the FOTS Christmas Fair.


Have a lovely half term break with family and friends.


Best wishes,

Mrs Miles

Class Dojo Award

| Class | 17.10.25 | 24.10.25 | Half Term Hero |
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| Nursery | Cooper K Ronnie | Evelyn Indy | Harriet BL Vasileios |
| RA | Albie Benjamin | Riley Blakely | Tabitha |
| 1/2A | Eliza Ariyan | Tilly Miks | Jessica |
| 1/2B | Imogen Joshua | Cleo Lilly | Yusr |
| 1/2C | Willoughby Arthur | Rafferty Grace | Lilly-Louise |
| 3/4A | Toby Amelia | Tilan Lily | Harry |
| 3/4B | AJ Austin | Clover Kayler | Natalia |
| 3/4C | Emily Antonina | Skyler Lula | Gwilym |
| 5/6A | Jack Zoey | Abigail Daisy | Emily |
| 5/6B | Jacob B Harry D | Camilla Caesar | Isabelle |
| 5/6C | Harry Flo | Hawa Brooke | Flo |

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| W/E 24.10.25 | | | | |
| Greatest improvement in accuracy over the past 2 weeks | | | | |
| Years 1 & 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| 1. Oze 2. Lily-Louise 3. Willoughby | 1. Lily 2. Amber 3. Tavinya | 1. Kyrn 2. Zachary 3. Amelia | 1. Albie 2. Thiago 3. Sean | 1. Jack 2. Tymofii 3. Logan |
| Whole school top 3: 1. Oze 2. Lily-Louise 3. Jack | | Greatest improvement this half term: 1. Amy-Mercy 2. Oze 3. Lily-Louise | | |

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| W/E 24.10.25 | | | | |
| Accelerated Reader Word Count (Every quiz passed adds to the cumulative word count) | | | | |
| Bronze 100,000 words | Silver 250,000 Words | Gold 500,000 Words | Platinum 750,000 Words | Diamond 1,000,000 Words |
| Florence U Emily H Oscar Sienna Tilan Gwilym Ed | Florence U Austin Jacob B Tyler N Ed Harry D | Shahraan | | Brooke |
| Words read by the whole school this half term: 9,487,251 | | | | |

Spotlight on Forest School

What is Forest School?



Forest School practise originated in Scandinavia and it encourages children to utilise outside space in order to learn, develop and play.

The main ethos of Forest School is that is child-centred and child-led, meaning that during Forest School sessions children are in charge of their learning and can decide how and when they learn. Another huge focus in Forest School is

collaboration with other children and understanding how best to work together to achieve goals. This can include, making dens, retelling their own stories using the story area, bug hunting, classifying natural materials and so much more.



Forest School at Cirencester Primary

Here are Cirencester Primary we are incredibly lucky to have such an amazing Forest School area, which includes a sheltered mud kitchen, indoor classroom and vast outdoor space to explore. I am currently completing Forest School Leadership training and over the next

academic year am going to develop the area and start to provide children

with Forest School sessions. Every child this year will take part in

Forest School sessions with myself to develop their relationships

with others and learn how to respect the area and nature. On

top of this we are also host Forest School nurture sessions, to

selected children. The Forest School area is also open every day

for children to enjoy during lunchtime.



Please help..

We are developing the Forest School area and the resources in the space. Please see below a list of resources, outdoor wear and equipment that we need. If you have anything that your child has outgrown/you do not use anymore but is in good condition we would be incredibly grateful if you could donate.

- Wellies
- Waterproof Jackets
- Waterproof trousers
- Winter hats
- Gloves
- Wooden spoons
- Metal pots and pans
- Plastic flower pots
- Gardening utensils



Dates for 2025/26

November

Monday 3rd

First day of term 2

WB 10th

Anti-bullying week

Tuesday 11th

Churn Coffee morning 8.50am – 10.30am

Friday 14th

Children in Need

Monday 17th

Art and Reading Day

Wednesday 19th

EYFS open morning

WB 24th

Last week of clubs

Tuesday 25th

Churn Coffee morning 8.50am – 10.30am

Wednesday 26th

Individual school photos

December

Friday 5th

FOTS Christmas Fair 3.15pm - 5.30pm

Monday 8th

Pantivity at the Baptist Church KS2 1.30pm

Tuesday 9th

EYFS production to school 9.30am and to parents 2.30pm

Tuesday 9th

Churn Coffee morning 8.50am – 10.30am

Wednesday 10th

EYFS production to parents 9.30am

Thursday 11th

Christmas Discos in hall: EYFS 2.15pm-3.00pm (classroom), Y1/2 3.30pm-4.15pm, Y3/4 4.15pm-5.15pm, Y5/6 5.15pm-6.15pm

Tuesday 16th

2pm KS1 Christingle

Wednesday 17th

Christmas lunch and jumpers

Thursday 18th

Last day of term 1.15pm finish.

Friday 19th

INSET day

** KS2 carol concert TBC

Parking

We have received complaints from the school's neighbours regarding inconsiderate and often illegal parking by parents accessing the school in the mornings and the afternoons, including parking on the zig-zag lines outside school. Please walk to school wherever possible as not only is this a healthy way to get some exercise, but it supports the local community with congestion. In addition, it is better for the environment.

Thank you in advance.

General Information and Updates

Bikes and Scooters – Please can you remind your child these should not be ridden on the school site.

Naming school uniform - We have lots of uniform without names on, we cannot return items if we do not know whose it is. Please can you name (even if it is with a biro), your child's name or initials.

Sickness – Please can we remind parents that a child that has had sickness or diarrhoea should not return to school or nursery until 48 hours after the last incident.

Headlice – Please check your child/ren's hair regularly for headlice and treat immediately if necessary. Supermarket own brand conditioner and a headlice comb should remove the lice.

Parent Pay - A kind reminder to all families that we are a zero-debt policy school, please ensure that your school dinner balances are topped up.

Dear Parents

Supporting children as they develop a love of reading and build essential literacy skills.

Whether you can spare an hour a week or a little more, your time can make a big difference! Volunteers will work with small groups or individual students, helping them practice reading, improve confidence, and enjoy stories together in a fun and relaxed environment. **No teaching experience is required**—just a love for reading and a willingness to encourage young learners in.

If you are interested in volunteering, please leave your details with the school office. We truly appreciate your support and look forward to welcoming you into our reading community.



MURAL ART WORKSHOP

HELP DESIGN OUR NEW COMMUNITY MURAL!
WORK ALONGSIDE A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST

SHARE YOUR IDEAS, CREATIVITY, AND DESIGNS
COME ALONG TO OUR FIRST SESSION

29TH OCTOBER 2025
DROP IN FROM 11AM-4PM
THE OLD DEPARTMENT STORE,
29-35 MARKET PLACE, CIRENCESTER, GL7 2NX.

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SANTA FUN RUN

5K OR 1K CHARITY FUN RUN

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 10.30AM
ABBAY GROUNDS, CIRENCESTER

Run, walk or jog
Festive costumes encouraged!

Book your place:
churnprojectsantarun.eventbrite.co.uk
Or email events@thechurn.org.uk



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Nature Nurtures
Free nature sessions at Robinswood Hill




Join our FREE sessions, running after school for 8 weeks at Robinswood Hill Country Park in Gloucester. The sessions are designed to get children struggling with low level mental health issues, learning about nature and meeting new people.

Contact Katie at Gloucestershire Wildlife trust to find out more and sign up: katie.hall@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk


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| Ages 5 - 7 Thursdays 4 - 6pm 30th October - 18th December 2025 | Ages 8 - 11 Wednesdays 4 - 6pm 29th October - 17 th December 2025 | Ages 11 - 15 Tuesday 4.30 - 6.30pm 28 th October - 16 th December 2025 |
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Thank you to the NHS, our local community and business for making this project possible.






Cirencester History Festival


HALF TERM FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY - COME & JOIN US!

WALKS & TOURS  COOKERY

WORKSHOPS  CRAFTING

TALKS  DRESSING UP



 full programme at cirencesterhistoryfestival.org




Stay, Play & Learn Sessions- Cirencester

Spend quality time playing, creating and exploring with your child in a nurturing and child-friendly environment.

Healthy snack provided!

No need to book- just drop in!
 The Impact Centre, 47 Lewis Lane, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1EB

Follow us on Facebook:



- All sessions are FREE!
- Every Friday 10am to 12pm
- Ages 0-5 years

For more information please contact Yvonne at: yvonne.neubauer@family-action.org.uk or 07345 731992

Or call 07900 718974

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Be a Star and donate a gift



Could you help us make Christmas special for those who may have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning?

At The Salvation Army in Cirencester, we have the privilege to provide Christmas presents for children in Cirencester and the surrounding areas.

This is only possible through the kindness of those who either give a gift or donate money towards our Christmas Present Appeal.

On behalf of those who will benefit from your kindness, Thank you.

Should you want to make a financial contribution, please use the QR code




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Design a superhero to fight climate change

What superpowers will they have?
 What gadgets will they use?

- ★ Age 4 and up
- ★ £50 vouchers prize for child and cash for their school
- ★ Painting, poster, photograph or model

Visit gloucestershirefw.co.uk for Terms



October Half Term fun



Kids Stuff Cirencester will be hosting craft tables and activities throughout the October Half Term holidays: 27th October - 31st October



Monday 27th October

Crafts with Janet - Autumn Themed | 10:30am-12:30pm

This is a relaxed session held in our play-area, aimed at pre-school children to try their hand at colouring and painting, led by the lovely Janet. No booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Offered Pay-as-you-can.



Meet Bluey - 11am-12pm

Bluey is coming to Town this half term! We have a very special visitor arriving at 11am Monday to meet & greet our little friends in our open Play area. don't miss out on the opportunity to meet Bluey the Mascot from Lauren's Party Characters!



Tuesday 28th October

Kids Stuff Craft - Minecraft & Creepers | 10:30am-12:30pm

Kids Stuff morning craft table. Make and create Minecraft and creeper characters. No booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 3-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.



Drama Tots - Halloween themed | 2-2:40pm

Drama Tots are back with a high energy, interactive and fun Halloween themed session aimed at children age 18 months to 5 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.



Wednesday 29th October

Kids Stuff Craft - Pumpkin Craft | 10:30am-12:30pm

Kids Stuff morning craft table. Pumpkin Craft. No booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 3-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.



Thursday 30th October

Kids Stuff Craft - Autumn Wreath | 10am-12:30pm

Kids Stuff morning craft table. Make and create an Autumn Wreath. No booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 3-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.



Active Tots by Sportily | 10:30am-12:30pm

Active Tots by Sportily will be hosting a session in our play-area. Get ready for fun and adventure at this active session for 1-4 year old children. Pre-Book at www.bookwhen.com/sportily



Friday 31st October

Kids Stuff Messy Play - Halloween Themed | 10am-12pm

Join this Messy sensory session with our activities lead Rosie. Aimed at 3-8 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.



Halloween Colouring Competition | Deadline 31st October

Join in our October Halloween Colouring Competition. Simply drop off your spooky A4 drawing to the Kids Stuff Shop by 31st October. Please include Name, Age and Parent/carer contact details on the back. For a chance to win a £5 Kids Stuff Gift Card to use in our circular shop.



Offered: Pay-As-You-Can

Which means if you have enjoyed being with us and you can, please pop a donation in the pot, at the till or online on our donation page. This means we can provide more sessions to support local families. Thank you!

Some events booking required please check full schedule at www.cirencesterkidsstuff.org.uk/activities
*Activities subject to change. *Children must be supervised.

The Long Table will be providing Pay-as-you-can Kids Packed Lunches throughout the October Half Term Holidays.

Lunchtimes daily, 12-2:30pm

All event details here: www.cirencesterkidsstuff.org.uk
Find us at: 29-35 Market Pl, Cirencester GL7 2NX




7th Cirencester Brownie pack have spaces!

We meet at St Lawrence Church Hall, Chesterton Thursday's 6.30 - 7.45pm

Brownies

Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.

Email us on: brownies_7cirencester@outlook.com



Girlguiding



PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS

October Half Term
Cirencester
St Michael's Park,
GL7 1JT
Friday 31st October 2025
10am - 4pm

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With thanks to Cirencester Town Council for funding these sessions




Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come & go as they please.

Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by an adult.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional support to enjoy Play Rangers.

We welcome disabled children & their families.

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Transforming lives through the power of play
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