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# Newsletter



## MESSAGE FROM MRS MILES

Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a great curriculum day for all our children with our Art and Reading day, thank you so much to our Art Lead Mrs Mitchell-Hooper and our Reading Lead Mr Morris for organising this day. This is featured in the second of our monthly spotlight newsletters which is on Art & DT this month.

We have had a great response to our EYFS 2026 Open Morning sessions with over 40 parents visiting our school. If you know of anyone who would like to visit our school, please ask them to get in touch with our school office.

This is our last week of school run clubs and I would like to thank staff for giving up their time to organise a range of activities across the school.

On Friday 5th December we have our FOTS Christmas Fair, a big thank to FOTS for all they are doing to organise this event and thank you for all of the contributions, a well-deserved non-uniform day. We look forward to see you at this festive event.

Thank you so much for supporting our Children In Need day, we raised a total of £174 for good causes.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Miles

## Class Dojo Award

Class	21.11.25	28.11.25
Nursery	Evelyn Meadow	Marley Mack
RA	George Evie	Alaia Zachary
1/2A	Jacob Evie B	Elsbeth Arthur
1/2B	Nathan Anaiah	Mia Remi
1/2C	Coen Finley	Amy-Mercy Florence
3/4A	Jacob Theo	Reggie H Alex N
3/4B	Zach Ella	Thiirthaa Sofia
3/4C	Indiana Kayden	Goutham Lenny
5/6A	Talia Ed	Abhijit Evelyn
5/6B	Percy Tymofii	Jacob G Tianna
5/6C	Mya Lucy	Ava W J.J.

		W/E 28.11.25				
		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		
Louis Aissa Autumn Henry Harper Isabelle	Gwilym Abigail Nithesh Elsa	Florence U Tyler N				

		W/E 28.11.25				
		Biggest improvement in accuracy over the past 2 weeks				
Years 1 & 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
1. Mason 2. Inuja 3. Oliver	1. Tavinya 2. Gwilym 3. Jasmine	1. Indiana 2. Tilan 3. Macey	1. Shakraan 2. Kiera 3. Holly	1. Nathaniel 2. Samuel 3. Dillon		
<b>Whole school top 3:</b> 1. Tavinya 2. Nathaniel 3. Mason						

## Dates for 2025/26

### December

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	FOTS Christmas Fair 3.15pm - 5.30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pantivity at the Baptist Church KS2 1.30pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS production to school 9.30am and to parents 2.30pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Churn Coffee morning 8.50am – 10.30am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS production to parents 9.30am
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	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 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am KS1 Christingle, Holy Trinity Church Watermoor 2pm Y5/6 Carol Concert, Holy Trinity Church Watermoor
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas lunch and jumpers 2pm Y3/4 Carol Concert, Holy Trinity Church Watermoor
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term 1.15pm finish.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day

## **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.

Information from our Early Help team in Gloucestershire

- The **Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF)** returns this winter with lots of fun activities and delicious food available for children and families from 20 December to 4 January. Please see poster attached. Bookings open from midday on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. [Holiday Activities and Food Programme](#)
- We have also received information from an organisation called **Believe in Beyond**. A woman only service aimed at supporting over 18s with impacts of historic sexual/domestic abuse where trauma is having an ongoing impact for them and their families. Further details can be found here: [Believe In Beyond CIC – Just another WordPress site](#). Self-referrals are welcome and are advised to email [believeinbeyondcic@gmail.com](mailto:believeinbeyondcic@gmail.com) to get in touch.
- **‘Of course We Can’ Winter Event** - The wonderfully festive ‘Of Course We Can’ Winter Wonderland is back!  
The event is ideal for families that may struggle to attend busy Santa experiences. They can meet Santa and real reindeers or donkeys and get involved in festive activities in a relaxed environment. All the details are on the ‘You’re Welcome’ listing here: <https://yourewelcomeglos.org/events/winter-wonderland-2/>
- **Transitions PPP parenting**  
We have some spaces available on our upcoming **Family Transitions course**. This course is designed for **separated or divorced parents who are experiencing conflict**. Please see the attached flyer for more details.  
**Important:** Both parents can attend, but they will need to attend **separate courses**.

Please contact Mrs Baggus on [ceribaggus@cirencester-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ceribaggus@cirencester-pri.gloucs.sch.uk) or Mrs Walsh on [cwalsh@cirencester-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:cwalsh@cirencester-pri.gloucs.sch.uk) if you feel a referral to this service would benefit you and we will complete this with you.

<b>Course title</b>	Family Transitions	
<b>Start and end dates</b>	3rd December	14th January
<b>Start and end times</b>	16:00	18:00

Session details		
Session number/ break details	Date	Notes (e.g. Teams/Phone call/Break)
Session 1	3rd December	Online Microsoft Teams
Session 2	10th December	Online Microsoft Teams
Session 3	17th December	Online Microsoft Teams
Christmas break		
Session 4	7th January	Online Microsoft Teams
Session 5	14th January	Online Microsoft Teams



# Family Transitions Triple P

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program® knows all parents have different needs. That's why Triple P has many different ways for you to get your parenting help. So you can choose what suits you and your family best.

#### Who is this for?

Parents who are divorced or separated (with children and/or teenagers)

#### Triple P can help you

- encourage behaviour you like
- deal with problem behaviour
- become confident as a parent
- be realistic about parenting
- take care of yourself

#### Is this you?

You're divorced or separated. Your child is caught in the middle. You may have problems with your extended family, your new partner or your ex. Holidays and birthday cause arguments. You may be concerned about your finances. And you're worried about the impact this is all having on your child's behaviour and emotions. If this sounds familiar, Family Transitions Triple P can help.

#### What is Family Transitions Triple P?

Family Transitions is a group parenting programme for divorced or separated parents. It gives you new ways to help protect your child – and yourself – from the fallout from a family split.

#### What happens at Family Transitions Triple P?

At Family Transitions sessions, you meet other parents going through many of the problems that come with divorce or separation. Your Family Transitions Triple P provider will give you new ideas, techniques and strategies to help you through the day-to-day dramas and ongoing trauma of your situation. These ideas can help you cope with stress, anger and change, resolve conflict, and communicate better with your ex.

Throughout the sessions, you'll also watch the *Family Transitions* DVD, which shows how other parents have used the ideas to help their families. And you'll also receive the *Family Transitions Workbook* to support you as you put your new ideas into practice.

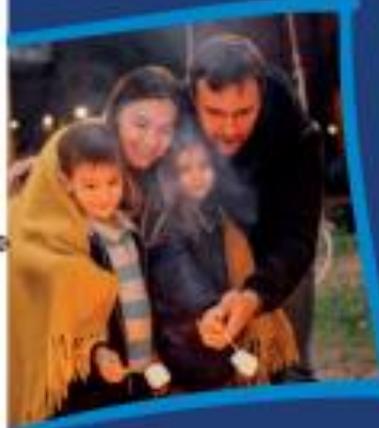
#### How long does it take?

There are five weekly sessions of two hours each. After the five sessions, it's recommended you also do a Group or Standard Triple P programme. This will give you a broader range of positive parenting ideas that can help you calmly manage other behaviour and parenting issues in the home. When you're finished, you'll feel confident you're doing everything you can for your child.

#### Does my ex-partner need to attend with me?

No. Family Transitions is not a mediation programme so you should attend on your own or, if you want support, with your new partner. If your ex-partner wants to do Family Transitions, you should attend separate groups.

# Are you ready for Winter HAF?



**Winter HAF returns this winter holidays  
with bookings open on 1 December**

Make sure you're ready to book!  
Scan the QR code and keep your details up to date.  
Visit <https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf>



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# SPOTLIGHT ON ART AND DT



## Art and Reading Day

Last Monday, children across our school enjoyed a wonderful Art and Reading Day filled with creativity, imagination, and storytelling.



The day began with beautifully curated still-life displays set up in each classroom. These magical tabletop scenes (filled with colourful fabrics, shells, plants, unusual ornaments, storybooks, and textured objects) were designed to spark curiosity and inspire observational drawing. Children gathered around the displays, sketching the shapes, patterns, and details they noticed. Many of the still-life objects linked to familiar stories, helping pupils make imaginative connections between visual art and the narratives they love.





Throughout the day, classes listened to magical story extracts, from *The BFG* to *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, *Rainbow Fish*, and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*; they drew the pictures that formed in their imaginations as they listened. It was fantastic to see how confidently the children experimented with different artistic techniques, from collage and watercolour to felt-tip and pencil illustrations.



The children took such care in designing and creating the pages for their very own *mini storybooks*. They planned their pages, illustrating each scene, and adding thoughtful details to bring their stories to life. From dreamy watercolour backgrounds to carefully drawn characters and collaged detail, every book is completely unique. These books will soon take pride of place in our school library for everyone to enjoy.





We finished the day with a gallery walk, all children go to see the work that had been produced by each class. It was a real highlight, with pupils proudly sharing and celebrating each other's work.

Our Art and Reading Day was a joyful day of creativity, reading, and artistic expression. Well done to all our talented young illustrators!



## Design and Technology!

Over the past few terms, our Year 1 and Year 2 children have been fully engaged in a range of exciting Design and Technology activities. Their focus has been on Cooking and Nutrition, where they have explored what it means to make healthy choices.



The children have been learning to identify which foods are healthy and which are less beneficial for their bodies. Through discussions about the Eatwell Plate, they now understand the five main food groups: fruit and vegetables, carbohydrates, protein, dairy and alternatives, and oils and spreads. They have also learnt how much of each food group is needed to maintain a balanced diet and healthy lifestyle.

The children also learned about the importance of safety and good hygiene when preparing food, including the essential step of washing their hands thoroughly. Year 1 and Year 2 then put these skills into practice as they developed their chopping, peeling, and rolling techniques to create a fruit tart.

Their fantastic creations were very colourful and we're sure they were absolutely delicious! Here are some photos showcasing their hard work and creativity.



In Design and Technology, our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils have been busy designing and making their very own bird souvenirs as part of their Design and Textiles unit. The children learned and applied the over stitch technique to join two pieces of fabric together, showing great concentration and creativity. Many were especially excited to add extra detail by sewing and securing buttons onto their birds.



Their creations are wonderfully unique and full of character — let's take a look at some of their fantastic work!



# Christmas Disco!

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Entry £2** (yr1 – Yr6) Price includes squash and biscuits.

Please give your money to your class teacher by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Sweets available to buy (max £1 per child). Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes before your disco start/end time.

Year	Time	Notes
EYFS	2.00 – 3.00 pm	Please bring disco clothes to school with you in a named bag. Collection as normal.
Yr 1&2	3.15 – 4.15 pm	Please bring disco clothes to school with you in a named bag. Collection from pupil entrance.
Yr 3 & 4	4.15 – 5.15 pm	Drop off at main entrance. Collection from pupil entrance.
Yr 5&6	5.15 – 6.15 pm	

**Please collect your child and exit promptly so that the following disco can start on time.**

**All children must be collected by an adult. No children will be allowed to walk home on their own.**

**NO MOBILE PHONES.**

## What's On This Festive Season!

### Lights, Feasts and Fire Trail

Tue 2 Dec - Sun 4 Jan

A festive museum trail exploring global winter traditions through creative challenges, stories, and seasonal fun for all ages.

£2 per trail

### Winter Windows

Tue 2 Dec - Sun 4 Jan

A magical Christmas display of over 1,000 pupil-made cardboard windows, celebrating light, warmth, and winter traditions at the Museum of Gloucester.

Free!

### For parents only!

### Art After Hours: Retro Christmas Decorations

Fri 5 Dec, 6pm-7pm

Adults-only workshop to craft vintage-style Christmas ornaments with a nostalgic twist.

£12 per person - hot drink included with ticket price!

### Make Your Mark

On until Sun 7 Dec

Help create a bold, collaborative tape artwork in the Museum of Gloucester's gallery - a free, evolving installation celebrating creativity and community.

Free - donations welcome

### Ghosts & Giggles: Family Tour of Haunted Gloucester

Fri 12 Dec, 5pm-7pm

A family-friendly ghost tour uncovering Gloucester's haunted history, from museum mysteries to eerie ruins and hidden halls.

Child: £10 | Adult: £15

### Brick Builders Club: Christmas Building!

Sat 13 Dec, 10am-1pm

Drop-in LEGO sessions for kids aged 5+. No rules, just brick-tastic fun!

£3 per child - adults go free!

### Medieval Mercenary Tour of Eastgate Chamber

Sat 13 Dec & Wed 31 Dec, 2pm-3pm

Join Sir Miles for an underground tour of the Eastgate chamber, uncovering its history, myths, and medieval superstitions.

Adult: £7.50 | Child: £5 | Family: £25

### Cracker Creations

Sat 20 Dec, 10am-1pm

A festive kids' workshop where young makers craft unique, eco-friendly Christmas crackers filled with surprises and seasonal creativity.

£3.50 per child - adults go free!

### Glorious Glevum Tour

Tue 30 Dec, 2pm-3pm

Explore Roman Glevum with Lucius Sita, a guided tour revealing the city's history, hidden treasures, and life as an auxiliary soldier.

Adult: £7.50 | Child: £5 | Family: £25

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## Introducing Ciren tinys



Does your little one want to give rugby a go?

Come and join our friendly club, and get a great first rugby experience!

10 - 10:45 on Sunday mornings.

Open to children aged 3+.

Fully trained and DBS checked coaches.

Free of charge for this season!

