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Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM MRS MILES

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have been busy celebrating the festive season as a school with the Nursery and EYFS Nativity, Carol Services, the choir taking part in carol services and our Christmas Discos. I would like to say a massive thank you to all of the staff for everything they do especially at this busy time of year in addition to all of the teaching and learning. Thank you to the FOTS for the Christmas Fayre and all the planning and events that are organised to support the school.

To all of you, thank you for all of your support and for the presents and cards that we have received.

Have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and all the best for 2026!

Best wishes,

Mrs Miles

LOOK WHO'S TALKING! 2026

An Oracy Competition for Gloucestershire's Infant, Junior and Primary Schools

Our school is very excited to be taking part in the 'Look Who's Talking!' competition, along with lots of other schools in Gloucestershire!

'Look Who's Talking' is a competition that shines the spotlight on oracy across all of Gloucestershire's primary schools.

The aim of the competition is to celebrate the voices of all children from the ages of 6 to 11 years old. It encourages children to **talk about topics that matter most to them** and share this with others.

ANY pupil who would like to enter, can!

FIRST- Select a topic you could talk confidently about, **aiming for 2 minutes**.

Over Christmas have a think if you would like to take part and what you would like to talk about.

Practise presenting it to your friends or family at home.


You can use any props to help you.


You cannot use a power point or technology.

We are going to have more information on the first day of term and will have heats for each phase at lunchtimes over the first week of term.

Class Dojo Award

Class	05.12.25	18.12.25	Half term hero autumn 2	Sports champions
Nursery	Yousuf Lawson	Arielle Delila	Kainen Page M	
RA	Kenzie Rory	Whole class	Kayla	
1/2A	Willow Oscar	Dharshan Jaxson	Harper	Jenna
1/2B	Ozeias Christopher	Adelina Makenzie	Mason	Yusr
1/2C	Lilly-Louise Harper	Felix Maddison	Bella	Coen
3/4A	Ithal	Rosie Hridhaan	Amber	Jacob
3/4B	Sam Kisha	Olivia Sahasra	Macey	Kate
3/4C	Esme Elliot	Nathan Jasmin Ra	Avilyn	Zlata
5/6A	Autumn Harley	Lauren Charlie H	Abigail	Brakan
5/6B	Lorenzo Poppy	Claudia Matty	McKenzie	Elsa
5/6C	Ava D Eldin	Sean Callum	Teddy	Freddie

 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. Nathan 2. Oze 3. Adam	1. Alexander A 2. Imogen 3. Hridhaan	1. Amelia S 2. Alby 3. Noah	1. Sean 2. Caesar 3. Mckenzie	1. Charlie 2. Mya 3. Matty
Whole school top 3: 1. Nathan B 2. Sean 3. Alexander A		Greatest improvement this half term: 1. Arlyan 2. Nathan 3. Ivan		

 W/E 17.12.25 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
Ivan Arshadh Kiera Finley R Poppy C Leen Kaleb Aamina J.J.	Tilan Harlet Leen Slenna	Austin Ablgall Harry D Jacob B	Shahraan Josh Florence U Harry D	Josh

Dates for 2025/26

December

Thursday 18th

Friday 19th

Last day of term 1.15pm finish.

INSET day

January

Monday 5th

Tuesday 13th

Thursday 15th

Week beginning 19th

Week beginning 26th

Pupils return to school

Whole school pantomime – Sleeping Beauty

Young Voices, Birmingham

Clubs begin

Y5 Bikeability

February

Wednesday 4th

Friday 6th

Week beginning 9th

Tuesday 10th

Friday 13th

Monday 23rd

School nurse in for YR and Y6

NSPCC Number Day

Y1/2 production

Safer Internet Day

Last day of Term 3

First day of Term 4

March

Tuesday 3rd

Thursday 5th

Friday 6th

W/B 9th

W/B 16th

Thursday 19th

Friday 20th

Tuesday 24th

Wednesday 25th

Friday 27th

In the Net performance Y4

World Book Day

Y5/6 netball tournament

Mock SATS week

Last week of clubs

Art and Geography Day

Comic Relief

Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm

Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5pm

Last day of Term 4 – 1.15pm finish

Cirencester Primary School FOTS Christmas Fair

Total raised was an
incredible £2625.60!!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the recent Christmas Fair – we were so pleased to see so many people there despite the rainy weather. A very special thank you to our FOTS Chair, Clare, and her team for all of the hard work which went into planning and running this event for our school community – we are very grateful to you all! Also, thank you to all of the staff who helped out on stalls and to the children for the wonderful items which they made to be sold. Another huge thank you to all of the companies in the community who donated prizes for our Christmas Raffle, we really do appreciate it.

Kings Head Hotel	Jessie Smith
Decimal	Cotswold Wildlife Park
The organic farm shop	Barn Theatre
Reds Hair & Beauty	Stratton House Hotel
Dobbies	Birdland
Dobbies	Corinium Museum
Bingham Hall	Fairytale Farm
La Passione	Mighty Oaks
Friar Tuck	Sheep & Chic
Cotswold Airport	Little Centurions
Knead	The De Vere Hotel
Cooks	Jungle
	Slimbridge

In other news: Our
Halloween cake sale
raised £202 and we are
now a registered charity!

Cirencester Primary School Sensory garden

One of the school projects which FOTS have supported over the last year is our amazing new sensory garden which was build over the past few months. FOTS donated £3,400 towards this project and we were extremely lucky to receive the fabulous water feature and materials free of charge thanks to the generosity of Scott Thorne at Serenscapes, Toby Hutchins at Aquascape and Tori Walker and Chris Reynolds at Landscape plus. A huge thank you to these people and a special thank you to Mr Reynolds who spent hours and hours building this amazing new provision for pupils to enjoy. This area will continue to evolve and we are looking forward to seeing it burst with colour and scents in the spring months.

Thank you to all of the school community for your support at events run by FOTS as this is one of the amazing school projects which have benefitted from these funds raised and would not have been possible without this contribution.



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.

SPOTLIGHT! Nursery

Autumn term has been so fun and very busy! We started the year learning through the different Mr. Men characters, then exploring the season Autumn, including Bonfire night and Remembrance Day. In November, we loved Nursery Rhyme week and this term we have been preparing for Christmas! We have been decorating the classroom and last week performed our Christmas play to our family and friends.



Learning about 2D shapes, colours and emotions through the different Mr. Men characters!



Fire work paintings and broccoli printed Autumn trees





Exploring Forest school and going into the hall for Fit Friday!

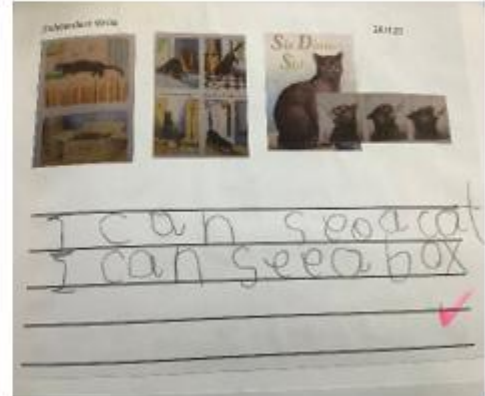


We have loved learning through nursery rhymes and getting ready for Christmas!



SPOTLIGHT! Reception

All the children in Reception have had a fantastic first couple of terms at school. They have enjoyed making new friends and building positive relationships. In Phonics, the children have been learning their sounds, and some can now independently write an "I can see..." sentence using their phonics knowledge.



The children loved bringing photographs of their pets into school while we explored stories based around different animals. One of their favourites was *Six Dinner Sid* - they found it hilarious that Sid managed to have not one, not two, but six dinners!



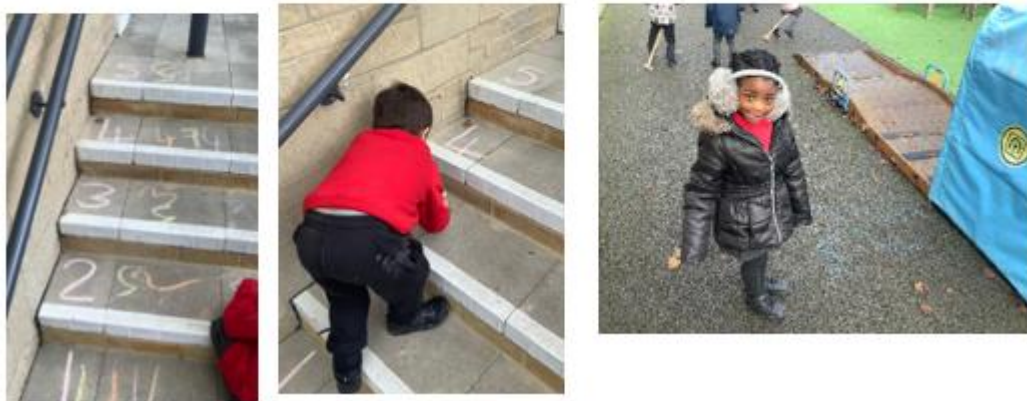
In Maths, the children have been counting up to twenty and exploring numbers up to ten in depth. They have learnt the importance of careful touch-counting and can recognise how many are in a set without needing to recount.



Art and Design is always popular in RA. The children enjoyed using paints, felt tips, and oil pastels to create wonderful pictures. During Art and Reading Day this term, they made some fantastic books and were incredibly proud of their creations.



RA have thoroughly enjoyed participating in PE and have developed a particular enthusiasm for 'Go Noodle' as a brain break, with the 'dinosaur stomp' proving especially popular. The children continue to show great excitement when accessing our outdoor area, where they confidently ride bikes, engage in imaginative play in the kitchen and use the large chalks to practise writing their names and numbers.



To help everyone feel festive over the last week, we have been busy making Christmas crafts, singing Christmas songs, and talking about what Christmas means to us and our families.

This term, the children listened to and acted out the Nativity story. They were all superstars when performing to the whole school and to family members. It was truly special to see their confidence blossom throughout their performances.



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Communication from Cirencester Kingshill School

Make a Difference – Join Our Board of Trustees

Cirencester Kingshill School is seeking an enthusiastic and committed individual to join our Board of Trustees on a voluntary basis. This is your chance to help shape the future of our students and ensure they receive the very best in education and well-being. As a Trustee, you will play a key role in guiding our vision and supporting our school community. This is a voluntary position, but the rewards are immeasurable – the opportunity to give back, influence positive change, and make a lasting impact on young lives. If you are passionate about education and want to make a real difference, we would love to hear from you.

Christmas Tree Recycling



In Partnership with Just Helping

Collections 10th -13th January
Registration Closes 6th January



Take the hassle out of disposing of your Christmas tree and have Longfield collect it for a voluntary donation. *

You will not only be helping reduce your carbon footprint but also supporting your community hospice providing Hospice at Home care and Wellbeing, Counselling and Bereavement Support for individuals facing a life-limiting condition.



*After costs, over 80% of monies raised will go to Longfield Community Hospice with around 13% going to Just Helping charity and over 5% to other local charities.

[just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](https://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree)
Registered Charity Number 298627



JOY

CHRISTMAS AT HOLY TRINITY WATERMOOR

CAROL SERVICE 14TH DEC 6PM

BLUE CHRISTMAS 20TH DEC 4:30PM

NATIVITY SERVICE DEC 21ST DEC 10AM

CHRISTMAS EVE

EARLY CHRISTINGLE (TICKETED)

LATER CHRISTINGLE (TICKETED)

MIDNIGHT MASS 23:30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

8AM SERVICE & 10AM FAMILY SERVICE



4:30PM

6PM



TABLE TENNIS

MINCHINHAMPTON COMMUNITY HUB

£5

PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES ARE WELCOME

6PM TO 7PM – JUNIORS

7PM TO 8.30 PM – ADULTS AND ADVANCED JUNIORS

TO BOOK A PLACE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL:

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OR CALL 07768 527743



Chedworth

JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAMME 2026

For 4-18yrs open to non members, rackets provided
5% discount for siblings & 15% discount for members

SATURDAY FUN CLUBS

Starts Saturday, January 10th runs every 2 weeks

10-11am Orange/Green Fun Club for 8-12yrs

11-12noon Mini Red Fun Club for 4-7yrs

AFTER SCHOOL COACHING

Wednesday starts February 25th for ages 4-18yrs

3.30 – 4.15pm BLUE - Reception and Year 1

4.15 - 5pm RED - School Year 2 & 3

5 - 6pm ORANGE - School Year 4 & 5

6 - 7pm GREEN - School Year 6 & 7

7- 8pm YELLOW - School Year 8 to 13

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Coaching>

HOLIDAY CAMPS February 17th & 19th

Every half term and in the holidays for ages 4-18yrs

JUNIORS 4-13yrs on Tuesdays & Thursdays

9.30am-12.30noon or 1pm-4pm or 9.30am-4pm

Book either a half day £22 (9.30-12.30 or 1-4)

or a full day £39 (9.30-4 Bring a packed lunch)

TEENS 13-18yrs on Tuesdays

From 4-6pm

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BUILD AND CRAFT EDITION - COTSWOLD

Department for Education
GLOUCESTERSHIRE HAF - WINTER 2025

Saturday 20th December 2025

Watermoor Parish Hall, Cirencester



10 AM – 12.30 PM

Catapult Cars & Festive Jewellery

1 PM TO 3 PM SEN Session

Christmas in a Jar & Catapult Cars

Fully funded for children who live or attend school in Gloucestershire and are entitled to benefit-related free school meals.



LINK TO MAKE BOOKINGS

[HTTPS://FAMILYHUBS.GLOUCESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK/COTSWOLD-HAF](https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/cotswold-haf)



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JOIN US AS A VOLUNTEER

“ My volunteer has helped me to come out of my shell and become more confident. They have taught me life skills which have helped me to feel calmer and more settled - I feel I'm a better mum ”



- Do you want to make a difference by supporting a family experiencing tough times?
- Do you have parenting experience?
- Can you spare 2-3 hours a week to help a family with young children?

At Home-Start Cotswolds, our trained volunteers are carefully matched with a family that they visit once a week. They don't judge; they just offer a listening ear and practical support with everyday family life. It's simple, but we know it has a real impact.

If you would like to make a difference by supporting a local family, we'll be running our FREE 8-week volunteer training course on Thursday mornings, 9.30am - 1pm from 22nd January 2026 in Cirencester. As a Home-Start volunteer, you gain access to free, high-quality training, learn new skills and enhance your own wellbeing!



Further details and an application form can be found at:
www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk

Or contact us for more information:
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