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Issue No 13

# Newsletter



## MESSAGE FROM MRS MILES

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and a chance to enjoy some of the sunshine that we had.

Our Year 6 children are taking their KS2 SATS tests next week and they have been working hard alongside their teachers and teaching assistants ready to show all of their learning. We wish them all the best.

Our Key Stage One children had a super day of learning with their Varanasi Day for their Geography unit this week with a range of activities including food tasting, art and a super colour run.

We are looking forward to our Sports Day at the end of term which Mrs Champion has been organising with some exciting changes, please read over the arrangements and we hope to see many of you attend the picnic and celebrate this event.


Have a lovely weekend.


Best wishes,

Mrs Miles

### Class Dojo Award

Class	1.5.26	8.5.26
Nursery	Amadeo Scarlett	Quinn Yousuf
RA	Alaia Ezrah	Jack W Minnie
1/2A	Evelyn Zayana	Elsbeth Mason
1/2B	Alyssa Ismail	Evie Mia
1/2C	Henry Harper	Sayyid Alfie
3/4A	Luca Nya	Theo Owen
3/4B	Austin Kate	Alby Clover
3/4C	Jasmine Raper India	Freddie Esme
5/6A	Ollie Layton	Zoey Logan
5/6B	Lorenzo Poppy	Sharaan Dixie
5/6C	Albie Flo	Kai Kaleb

 <b>W/E 8.05.26</b> <b>Biggest improvement in accuracy over the past 2 weeks</b>				
Years 1 & 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1. Mackenzie 2. Harper 3. Remington	1. Ellie-May 2. Olivia 3. Jasmine	1. Freddie 2. Lucius 3. Indi	1. Faria 2. Mckenzie 3. Evelyn	1. Tyler N 2. Jack 3. Mya
<b>Whole school top 3:</b> 1. Freddie 2. Ellie-May 3. Lucius		<b>New Rock Hero:</b> Aamina		

 <b>W/E 08.05.26</b> <b>Accelerated Reader Word Count</b> (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
Edward	Evelyn Ivan	Gwilym Louís Kayler Leen	Harriet Sienna Adelina	

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that, as a school community, we will be celebrating National Numeracy Day this year.

Maths and numbers can sometimes evoke strong feelings, both positive and negative. For some, maths brings confidence and enjoyment; for others, it may bring anxiety or difficult memories. We know that classroom experiences can last a lifetime, and we want our school to be a place where every child and adult feels supported in building positive relationships with numbers.

### **Big Number Natter: Why "Natter" About Numbers?**

As part of our celebrations, we will be taking part in the **Big Number Natter**.

Love it or loathe it, everybody has something to say about numbers.

Talking with children and adults in our school community about numbers can turn low number confidence from a private struggle into a shared strength.

Opening up about how we feel is often the most powerful way to start thinking differently. When we talk honestly about maths, it helps people realise they are not alone and that many others share similar experiences. It can help build confidence with everyday numeracy and normalise learning, showing that it is okay to ask questions and learn at any age.

It also gives children the opportunity to talk about numbers in everyday life, not just in maths lessons, and creates opportunities for staff and parents to engage in a different kind of conversation about maths, including parents' own experiences and feelings.

Across the UK, around half of working-age adults have low numeracy levels. This can make people more vulnerable to debt, unemployment, poor health and fraud, challenges that can be made even harder during the current cost of living pressures.

The good news is that everyone can improve their numeracy, and simply talking about numbers is a fantastic first step. The Big Number Natter is designed to be exactly that first step. For many people, improving their skills begins with acknowledging and discussing their feelings about maths.

Alongside this letter, we have included some Big Number Natter prompts if you are interested in having a conversation at home. These are simple questions designed to get everyone talking. There are no right or wrong answers, just opportunities to share experiences and perspectives.

If you would like to explore further support or get involved yourself, we encourage you to visit the [National Numeracy website](#), where you can find practical resources for families. You may also be interested in trying the [National Numeracy Challenge](#), a free and confidential tool designed to help adults build their everyday maths confidence step by step.

We look forward to celebrating National Numeracy Day together and to continuing to create a school culture where everyone feels confident talking about numbers.

Kind regards,

Mr Morris



# Big Number Natter

## Quick Talking Points

### Talking Point 1 – One Word Maths

Give me one word.

What is one word that describes how you feel about numbers or maths?

Happy? Fun? Tricky? Why?

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### Talking Point 2 – Numbers Around Us

Numbers are everywhere!

Where do you see numbers every day?

At home, on buses, in games, or at school?

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### Talking Point 3 – My Important Number

What is a number that is important to you?

It could be your age, your birthday, your favourite number, or the number on your football shirt.

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### Talking Point 4 – Numbers in Games

Do you use numbers when you play games or sports?

How do numbers help when keeping score?

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### Talking Point 5 – When Numbers Feel Tricky

Sometimes numbers feel tricky.

What helps you when something in maths feels difficult?

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### Talking Point 6 – A Proud Number Moment

Can you remember a time when you felt proud about using numbers?

What happened?



## Dates for 2025/26

### May

Week beginning 11th

Tuesday 19th

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 21st

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

KS2 SATs

Dental checks YR and Y1

Whole school sports day – change to usual format

Last day of term

INSET day

### June

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday 2nd

Wednesday 3rd

Wednesday 10th

Thursday 11th

Week beginning 22nd

Monday 29th - Wednesday 1st

Monday 29th

Tuesday 30th

Term 6 starts

Reserve sports day

District sports at Kingshill

Reserve District sports

Class and Y6 photos

Last week of clubs

Y6 residential

Girls active festival at Kingshill am

Boys active festival at Kingshill am

### July

Friday 3rd July

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th

Thursday 9th

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 14th

Thursday 16th

Friday 17th

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

FOTS fun run/cake sale/Crazy hair day

Deer Park induction days for Y6

YR-5 discos after school

Move up morning YR-5 and induction morning for new reception intake

1.30 and 5.30 Y6 performances for parents

Y6 prom evening

9am Y6 leaver's assembly

Last day of term - Break up 1.15pm



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# Primary Poster Competition

Dear Colleague

Exeter Maths School are once again inviting your Year 6 mathematicians to take part in our Primary Poster Competition 2026, exploring a creative, beautiful and surprising area of Maths.

The theme for this year's competition is: **Polygons**

The competition is open to students in Year 6. Students may enter as individuals or as part of a small team, up to a maximum of four per team. Schools may enter as many posters as they like. An information sheet for students is over the page.

Posters will be judged by our Year 12 and 13 students later in the Summer Term. The top winners will receive a mathematical prize and a certificate. There will also be certificates for any special mentions our students wish to make. Winning posters may be featured on our website.

To take part, please follow the steps below:

1. Enjoy the activity with your class! Have fun!
2. Assign each poster entry in your school a letter (or letters) – eg A, B, C, etc. If more than one class is participating, please ensure you are using different letter(s). Write your school's DfE number (that's the one in the format 987/1234) clearly on the backs of each poster, along with the letter you've assigned to it (eg. 987/1234A, 987/1234B, etc). Make sure you've written down for yourself which students were assigned each letter(s) and take a copy or image of each poster for your own records.
3. Complete the online entry form at [bit.ly/exmposter26](https://bit.ly/exmposter26). Note: On the form we ask for your school's DfE number, how many girls and boys participated, how many of the students are entitled to Free School Meals, and the first names of the students who completed each poster. You can submit up to 12 entries in one form and submit a new form if you need more.
4. Mail your posters to Poster Competition, Exeter Maths School, Rougemont House, Castle Street, Exeter EX4 3PU. Note: we no longer accept email entries.

Your entries should arrive with us by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. We will notify you of the outcome of the competition by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact [events@exeterms.ac.uk](mailto:events@exeterms.ac.uk) if you have any questions.

We're looking forward to seeing what your students come up with!



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# Primary Poster Competition

Your Challenge: To produce an A3 poster with the title **Polygons**.

Your poster should include:

- Answers to at least some of the questions below
- The results of your research
- Some ideas of your own

Your poster will be judged on:

- Mathematical content
- Creativity
- Overall presentation

These are regular polygons:



Explain what makes them regular.

Investigate the **tessellation** of regular polygons:

- How many regular tessellations are there?
- Can you explain why these are the only regular tessellations?
- Find out about **Archimedean tessellations**. What are they?  
Can you give some examples and explain how they work?
- How did **M.C. Escher** use tessellating polygons to create pieces of art?

Your teacher will send completed posters to Exeter Maths School by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, and we'll let them know how the competition went by 10<sup>th</sup> July.

## **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.

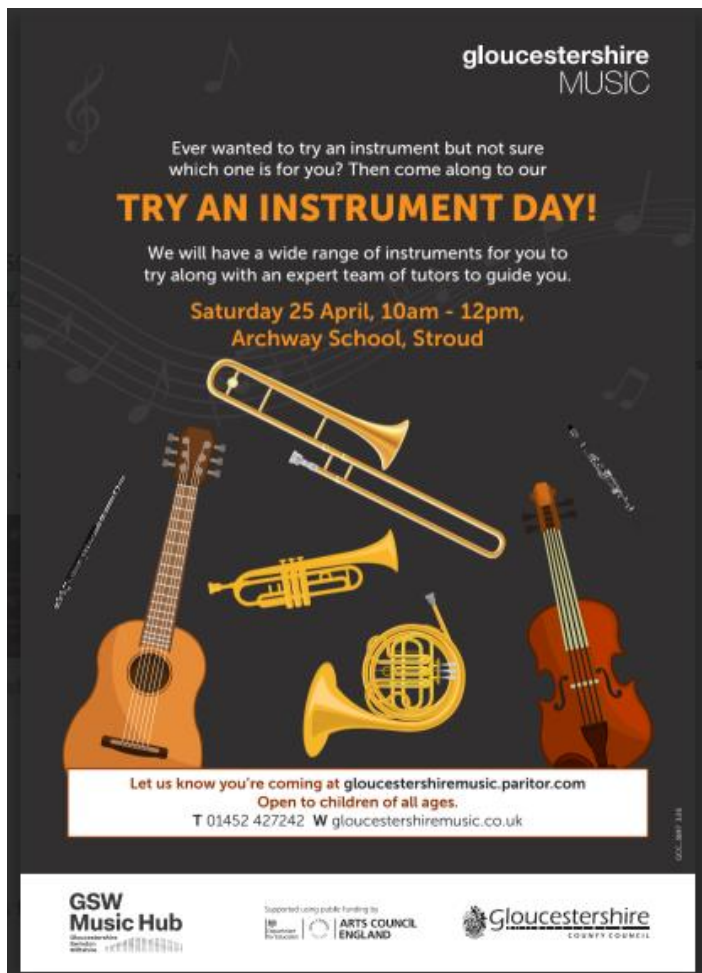
**Parent Pay** - A kind reminder to all families that we are a zero-debt policy school, please ensure that your school dinner balances are topped up.

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.




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Ever wanted to try an instrument but not sure which one is for you? Then come along to our

### TRY AN INSTRUMENT DAY!

We will have a wide range of instruments for you to try along with an expert team of tutors to guide you.

**Saturday 25 April, 10am - 12pm,  
Archway School, Stroud**



Let us know you're coming at [gloucestershiremusic.paritor.com](http://gloucestershiremusic.paritor.com)  
Open to children of all ages.  
T 01452 427242 W [gloucestershiremusic.co.uk](http://gloucestershiremusic.co.uk)

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### Open Morning Cirencester

Come along and join us for a fun-filled morning for the whole family!

There will be food, drinks, and plenty of activities to keep everyone entertained. All families are welcome—we'd love to see you there! 🍌

No need to book- just drop in!

**The Impact Centre, 47  
Lewis Lane, Cirencester,  
Gloucestershire, GL7 1EB**

**10:00am - 12:00pm  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Follow us on Facebook!



For more information please contact:  
[cotswoldschilrenandfamilycentre@family-action.org.uk](mailto:cotswoldschilrenandfamilycentre@family-action.org.uk)

Or call 01453 545904

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Whitefriars Sailing Club

# OPEN DAY

Saturday 9th May 10.30 - 15.00



**JUNIORS • RYA TRAINING • RACING • RECREATION • RYA SAILABILITY  
WOMEN ON WATER • RADIO CONTROLLED BOATS**

For more information  
email [enquiries@whitefriarsc.org](mailto:enquiries@whitefriarsc.org)  
or visit [www.whitefriarsc.org/open-day](http://www.whitefriarsc.org/open-day)

Lake 26, Whitefriars Lane, Ashton Keynes SN6 6FW





Walk. Eat & Drink. Live Music.  
Sat 13 June 2026  
10am - 4pm

**LONGFIELD**  
Community Hospice

## Walk 4 Longfield & Summer Fête



Walk 1k Junior, 5k, or 10k across the beautiful Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons while raising vital funds for Longfield.

Walk in memory or in support of loved ones with life-limiting conditions.

Not a walker? Join us at the Summer Fête for food, drinks, artisan stalls, games, and live music as the walkers set off and return.





[longfield.org.uk/walk-for-longfield](http://longfield.org.uk/walk-for-longfield)  
Registered Charity Number 298627



# TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



**10TH MAY**  
GL1 LEISURE CENTRE

**GLoucester BRICK FESTIVAL**

**MORE LEGO THAN YOU CAN DREAM OF**

**Kids Stuff** Cirencester

## WHAT'S ON Holiday fun MAY HALF TERM... at Kids Stuff Cirencester



**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Daily Craft Tables: 10:30am-12pm**  
*Suitable for all ages and abilities.*

**Tuesday 26th May - Build a Creature**  
Using recycled materials, design, build, and create your own unique creature!

**Wednesday 27th May - Grow & Gather Nature**  
Plant something special and create with nature. Decorate your own plant pot and sow seeds to take home and grow. You can also create a simple nature craft using gathered materials!

**Thursday 28th May - Flower Crowns & Creations**  
Make your own flower crown or wearable floral piece. Create a beautiful crown, bracelet, or mini arrangement using fresh and dried flowers.

**Friday 29th May - Clay Keepsakes**  
Get hands-on with air-dry clay to create your own small keepsake, trinket dishes, tealight holders, nature imprints, or mini sculptures!

**Scavenger Hunt all week - Pick up a sheet from the till area**

**All Offered: Drop-in, Join-in, Pay-As-You-Can**  
If you enjoy our activities and are able to, please pop a donation in the pot at the till or donate online. This helps us provide more sessions to support local families. Thank you!  
No need to book - A member of the team will be hosting 10:30am-12pm

**The Long Table** will be offering **pay-as-you-can kids picky plate lunches** throughout the Half term holiday. Lunchtimes daily, 12-2pm \*Subject to availability  
All event details here: [www.cirencesterkidsstuff.org.uk](http://www.cirencesterkidsstuff.org.uk)  
Find us at: The Old Department Store, 29-35 Market Pl, Cirencester GL7 2NX  
@kidsstuffcirencester Kids Stuff Cirencester Activities subject to change. Children must be supervised.



Gloucestershire County Council is offering Bikeability courses during all 2026 school holidays. These courses are designed for children aged 9–14 and help build cycling confidence and safety skills in small groups with qualified instructors.

2026 Course Locations & Dates:

February Half-Term: Ashley Manor Prep School, Cheltenham

Easter Holidays: Bournside School, Cheltenham

May Half-Term: Kingshill School

Summer Holidays: Skillzone (2 sessions available)

Course Details:

Cost: £10 per course (2 x 2-hour sessions)

Bikes: Available subject to availability


Booking: <https://forms.office.com/e/vBSvziEEBk>

## Fusion Youth Club

Fusion Youth Club is held at Cirencester Baptist Church (Chesterton Lane, opposite the Esso garage) on Thursday evenings in Term time. A session for Year 6-8s happens 6.30-7.45pm. It costs £1, and all the money goes back into the club to enable craft activities and our special inflatable evenings that happen each term. We have games consoles, indoor hockey, table tennis, pool, table football, craft table and a tuck shop with prices ranging from 5p- 70p. There's a sign-up form that parents/carers can come and fill in the first evening, or if your child knows their address, we can send it home. If you require any further information, please get in touch with [naomi.shrubsole@cirencester-baptist.org](mailto:naomi.shrubsole@cirencester-baptist.org)

We'd love to see you there - Naomi & The Fusion Team






**Rainbows**  
7th Cirencester

St. Lawrence Church, Chesterton  
Thursdays 6.30pm - 7.45pm

07770 372018

Girls play, learn and  
have tons of fun  
for ages 4 to 7



Join 7th Cirencester Rainbows group [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)

**BEAVERS**  
DPK - Deer Park (Kemble)  
at Powell's School, Cirencester

**TIME FOR FUN**

For fun, friendship and activities that get you thinking as well as doing.  
[scouts.org.uk/get-involved](http://scouts.org.uk/get-involved)

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@UKScouting  
✉ [dpkbeavers@gmail.com](mailto:dpkbeavers@gmail.com)





**CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS  
2026 YOUNG STUDENTS  
ART GALLERY CHALLENGE**



OPEN TO CHILDREN AND STUDENTS UP TO THE AGE OF 18  
IN THREE AGE CATEGORIES - UNDER 10, 11-14, 15-18 YEARS

WIN CASH PRIZES - 1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE £100, 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE £30, 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE £20 IN EVERY AGE CATEGORY

FOR FULL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO ENTER,  
VISIT [WWW.FRESHAIRSCULPTURE.COM](http://WWW.FRESHAIRSCULPTURE.COM)



Fresh Air Sculpture Show featuring over 130 contemporary pieces will be held in The Old Rectory gardens, Quenington in Gloucestershire. The 2026 exhibition will run from Sunday 14 June to Sunday 5 July 2026

**Fresh Air**  
sculpture

In collaboration with @galleryofthegiants

**MAY HALF TERM** 

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Tues 26th - Thurs 28th

**@THE CLUBHOUSE**  
Tues 26th - Fri 29th

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# JUNIORS

## SUMMER TERM 2026

STARTS MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL


NEW AGE GROUPS

**DUCKLINGS** 

4-7 YEARS  
5-5:45PM

**ROCKIN' ROBINS** 

8-11 YEARS  
5-5:45PM

**STARLINGS** 

11-16 YEARS  
6-7PM

MONDAYS AT CORINIUM MUSEUM

CIRENCESTERSINGERSJUNIORS@HOTMAIL.COM

NO AUDITIONS

POP, ROCK, MUSICAL  
THEATRE & BEYOND

FREE TASTER



**Brownies**  
7th Cirencester

St. Lawrence Church, Chesterton  
Thursdays 6.30pm - 7.45pm  
07770 372018

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



Join 7th Cirencester Brownies group [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)