



TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Love One Another, Know Ourselves, Believe and Grow'

NEWSLETTER End Term Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely end to this term it has been with concerts from both key stages and a wonderful PTA Christmas fayre. Thank you very much to the staff for all their hard work making the wonderful performances possible and thank you to parents and carers for helping the children to learn their lines and providing costumes. We are really proud of how well the children performed and it was a pleasure to see how much they enjoyed it! Thank you very much for all your support and we hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we will see you back in school on Monday 6th January 2025.

Best wishes,
Mrs E Gomersall

Christmas Christingle

Thank you so much to our Children and Families Minister, Emma Durbin, as well as Reverend Nicki Bullivant for our wonderful Christingle Service on Thursday 12th December. The children loved the experience and were all able to take home their very own Christingle thanks to our wonderful PTA!



Christmas Productions

We were so proud of the enthusiasm and talent shown by children in Key Stage One and Two during their productions of 'Honky Tonky Donkey' and 'What Christmas Means to Me!'. Thank you to you all for the support and positive feedback during and after the productions- especially those that helped with face paints and setting up the hall on performance days! Your generous donations to 'Street Life' and our school charities of 'Wish upon a Star' and 'Cancer Research' were very gratefully received.





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Christmas Lunch

Last week, the children's Christmas Lunch was fantastic. The children enjoyed listening to Christmas songs whilst enjoying their tasty Christmas meal! Thank you to the catering staff, dinner supervisors and all of the other members of staff who helped to make this occasion such a success. We would also like to thank the PTA for supplying the Christmas hats!



Street Life

Our support for Street Life in 2024 culminated with a big celebration when a small group of children from the school council, accompanied by their parents, joined the Street Life team on Saturday evening in Brunswick Square, Bristol. One hundred guests were served, and we were able to entertain them with Christmas carols as they queued for hot food, soup, drinks, sandwiches, cakes toiletries, and clothes. One of the guests was a 79-year-old man who was cold, tired, and visibly struggling. He was provided with the resources he needed, including a warm winter coat, perhaps one that once belonged to someone from our school community. Thank you for the support you have provided with the coat donation initiative that the school council has run this term.

The children also took turns serving the soup they and their Year Six classmates had made. The children talked with the guests and they all demonstrated the Tutshill school vision and values in action.



The Street Life leader for the evening wrote: "I was so pleased at how everyone got on so well together, how much our guests appreciated the carols, and what a lovely atmosphere it helped create. The school children were so nice, so polite, and so engaged. I loved how they made up an interpretive dance to the carols and that they got the opportunity to work in teams to serve the soup they made."

We are also incredibly grateful to the cooks, Zoe and Lou, who have supported us with our soup making and to Lou's mum, who knitted 15 beautiful, warm bobble hats. The hats were distributed during a 'walkabout' to reach those living on the streets around Bristol, and I am sure they will provide warmth and comfort for those most in need.



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Carol Singing at the Rising Sun

Earlier this month, a group from the school choir joined the local community at the monthly Coffee Morning held at the Rising Sun in Woodcroft. The children delighted a large group of attendees with a wonderful selection of Christmas carols and songs. The audience happily joined in with some of the traditional carols and were particularly charmed by the new songs the children performed. It was heart-warming to see our school children participating in this community initiative with such enthusiasm. They were treated to delicious homemade cake and drinks before heading back to school, making it a truly memorable morning for everyone involved





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PTA

The PTA would like to thank the school community for your support and generosity this term. We made a profit of over £1600 from our Christmas Fayre and Tuck Sale.

We hope you all enjoyed the Fayre and would like to say thank you once again to our amazing volunteers, who continue to tirelessly give up their time to help at events. We couldn't put these events on without you, and we appreciate your time and your energy.

This year we had the wonderful Elena Sarasom take some beautiful photos of the event.

I'm sure you will all agree she really captured the magical atmosphere we all created.

<https://www.commongroundmedia.co/>

Lost Property

In order to reduce lost property and, consequently, the amount of money spent by parents on uniform and equipment, the PTA have partnered with Stikins personalised labels.

Stikins can be applied to clothing labels, shoes and equipment; they can survive washing machines and dishwashers, and come highly recommended by parents and teachers including our own Mrs. Cooper!

For any money you spend with Stikins - using our personalised number of 24089 - the PTA will receive 30% commission, which goes directly to equipment and experiences for the children. Prices start at just £7.80 for 30 labels (the more you buy, the more you save), which includes VAT and UK delivery.

Please help us to further reduce the amount of Lost Property we have in schools, and the PTA fundraising, by buying your labels from Stikins. Please go to <https://www.stikins.co.uk/?NAME-LABELS=24089> to order, and don't forget to use our personalised number - 24089. Thank you! Happy Christmas Everyone from the PTA!

School Attendance

As part of our attendance drive, if you arrive after the school gate closes in the morning at 8:45am, you will need to complete a late slip before your child is able to come into school. Please contact Mrs Joubert by 9:15am or email attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk if your child will be absent.

Term 1-2

Class	Attendance	Late	99%+
Reception	96.2%	87.1%	99.5%
Year 1	96.1%	84.8%	99.9%
Year 2	97.1%	88.4%	99.8%
Year 3	95.5%	85.9%	99.9%
Year 4	96.3%	87.3%	99.9%
Year 5	94.8%	83.9%	99.8%
Year 6	97%	77.5%	99.9%
Whole School	93.2%		
National	95.3%		
Local Authority	95.4%		
Persistently absent (10% or more sessions missed)	84.9%		

PE Days

Children will need to wear PE kit on the following days:

Reception:	Monday and Thursday
Year 1:	Thursday and Friday
Year 2:	Wednesday and Friday
Year 3:	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4:	Monday and Thursday
Year 5:	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6:	Tuesday and Wednesday



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Spring Term One Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have more exciting clubs planned for next term. Here is a list of the clubs, dates and prices.

Monday	3.15 – 4pm	Cookery 6th January, 13th January, 20th January, 27th January, 3rd February, 10th February (£2 per session - £12 in total)	Year Five Year Six and Reception
Monday	3.15 – 4.15pm	Bushcraft 6th January, 13th January, 20th January, 27th January, 3rd February, 10th February (£5 per session - £30 in total)	Year Three Year Four, Year Five and Year Six
Tuesday	3.15 – 4pm	Music Club 7th January, 14th January, 21st January, 28th January, 4th February, 11th February (£2 per session - £12 in total)	Year Three Year Four, Year Five and Year Six
Tuesday	3.15 – 4pm	Ball Games 7th January, 14th January, 21st January, 28th January, 4th February, 11th February (£2 per session - £12 in total)	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Tuesday	3.15 – 4.15pm	Bushcraft 7th January, 14th January, 21st January, 28th January, 4th February, 11th February (£5 per session - £30 in total)	Year Three Year Four, Year Five and Year Six

Wednesday am	8.10 - 8.40am	Running Club 8th January, 15th January, 22nd January, 29th January, 5th February, 12th February (£2 per session - £12 in total)	Year One – Year Six
Wednesday	3.15 – 4pm	Board Games 8th January, 15th January, 22nd January, 29th January, 5th February (No session on 12th February) (£2 per session - £10 in total)	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Thursday am	8.10 - 8.40am	Outdoor Gym 9th January, 16th January, 23rd January, 30th January, 6th February, 13th February (£2 per session - £12 in total)	Year One – Year Six
Thursday	3.15 – 4pm	Tag Rugby 16th January, 23rd January, 30th January, 6th February, 13th February (No session on 9th January) (£2 per session - £10 in total)	Year Three Year Four Year Five and Year Six
Friday am	8.10 - 8.40am	Dance and Movement 10th January, 17th January, 24th January, 31st January, 7th February, 14th February (£2 per session - £12 in total)	Year One – Year Six



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Friday	3.15 – 4pm	Multi Skills 10th January, 17th January, 24th January, 31st January, 7th February, 14th February (£2 per session - £12 in total)	Rec and Year 1
Friday	3.15 – 4.15pm	Boogie Bounce 17th January, 24th January, 31st January, 7th February, 14th February (No session on 10th January) (£4 per session - £20 in total)	Year Two Year Three and Year Four

Art Club

We are pleased to be running art club again next half term. Art club will be taking place on Monday afternoons for Year One and Year Two and on Thursday afternoons for Year Five and Year Six. This club will cost £6 per session for six weeks and it will take place from 3.15pm until 4.15pm.

Music Lessons

Very many thanks to everyone, especially the children, for a good term of music making. Lots of progress made; thanks for your support at home- it makes a huge difference.

Congratulations to Bob, Ava and Dolly who have all recently passed their piano exams, all with merit. Excellent work from the three of you.

Please note that lessons will resume on Monday 6 January and fees remain the same- £100 for a set of ten lessons. Please do let me know as soon as possible if your requirements change; I have a two-hour waiting list!

If you would like to discuss anything or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact me via email on fiona.crawley@yahoo.co.uk With best wishes for a relaxing and peaceful, and hopefully a musical Christmas Fiona Crawley.

Free School Meals

We are aware that during recent times, families/households may have experienced changes in their financial situations. Should you think at any point you may be entitled to receive additional money for your child at school and a daily school meal, please look at

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Should you think you may qualify, please apply, regardless of what year your child may be in. The response is immediate.

Contact Information

Please ensure you advise the School Office of any changes to your contact details. It is vital that we have your up to date information for all correspondence purposes and in case of emergency. Please email any changes to office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

School Contact Details

Telephone: 01291 622593

Email: office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Attendance:

attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

PTA email: ptatutshill@gmail.com

Community Page

<https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/web/>

Cool Club Contact Details

The Cool Club wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year!

We have Lucy Williams joining The Cool Club team in January 2025 and we look forward to seeing you all then!

If you need to contact Cool Club regarding the breakfast or the after-school club, parents can do so by email at coolclub15@outlook.com or by their contact phone number on 07763 479119.



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LOOK WHO'S TALKING! 2025

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

'Look Who's talking!' is back for 2025! Our school is very excited to be taking part in the 'Look Who's Talking!' competition. This opportunity is open to children in Years 2 through to Year 6. We are asking for children to prepare a two minute speech at home on a topic of their choice in readiness for the 'Class heats' in first week back of the spring term. Please see the poster below for details of the competition and tips for how to help your child to prepare for the competition. Information about the competition can also be found on Seesaw class pages. We are looking forward to listening to your speeches.

Good luck to you all!

Reminder

Sickness Bug

If your child has been sick, please remember that you must wait 48 hours before returning to school.

Pre Order School Meals

To help our kitchen staff ensure they have enough food for all students, please remember to order your child's school dinners at the beginning of each week. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support!

DATES:
23/12/24
02/01/25
03/01/25

8:30AM-5:30PM

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Diary Dates

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
Jan 25	6	Term 3 Begins
	14	NHS Screening Y6 & REC
Feb	5	TechniQuest Y2&Y3
	12	Disco
	13	Knex Workshop Y6&Y5
	14	Term 3 End
	24	INSET Day
	25	Term 4 Begin
	25	In the Net 2025 Y4
April	11	Term 4 End
	28	Term 5 Begin
May	5	Bank Holiday
	9	Skillzone Y5
	21	Disco
	23	Term 5 End
June	2	INSET Day
	3	Term 6 Begin
	12	Gloucester Cathedral Leavers Service
July	2-4	Y6 Residential
	18	Term 6 End
	21	INSET Day
Sep	1	INSET Day
	2	Term 1 Begin
Oct	23	Term 1 End
	24	INSET Day

Art Club Term 2 - Pictures





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