



TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER Mid Term Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to beginning our Christmas festivities in school from next week and preparing for our Christmas productions. Please can you practise any lines that are sent home with your children so that they know them off by heart and can recite them confidently. If you need replacement copies of lines please see your child's class teacher. We are certainly going to have some excited children over the next few weeks especially when they start opening their Advent Calendar on Sunday!

Mrs Gomersall

REMINDERS...

Christmas dinner – please book on ParentPay, the deadline to book is Monday 2nd December.

Year 6 residential – monthly payment!

Coats - due to the weather that is changing please can you make sure your child brings in a **coat and jumper or cardigan**.

Pantomime

We would like to express our thanks to the PTA for funding the recent pantomime for Reception, KS1, and KS2. The children thoroughly enjoyed both pantomimes, and it was a great start to our Christmas celebrations. We would also like to thank the parents/carers who accompanied Reception and KS1 on their walk to the Drill Hall.

Bike Rack

Mr. Swanson is currently relocating the bike and scooter rack from the playground to the area next to the school office. The gate will be locked after the school day begins and reopened at the end of the day. If your child is attending an after-school club, they will be able to collect their bikes or scooters from inside the school beforehand.

Christmas Jumpers

We are very much looking forward to Christmas dinner on Wednesday, December 11th. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers for this occasion. They are also welcome to wear a Christmas jumper on the last day of term, December 20th.

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

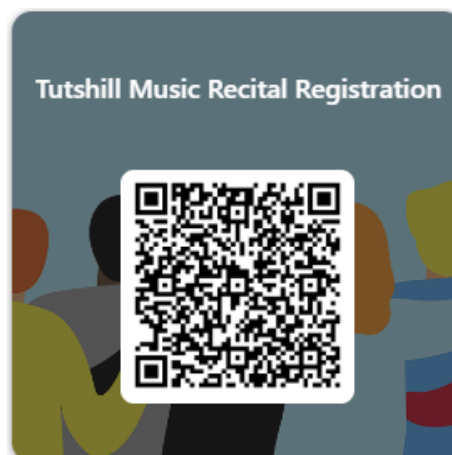
Christmas Productions

As you are aware, we do not charge for watching the Christmas productions but this year, we would like to ask for a voluntary donation of a tin of chicken soup or toiletries, such as soap, shower gel, or toothpaste. This is to support the school council's work with the Street Life charity. We will also have a donation basket for any loose change you may have, to support our other charities, Cancer Research and When You Wish Upon a Star.

Music Recital

Due to the overwhelming success of our last music recital, we are excited to announce another recital on **Wednesday 4 December at 6pm**, held at St Luke's church arrival at 5:45pm, in school uniform. This event will feature a festive Christmas music theme. If your child plays an instrument and would like to participate please register using the link below.

Register on the link below or use QR Code:
<https://forms.office.com/e/L86W72WGQq?origin=lprLink>





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Christingle Service

On Thursday **December 12th** at **9.15am** the whole school will be attending a Christingle Service at St Luke's Church. The children will each have a Christingle which they will bring home. The Church have kindly donated these to the children but as a thank you they would like us to make a donation to the Children's Society. If you would like to make a small donation of £1, this will be on www.ParentPay.com. Thank you.

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School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct coloured uniform for both school days and PE days. Our school uniform remains unchanged and consists of:

- A light blue polo shirt.
- School sweatshirt or navy jumper or cardigan
- Smart grey trousers or grey skirt/pinafore (skirts should be of an appropriate length and style)
- Grey socks/tights
- Dark coloured appropriate sensible shoes.
- In summer, children may wear grey shorts/blue checked dress
- No coloured hair

PE Kit:

- Navy T-shirt and navy shorts
- Navy jogging trousers/leggings and jumper/sweatshirt
- KS1 (Reception, Y1 and Y2) daps/black or white trainers.
- KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 and 6) daps/black or white trainers (no colour/logos/names).

Uniform does not have to have the school logo on. The PTA has a wealth of pre-loved uniform in various sizes, if you need help in providing your child with the correct uniform please contact the email below in confidence and they will be more than happy to help. uniform@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Christmas Productions

Tickets for the KS1 and KS2 Christmas Productions are available to book via School Cloud <https://tutshillcofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

School Council Clothes Collection



Thank you to everyone who has donated coats and sleeping bags. They will be taken to Bristol this weekend and, in the current cold weather, will be gratefully received by those living on the streets.

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. We will continue to monitor this throughout the term. Please contact Mrs Joubert if your child will be absent by 9:15am or email attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk.

Term 1-2

Class	Attendance	Late	99%+
Reception	97.1%	26	14
Year 1	95.9%	9	11
Year 2	97.8%	30	16
Year 3	95.1%	59	12
Year 4	96.8%	58	15
Year 5	94.9%	65	10
Year 6	97.4%	47	14
Whole School	96.4%		
National	95.4%		
Local Authority	95.5%		
Persistently absent (10% or more sessions missed)	85.2%		



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Telephone: 01291 622593

Email: office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Attendance: attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

PTA email: ptatutshill@gmail.com

ParentPay School Lunch Booking Service (www.parentpay.com).

Don't forget to book your child's school lunch via ParentPay. We would highly recommend that you book and pay (if applicable) for a week's meals at a time or as many meals as your child requires for the week and book as many weeks in advance as you wish. Please note that this is the only facility for booking school meals/packed lunches.

Community Page

<https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/web/events/698644>

<https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/web/other/700591>

<https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/web/rugby/699888>

Cool Club Contact Details

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. The Cool Club is aware that there may be times you need provision at short notice; be sure to register your child and then you can use them when needed!

Donations

If anyone has any small toy cars that are no longer played with, donations would be gratefully received. (around the size of hot wheels).

We would also welcome a donation of a car play mat (roads on).

Diary Dates for November 2024 – July 2025

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
Dec	4	Music Recital 6pm
	11	Christmas Lunch
	12	Christingle Service 9.15am
	16	KS1 Christmas Production - 1.45PM
	17	KS2 Christmas Productions 10am/1.45pm/6pm
	18	KS1 Christmas Production – 10AM
	20	Term 2 End Church Service
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
	25	Term 4 Begin
	25	In the Net 2025 Y4
April	11	Term 4 End
	28	Term 5 Begin
May	5	Bank Holiday
	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



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Free School Meals

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for December 2024 Winter holiday will be open from midday 25 November until midday on 6 December. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 16 December.

Please encourage families to check their junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there.

If parents have not received their vouchers by 23 December, please encourage them to submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#).

This Winter holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our [FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for December 2024 holiday vouchers- they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

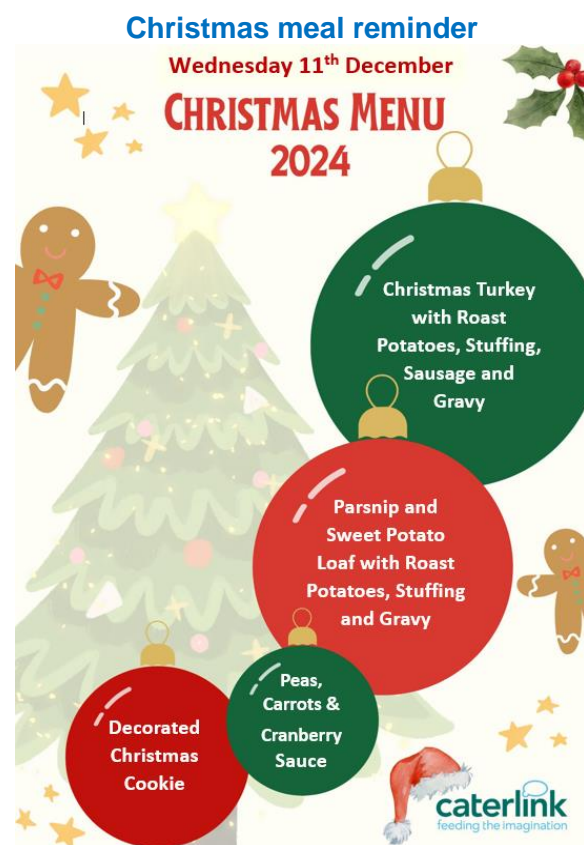
Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure

parents are registered beforehand. They can register by visiting the [apply for free school meals](#) page. If your school is one of the five that do not use this method, we will require confirmation from yourselves on the child's eligibility. You can find more information on what schools these are on the link above.

Using vouchers – vouchers need to be used will only be awarded once the parent has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers are valid for 6 months, although should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired, they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers not received should be queried via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) by the end of the holiday period.

For any parents wishing to update details of an existing application, please ask them to submit an update existing details request via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) so we can update their account, as details are not automatically updated.

Children's Fund (Holiday Free School Meal Voucher's)





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Key Dates for Christmas 2024 at Tutshill School!

Christmas Pantomimes: **Thursday 21st November**

PTA Christmas Fayre: **Friday 29th November**

Christmas Lunch: **Wednesday 11th December**

Christingle Service at St.Luke's Church: **Thursday 12th December at 9.15am**

*Key Stage One Christmas Productions: **Monday 16th December at 1.45pm and Wednesday 18th December at 10.00am**

*Key Stage Two Christmas Productions: **Tuesday 17th December at 10.00am, 1.45pm and 6.00pm**

Carol Service at St.Luke's Church: **Friday 20th December at 9.15am**

- *Booking information for the Christmas Productions will follow in the Mid-Term Newsletter*



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GLOUCESTERSHIRE CATERLINK ADDED VALUE

Nutrition Initiatives for school children and parents

School lunches play a important role in **children's health** - balanced meals can help students stay more **engaged** and **exhibit better behaviour** and **performance** in **classrooms** and **after school clubs**.

WHY? Ensuring **school-aged children receive optimal nutrition is crucial** during these formative years whilst their bodies undergo significant **growth and cognitive development**.

HOW? *Tasty Learning*

Join our **classroom nutrition education sessions** led by our Gloucestershire nutritionist! Discover exciting topics like **'Balanced diets'** and **'The Eatwell Guide'** where we can even get pupils involved in sensory tasting.

Don't miss our **Nutrition Year Group Assemblies**, diving into essential topics such as balanced diets!

Parents

Let's engage parents! Join us for parent evenings featuring our Gloucestershire development chefs and nutritionists. We'll delve into our menu, recipes, School Food Standards, and address any queries parents may have. We would love parents to **sample some of our recipes!**

Our Chefs

But that's not all - our chefs are ready to bring the kitchen excitement straight to the classroom and dive into hands-on **food workshops, including pizza-making extravaganzas and tasting sessions**.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CATERLINK TASTING POP UPS

Taste at Break Time

Tasting sessions give pupils the opportunity to try foods that they might not have tried before. Being able to explore a variety of foods and interact with our Caterlink Staff may result in pupils choosing a hot school lunch.

Taste our Menu

Our development chefs, in collaboration with our nutritionist, offers menu tastings to encourage students to try our recipes. They are available to talk about nutrition and answer any questions students may have about our menu.

Tailored to You

Caterlink is flexible and can tailor tasting sessions to align with your school curriculum. Have a theme day in mind? Let's collaborate and make it happen together!