



START OF TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to a new term, we hope you had a wonderful half term break! This term always brings so much excitement and joy but it's also hard to believe we are already looking ahead to Christmas. We are looking forward to all the fun activities and celebrations that Christmas will inevitably bring and we will keep you up to date on events.

Parental Communication

We truly appreciate the feedback and engagement from parents and stakeholders, as it helps us work together to support our pupils. To ensure constructive dialogue, we kindly ask that all communication is respectful and promotes partnership, avoiding language that could be perceived as aggressive or that challenges the school's decision-making process.

Children in Need



Children in Need is taking place on Friday 14th November 2025.

The children are welcome to come into school wearing non school uniform and the school council will be holding a cake sale at the end of the day, further details to follow.

Reminders

- Please log onto ParentPay and book lunches.
- Community events can be viewed on <https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/web/home/200045>
- Autumn Winter menu active <https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/web/lunches/217172>
- FSM: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>
- September intake <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/admissions-to-reception-at-primary-school-3-junior-school-lower-to-middle-school-places-for-september-2024/>

School Admission Appeals Panel Members

Gloucestershire County Council are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals. They are particularly in need of Parent Members (those with children currently in education) and have asked us to spread the word to parents of our pupils, or those who work / have worked in an education setting.

Here's the link to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

[Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Many thanks



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Attendance



The school is working hard to promote an ethos of good attendance through weekly class attendance awards in assembly and by sharing attendance data in our school newsletter. The children are already very keen to win the best class attendance award! Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents that school starts at 8:45am. Any pupil arriving after this time will be recorded as late on the register. If a child arrives after 9:15am, they will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence. If a child regularly arrives late, they will miss the same lesson or lessons, which will not only impact their attainment—as each lesson in our Reading, Maths, and English schemes builds on the previous one—but also affect their self-esteem and confidence. More information regarding our attendance policy and procedures can be found on our school website under the Key Information tab in Policies. To report an absence, please call 01291 622593 or email attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk.

Attendance Term 2: Reception: 95.3% | Year 1: 96.3% | Year 2: 97.3% | Year 3: 88.7% | Year 4: 97.9% | Year 5: 93.8% | Year 6: 97% | Whole School: 95.2%
Late Marks This Term: 27

Lunchtime Football

We will be running our lunchtime football club again next term. Your child is welcome to bring in trainers to change into.

- Tuesday: Year Five and Year Six
- Thursday: Year Three and Year Four
- Friday: Year One and Year Two

Autumn Term Two Clubs

We have some exciting clubs planned for this term. Here is a list of the clubs that we will be offering. They will start in the week commencing 3rd November. Please see the grid below for specific dates. Club will be taking place on Monday (Year One and Year Two) and Thursday (KS2) afternoons from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. Each session costs £6 and a letter will be sent out separately with further details.

Monday 	3.15 – 4.15pm	Bushcraft (£5 per session - £30 in total)	3 rd November, 10 th November, 17 th November, 24 th November, 1 st December, 8 th December	Key Stage Two
Tuesday 	3.15 – 4.15pm	Balanceability (learning to ride a bike for complete beginners) (£2 per session - £12 in total)	4 th November, 11 th November, 18 th November, 25 th November, 2 nd December, 9 th December	Reception and Year One
Tuesday 	3.15 – 4pm	Football (£2 per session - £12 in total)	4 th November, 11 th November, 18 th November, 25 th November, 2 nd December, 9 th December	Year One and Year Two



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Wednesday am FULLY BOOKED	8.10 - 8.40am	LEGO/Construction club (£2 per session - £10 in total)	5 th November, 12 th November, 19 th November, 3 rd December, 10 th December No session on 26th November	Year One – Year Six
Wednesday	3.15 – 4pm	Board Games (£2 per session - £12 in total)	5 th November, 12 th November, 19 th November, 26 th November, 3 rd December, 10 th December	Reception, Year One, Year Two and Year Three
Thursday am	8.10 - 8.40am	Yoga and Mindfulness (£2 per session - £10 in total)	13 th November, 20 th November, 27 th November, 4 th December, 11 th December No session on 6th November	Year One – Year Six
Thursday pm	3.15 – 4pm	Football (£2 per session - £12 in total)	6 th November, 13 th November, 20 th November, 27 th November, 4 th December, 11 th December	Year Three and Year Four
Friday am	8.10 - 8.40am	Outdoor Gym and Fun Circuits (£2 per session - £10 in total)	7 th November, 14 th November, 21 st November, 5 th December, 12 th December No session on 28th November	Year One – Year Six
Friday	3.15 – 4pm	Archery (£2 per session - £10 in total)	7 th November, 14 th November, 21 st November, 5 th December, 12 th December No session on 28th November	Year Five and Year Six

PE Days

• Reception: Tuesday and Wednesday • Year One: Monday and Thursday • Year Two: Tuesday and Friday • Year Three: Thursday and Friday	• Year Four: Monday and Thursday • Year Five: Wednesday and Thursday • Year Six: Wednesday and Thursday
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Diary Dates for November 2025 – July 2026

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
Nov	10-14	Coloured hamper collection week
	21	Non uniform Day - bring a bottle
	26	Y6 - UK Parliament Week School's Day Education Tour and Workshop 2025
	28	PTA Christmas fayre 🍷🍷
Dec	10	Christmas Meal
	15	KS1 1:45pm
	16	KS2 10am / 1:45pm / 6pm
	17	KS1 10am
	19	Church Service and End of Autumn 2 Term 2
Jan 2026	5	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	6	Start of Spring 1 Term 3
	26	Young Voices 2026
Feb	13	End of Spring 1 Term 3
	12	National Child Measurement (NCM) Programme – REC & Y6
	16-20	Half Term
	23	Start of Spring 2 Term 4
	24	Y6 Gloucestershire Knex Challenge 2025-26
	26	Y5 Swimming sessions starts
March	18-20	Scholastic Book Fayre
	27	End of Spring 2 Term 4
	30-10 April	Easter Half Term
April	13	Start of Summer 1 Term 5
	16	Y5 Swimming sessions finish
May	4	Early Bank Holiday
	20	Y5 Skillzone
	22	End of Summer 1 Term 5
	25	Bank Holiday
	26-29	Half Term
June	1	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	2	Start of Summer 2 Term 6
	9	Y6 Gloucester Cathedral Leavers Service
July	1-3	Y6 Residential
	9	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (1:30pm)
	17	End of Summer 2 Term 6



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2026 ADMISSIONS OPENS 3 NOVEMBER!



Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?

Children born between these dates can start school in the school year starting from 1 September 2026.

Gloucestershire County Council co-ordinates the admission of children to primary or infant school, therefore please ensure you submit a school application to us by the closing date, **15 January 2026**.

Don't be late!

Applications must be submitted by 15 January 2026

Apply online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Key Dates

November 2025 - You should receive a letter advising how to apply
15 January 2026 - Deadline for applications
16 April 2026 - Allocation Day (find out which school your child has been offered)

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