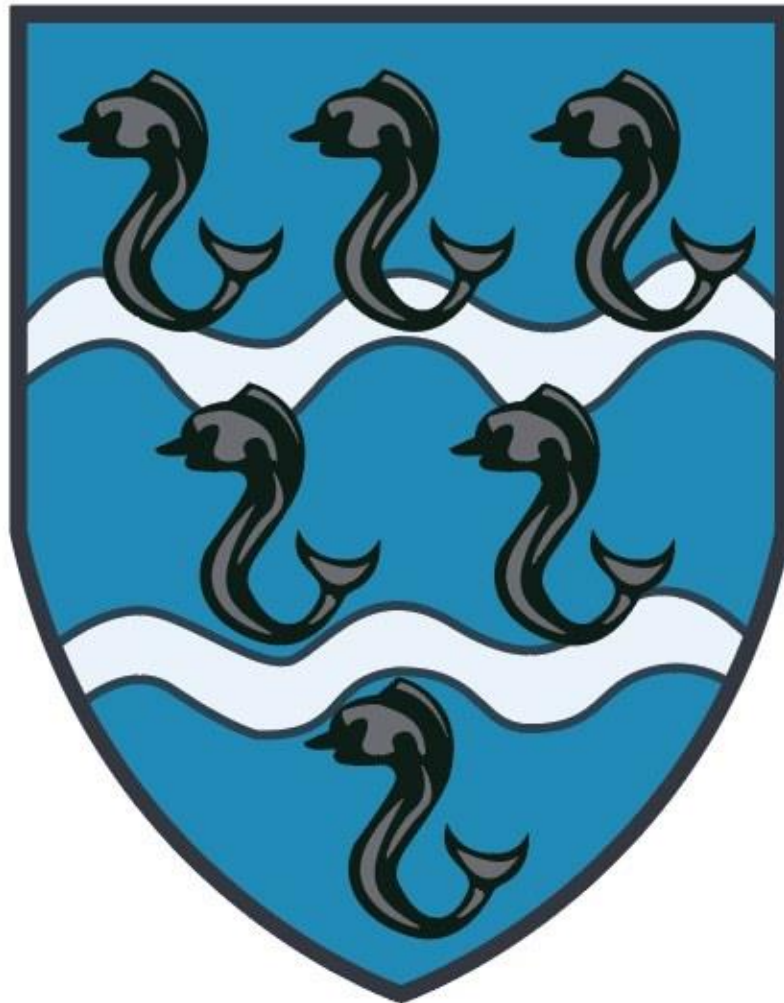




TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL  
MIDDLE TERM 1 26-27

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

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## NEWSLETTER - Autumn Middle



Miss J Lane

Executive Headteacher



Mrs E Gomersall

Executive Headteacher



- **Flu Immunisation** - The Immunisation Team will be visiting Tutshill School on Thursday, 5 November to administer this vaccination to all year groups. Letters have been sent home for consent to be given online.
- **Dropping Children Off at start of School Day** - All the children have now settled into their new classes. Please can all parents/carers drop their children off in the school playground so the children can make their own way to their classes.

- **ParentPay School Lunch Booking Service** ([www.parentpay.com](http://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. You can book as many meals as your child requires for the week. You can, of course, book as many weeks in advance as you wish. Please note that this is the only facility for booking school meals.
- **2026 Admissions Open Days** We are holding open days at our wonderful school for pupils who will be starting in reception in 2027. The dates for these are: • Monday, 28 September – 9:30am • Tuesday, 6 October – 9:30am • Thursday, 15 October – 2:00pm. Please can you share these dates with anyone with children who will start reception in September 2026.
- **Snacks** Please can we remind parents that we are a healthy eating school and as such encourage children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) to bring a healthy snack at break time. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be provided with a fruit snack. Please could we request that parents do not send children sweets in their lunchboxes. Please could we also request your co-operation in keeping our school a nut-free environment in the interests of the safety of our pupils, some of whom suffer from a severe nut allergy. Please avoid giving your children snacks or packed lunches containing nuts (in any form) or foods with any nut content.
- **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 an emergency. Please email any changes to [office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk)
- **School Dinners** - The Parent Pay system for booking your children's meals every single day is so important due to ordering food for our school kitchen. If you do require your child to have a hot dinner please use the parent pay app. If no cooked dinner required please send them in with a packed lunch. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter which is to minimise administration time. Don't forget to cancel or update Parent Pay if your child is absent or has an appointment.
- **School Photographer** - Your child should have brought home a piece of paper with details how to access school photo etc. Please get in touch with the school office if lost or mislaid.

## Term and Holiday Dates 2026-2027



| SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES<br>SEPTEMBER 2026 – JULY 2027 |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>TERM 1</b>                                               | <b>INSET DAY – Tuesday 1 September 2026 (no pupils onsite)</b><br>Wednesday 2 September – Thursday 22 October 2026<br><b>INSET DAY – Friday 23 October 2026 (no pupils onsite)</b> |
| <b>Half Term Holiday</b>                                    | Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2026                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>TERM 2</b>                                               | Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December 2026                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Christmas Holiday</b>                                    | Monday 21 December 2026 – Friday 1 January 2027                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>TERM 3</b>                                               | <b>INSET DAY – Monday 4 January 2027 (no pupils onsite)</b><br>Tuesday 5 January – Friday 12 February 2027                                                                         |
| <b>Half Term Holiday</b>                                    | Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2027                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>TERM 4</b>                                               | Monday 22 February – Thursday 25 March 2027<br><b>EASTER BANK HOLIDAY – Friday 26 March 2027 (no pupils onsite)</b>                                                                |
| <b>Easter Holiday</b>                                       | Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April 2027                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>TERM 5</b>                                               | <b>INSET DAY – Monday 12 April 2027 (no pupils onsite)</b><br>Tuesday 13 April – Friday 28 May 2027<br><b>BANK HOLIDAY – Monday 3 May 2027 (no pupils onsite)</b>                  |
| <b>Half Term Holiday</b>                                    | Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2027                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>TERM 6</b>                                               | <b>INSET DAY – Monday 7 June 2027 (no pupils onsite)</b><br>Tuesday 8 June – Wednesday 21 July 2027                                                                                |

School will be closed for in-service training on the following dates:

- Tuesday 1 September 2026
- Friday 23 October 2026
- Monday 4 January 2027
- Monday 12 April 2027
- Monday 7 June 2027



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***Message from the PTA***

After a gorgeous summer and amazing Summer Fayre, the new PTA committee is excited to start organising some more fabulous events and raising some money to enrich our children's school experience. First up is our *Glow In The Dark* disco, on October 13th, and then we'll move straight into planning the Christmas Fayre.

We're currently working on a number of projects around the school, so you'll see the results of everyone's fundraising efforts very soon. Watch this space!

**Pre-Loved Uniform**

Before you think of buying new school uniform, why not check our extensive inventory?

It's so easy to use - just go to <https://uniformerly.co.uk><sup>1</sup> and register if you're a first-time user. Then add items to your basket, pay online, and they'll be waiting for you at the school office, usually within 48 hours.

If you have items to donate, please drop them at the school office. Thank you.

***Please come and collect orders from the School Office.***

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<sup>1</sup><https://uniformerly.co.uk/>

## Sporting Events



## CLASS NEWS



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**AUTUMN TERM 1**

***PE Days:***

*Reception: Tuesday and Friday*

*Year One: Monday and Friday*

*Year Two: Monday and Thursday*

*Year Three: Thursday and Friday*

*Year Four: Tuesday and Wednesday*

*Year Five: Tuesday and Wednesday*

*Year Six: Thursday and Friday*

**Please ensure your child(ren) have their P.E. Kit for these days.**

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## Pro Stars Clubs



## Holiday Club Information 2026-27



### Tutshill School Holiday Club 2026 - 2027

We're delighted to offer our popular Holiday Club, providing children with fun, active days in a safe, familiar school environment during the holidays.

#### **Book Early to Secure Your Place!**

Bookings for each holiday club will open on ParentPay during the first week of term, giving families plenty of time to plan ahead and reserve places before the holidays begin.

#### **Reliable Childcare You Can Count On**

The Holiday Club is scheduled to run on all advertised dates and will only be cancelled in exceptional circumstances, such as severe weather or an unforeseen power outage.

#### **Great Value, Full-Day Provision**

The club operates from **8:30am to 5:00pm** each day at a cost of **£24 per child**.

We regularly review our fees and compare them with other local providers to ensure we continue to offer excellent value for money. We are mindful of rising costs, including staffing and utilities, and remain committed to providing an affordable, high-quality holiday provision for our families.

#### **A Familiar and Supportive Environment**

One of the biggest advantages of our Holiday Club is that children spend their day with familiar faces in surroundings they already know and enjoy. Sessions are led by our trusted Sports Coaches, who work with many of the children during the school week, helping them feel comfortable, confident and ready to have fun alongside their friends.

#### **Advance Booking Required**

To help us maintain appropriate staffing levels and meet safeguarding requirements, **all places must be booked before the end of term and before the club begins**.

Staffing arrangements are based on confirmed bookings, so unfortunately, we cannot accommodate requests for places on the day. We therefore kindly ask families not to contact Prostars directly to request last-minute bookings.

#### **Summer Holiday Availability**

The Holiday Club is available for up to three weeks during the summer holiday period. This allows essential school maintenance, repairs and deep cleaning work to be carried out safely while the site is closed.

Occasionally, availability during half-term breaks may also be affected if contractors need access to the school during holiday periods.

#### **Dates for the Year Ahead**

Please see the timetable overleaf for all Holiday Club dates for the 2026-27 academic year.



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## Tutshill School Holiday Club 2026 -2027

| Holiday                   | Dates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Bookings open at midday on <u>ParentPay</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>October Half Term</b>  | Tuesday 27 October 2026<br>Wednesday 28 October 2026<br>Thursday 29 October 2026                                                                                                                                                                                            | Wednesday 23 September 2026                 |
| <b>February Half Term</b> | Tuesday 16 February 2027<br>Wednesday 17 February 2027<br>Thursday 18 February 2027                                                                                                                                                                                         | Wednesday 6 January 2027                    |
| <b>May Half Term</b>      | NO CLUB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                             |
| <b>Easter Holiday</b>     | Tuesday 30 March 2027<br>Wednesday 31 March 2027<br>Thursday 1 April 2027                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Wednesday 24 February 2027                  |
| <b>Summer Holiday</b>     | Thursday 22 July 2027<br><br>Tuesday 27 July 2027<br>Wednesday 28 July 2027<br>Thursday 29 July 2027<br><br>Tuesday 3 August 2027<br>Wednesday 4 August 2027<br>Thursday 5 August 2027<br><br>Tuesday 10 August 2027<br>Wednesday 11 August 2027<br>Thursday 12 August 2027 | Wednesday 9 June 2027                       |

Your child(ren) will require a full day's food provision, including a packed lunch, snacks and a water bottle.

Please ensure your child(ren) is dressed appropriately for the weather (coat/sun hat) and has a change of clothes/shoes if required.

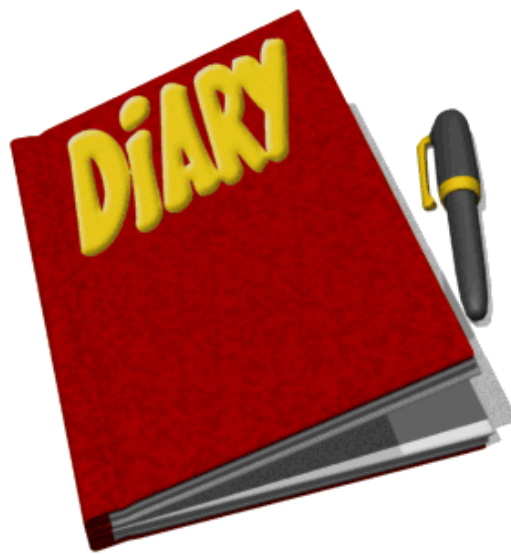


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## Diary Dates



Diary Dates for September 2026 – July 2027

| MONTH    | DATE         | EVENT                                              |
|----------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| SEPT     | 28           | Open Day Admissions Sept 27 – 9.30-10.00 a.m.      |
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| OCT      | 2            | Reception Class Reading Meeting 2.30-3.00 p.m.     |
|          | 6            | Open Day Admissions Sept 27 – 9.30-10.00 a.m.      |
|          | 13           | PTA Disco – <b><i>'Glow in the Dark' Disco</i></b> |
|          | 15           | Open Day Admissions Sept 27 – 2.00-2.30 p.m.       |
|          | 23           | END OF TERM 1                                      |
|          | 23           | INSET Day – No Pupils onsite                       |
|          | 26-30        | HALF-TERM                                          |
| NOV      | 2            | START OF TERM 2                                    |
|          | 5            | Nasal Flu Programme                                |
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| DEC      |              |                                                    |
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|          |              |                                                    |
|          | 18           | END OF TERM 2                                      |
|          | 21/12-1/1/27 | CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY                     |
| JAN 2027 | 4            | INSET Day – No Pupils onsite                       |
|          | 5            | START OF TERM 3                                    |
| FEB      | 12           | END OF TERM 3                                      |
|          | 15-19        | HALF-TERM                                          |
|          | 22           | START OF TERM 4                                    |
|          |              |                                                    |
|          |              |                                                    |
| MARCH    | 4            | Y5 Swimming Sessions start                         |
|          | 25           | END OF TERM 4                                      |
|          | 26           | EASTER BANK HOLIDAY – No Pupils on site            |
|          | 29/3-9/4     | EASTER HOLIDAYS                                    |
| APRIL    | 12           | INSET Day – No Pupils onsite                       |
|          | 13           | START OF TERM 5                                    |
| MAY      | 3            | MAY BANK HOLIDAY – No Pupils onsite                |
|          | 28           | END OF TERM 5                                      |
|          | 31/5-4/6     | HALF-TERM                                          |
|          |              |                                                    |
| JUNE     | 7            | INSET Day – No Pupils onsite                       |
|          | 8            | START OF TERM 6                                    |
|          |              |                                                    |
|          | 30-2/7/26    | PGL Y6 Residential                                 |
| JUL      | 1-2          | PGL Y6 Residential                                 |
|          | 21           | END OF TERM 6                                      |



#### *1 - PUNCTUALITY IS THE KEY TO PERFECT ATTENDANCE*

### **School Attendance**

As part of our attendance drive, if you arrive after the school gate closes in the morning at 8:45am, parents will need to complete a late slip before your child is able to come into school. Please contact Deb Cornes or email [attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk)<sup>2</sup> if your child will be absent for any reason i.e. illness, medical appt., etc. by 9:15am. Morning registration takes place at 8.45am and afternoon registration takes place at 1 pm. Please be punctual!

A Request for Leave during Term-Time form **must** be completed in advance of the leave and returned to the school office if you intend to take your child(ren) out of school during term-time. The request will be considered and authorised/unauthorised by Headteacher. This should be completed **prior** to any absence. Hard copies of form are in the Reception area. A copy can be emailed if requested.



#### *2 - Keeping You in The Loop About Attendance*

Hello all,

I wanted to keep you updated on some of our attendance procedures, so that you as parents, and we as a school, can work together to give every child the best opportunity to attend school. We have recently changed the way we handle absence requests, to keep us in line with DfE and GCC guidance. We now have an updated absence request form adapted from the GCC template. These can still be found on the school website, and in the office.

When filling in this form, please ensure that:

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<sup>2</sup><mailto:attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk>

- Any **relevant evidence** is attached, such as copies of flight tickets, wedding invitations, hotel bookings etc. Where possible, make sure the form is completed and returned to us **at least two weeks** before the first day of absence;
- We are also more strictly monitoring our use of Penalty Notices. A Penalty Notice is a fine that can be issued for unauthorised absences. If your child meets the threshold for unauthorised absence, we are required by the government to consider issuing a Penalty Notice. For more information on Penalty Notices, see the school's Attendance Policy and the GCC Leaflet on NTIs and PNs, both of which can be found on the school's website.

## Admissions September 2027



### Admission to Reception at Primary School September 2027

#### September 2027 Intake

Applications for September 2027 entry into reception will need to be submitted between **early November 2026 and 15 January 2027**. For details on the application process, please see the Guidance and Information Booklet For 2027 Intake which can be found on GCC Website

#### Key dates

##### From November 2026

Letters sent out to Gloucestershire residents making them aware the online application window is open. **However, you do not need the letter to make the application**

**From 2 November 2026 to Midnight 15 January 2027**

Application Window.

Closing date for school applications is **Midnight on 15 January 2027**

**16 April 2027**

Allocation Day

**23 April 2027**

Closing date to return reply form accepting the School/Academy place or requesting to be put on waiting list/s

**By 19 May 2027**

Outcome of Waiting List Requests

**Midnight 26 May 2027**

Closing date for return of reply forms

**Late June 2027 to July 2027**

Appeals

Transition Sept 27



*3 - Wyedean Open Evening*

*Message from Ribston Hall High School -*

Dear colleague,

Please find information attached about our upcoming Open Events in October. We have three Open Events running this year and they are:

- Open Morning, 15th October 2026, 9am to 11:30am
- Open Evening, 15th October 2026, 4:30pm to 7pm
- Open Evening, 15th October 2026, 5:30pm to 8pm

Our open events are the perfect opportunity to find out more about our school and the changes to the Grammar Schools Test for 2027. We will also be offering student-guided tours, and our Senior Leadership and Admissions teams will be available to answer any questions parents/carers may have.

Booking a place is quick and easy. Parents/carers can find out more information about each event, and book their place(s), via the below link:

[www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us](http://www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us)<sup>3</sup>

Early booking is advised as we expect these events to book up very quickly.

If you have any enquiries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We look forward to welcoming your families on the 15th October.

Kind regards

**Ribston Hall High School**

A promotional poster for Denmark Road High School. The background is a photograph of a young woman in a school uniform (dark blue blazer, striped shirt, and red and green striped tie) sitting at a desk, smiling and holding a pen. In the background, another student is blurred. The text on the poster is as follows:

**Denmark Road High School**

**Be part of the Denmark Road experience.**

**Join us for our Open Events**

**5th October**  
**8.45-10.30am**

**7th October**  
**5.00-8.00pm**

**All welcome.**  
**No booking required.**

**[www.denmarkroad.org](http://www.denmarkroad.org)**

*4 - Denmark Road*

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## School Contact Details



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or ring 01594 531 496

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