



## TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER End Term Summer 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely but very short term this has been! It has been wonderful having this beautiful weather and the children have really enjoyed going on the field at lunchtime – I only hope it continues next week when it's half term! As the weather is getting warmer we would be grateful if you could provide your children with sun hats and water bottles. Please can we request that you apply suncream before they come to school then provide children with the cream to apply themselves if required, later in the day.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd June, Monday 2nd June is an INSET day.

Mrs Gomersall

#### REMINDERS...

##### Year 6 Residential Trip

Please could we remind parents that the outstanding balance for the residential trip is due by the end of May. Thank you.

##### Lost property

We have a large amount of unnamed clothing items in our lost property. Please can you ensure your child's name is in their school uniform, PE kit and any clothing they wear to school.

##### School meal bookings after half term

Please ensure your child's school meal is booked in advance of the day, preferably a week ahead.

##### Ticks

As summer is here and our children are spending more time playing outside, it is important to be aware of ticks. These tiny creatures can be found in grassy and wooded areas and can attach to the skin.

Please make sure to check your children for ticks after they've been playing outside, especially on areas like arms and legs. If you find a tick, it's important to remove it safely and promptly.

For detailed information on how to remove ticks and what to do if you find one, please visit the NHS website:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/injuries/skin-injuries/tick-bites/>

##### Year 6 SATs

Last week, Year 6 completed their SATs in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Reading and Maths. We are very proud of their resilience and hard work, not just in the week of SATs, but all through Year 6 where they have shown great maturity and perseverance. We would also like to thank parents and carers for their support in the lead-up to the big week and Mrs Howells, Mrs Malik, Mrs Berry and Mrs Beard for supporting the pupils.

##### Dean Heritage Trip

Year 4 went on a trip to the Dean Heritage Centre and had lots of fun learning about Anglo Saxons. We even got to try on some of the armour and made our own flour.







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### Skillzone

Year 5 visited the SKILLZONE on the 9th May and took part in interactive scenarios to develop life skills. The interactive village is a fun way to learn about safety in the home and in the community. The workshops included: safety in the home, water safety, railway and road safety, fire safety, derelict buildings, dark alleys and an interactive custody suite.

As always, the children really enjoyed the experience and have now developed skills for life.







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### Archery

Well done to all of the children who took part in the archery tournament. Your behaviour was exemplary and were all great archers.



### French Focus Summer 1

Every half term, we are focusing on a different French word or phrase to help us embed key language as well as to use French more frequently, both in the classroom (such as during the register) and around the school more generally. Please find attached to the newsletter an overview for the year.

Our focus for this half term was 'Où habites-tu?' (Where do you live?). This question was answered with 'J'habite à ...' (I live in ...) OR children could simply answer with the name of the place that they live, e.g. 'Tutshill'.

If you would like to practise the French Focus question and answer for this half term at home, you could use these links:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RiLUb1iEFg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RiLUb1iEFg) (we have learnt the second way to ask the question starting at 0:26),

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdIF3ac90ko> (characters talking about where they live) and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjcbrj6/articles/zgnwr2p> (BBC bitesize learning - scroll down to the section called 'How to say where you live').

### French Focus – Termly Words and Phrases

Please try to use the focus words throughout the week, e.g. during registration, in the corridors or at other appropriate times of the day.

| Term & Focus                   | Example words and phrases   | Meaning  |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Autumn 1<br>Greetings          | Bonjour/Salut   | Hello/Hi   |
| Autumn 2<br>What is your name? | Comment tu t'appelles ? OR<br>Comment t'appelles-tu ?<br>Je m'appelle...                                    | What is your name?<br>My name is...                          |
| Spring 1<br>How are you?       | Ça va? OR Comment ça va ?<br>Ça va très bien, Ça va bien,<br>Comme ci comme ça, Ça ne va pas,<br>Ça va mal. | How are you?<br>Very well, well, so-so, not<br>so good, bad. |
| Spring 2<br>How old are you?   | Quel âge as-tu ?<br>J'ai ...ans.  | How old are you?<br>I am ... years old.                      |
| Summer 1<br>Where do you live? | Où habites-tu ?<br>J'habite à ...   | Where do you live?<br>I live in... (town/city)               |
| Summer 2<br>Do you like...?    | Tu aimes...?<br>J'aime.../Je n'aime pas   | Do you like...?<br>I like.../I don't like                    |





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### Bikeability

You may have seen Year 5 out and about on the roads completing their Level 2 bikeability certificate this week. Well done everyone - you showed our values of responsibility and perseverance.



### Knex Challenge Finals



A huge congratulations to Alex and Coby in Year 6 who represented our school at the Stemworks Knex finals on Monday 19th May in Gloucester. We are delighted to announce that having competed against around 40 other schools, they were judged as winners of the KNEX Challenge 2025! We are very proud of the creativity, ingenuity and teamwork they have shown through the competition as well as the fantastic achievement of coming in first place! Well done, Alex and Coby!

### Tutshill Scarecrow Trail



To all of you - fantastic scarecrow makers & wonderful hosts

THANK YOU, DIOLCH YN FAWR, MERCI, DANKE SCHON and THANK YOU again!

I'm afraid my language skills prevent me from being thankful in anymore languages (without using google translate) but hopefully this emphasises just how grateful we are for the time, money, love, care and attention you have all invested in creating another first-class Tutshill Scarecrow Trail. What a treat for everyone!

And now for some facts (numbers are included):  
422 trail sheets were purchased

This means a LOT (lot = very large number) of people were walking around the pavements looking for the next number (there may also have been skipping, running or perhaps even trudging with umbrellas) 😊

Money raised approx. £1200 🍂

The quality of every one of the scarecrows was absolutely amazing and the top 4 as voted by the general public (the trail participants) were:

1. Winnie the Pooh - Sedbury Beavers
2. James and the Giant Peach - Chepstow MENCAP
3. The Borrowers - The Marshalls
4. Lord of the Rings - The Richardsons



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And so the 2025 adventure comes to an end. You may go to sleep at night without dreaming of scarecrows, the conversation at the breakfast table can move on from "what is our favourite book?" and the curtains can be opened in the morning without needing to check on the new temporary "lodger"!

But before you forget about scarecrows completely, if you have any ideas for next year's theme, please do email and let us know.

Love and all things scarecrow  
from Emma & the team

### Transition Days

The children will spend some time in their new classes on Wednesday 25th June, classes for next year will be announced after half term. On this day, Year 6 pupils will be attending Wyedean. Dean Academy have additional dates. Should your child be in Year 6 and not be attending Wyedean, they will be expected to attend school. The sessions provide pupils with an opportunity to meet their new teachers or classmates and spend some time getting to know each other.

### Newsletter Subscription:



Gloucestershire County Council is producing families in partnership newsletters to inform families of services available and new developments in the local area. Keep up to date with the latest news and opportunities from Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) by clicking the links below to sign up.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/families-in-partnership-newsletters/>

### School Attendance

This term we have had a school visit from our local authority inclusion officer, Brian Gazzard, who conducted a full audit of attendance at the school. As a result of this audit, he has identified three main areas of concern:

1. The number of holiday requests
2. Lateness before registration
3. Attendance issues within year groups

Please can we remind parents that school starts at 8.45am. When children arrive after 8.45 am they are missing the introduction to the first lesson of the day which is phonics in the hub and reading in years 2 to 6. Any arrival after 9.15am is classed as an unauthorised absence but all late marks are recorded and the number of minutes late is also noted. This academic year there have been 763 late marks and 89 late marks after the registers have closed. Our registers download attendance information directly to the local authority who will now be monitoring all lateness, holiday requests and attendance. We have been advised to issue penalty notices and notices to improve to support an improvement in these issues. As a school the last thing we want to do is to issue fines and notices to improve but we must follow the guidance the local authority issues.

Can we politely remind you that term time leave is discouraged and holidays are generally not authorised, unless in extenuating circumstances. There has been a huge increase in requests for term time leave and therefore some children are missing large chunks of schooling. In future, parents and families will be asked to school to discuss their children's attendance should it not be satisfactory. In certain cases, the school will seek advice and guidance from the local authority, especially should your child's attendance sit below 90%. We are very aware of the illnesses and, of course, the reasons for absence will be taken into consideration.

Attendance to date:

| Class           | Attendance % | Late Marks |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| Reception       | 96.8%        | 16         |
| Year 1          | 96.7%        | 11         |
| Year 2          | 97.0%        | 15         |
| Year 3          | 95.3%        | 20         |
| Year 4          | 96.3%        | 20         |
| Year 5          | 94.1%        | 19         |
| Year 6          | 96.8%        | 10         |
| Whole School    | 96.8%        | 111        |
| National        | 94.8%        |            |
| Local Authority | 94.9%        |            |





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### School Contact Details

Telephone: 01291 622593

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PTA email: [ptatutshill@gmail.com](mailto:ptatutshill@gmail.com)

### Community Leaflets

Please click on community on our website to see the latest news and events.

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

### 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](mailto:office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk)

### 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](mailto:coolclub15@outlook.com) or by their contact phone number on 07763 479119.

### National fish & chips day

Friday, 6 June 2025

Friendly reminder to book your child's meal!



### PE Days (Summer 2)



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





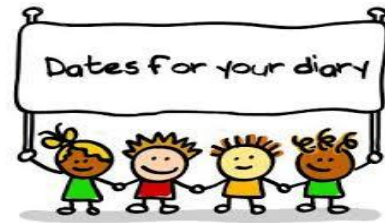
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### After School Clubs (Summer 2)



|              |               |  |  |
|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| Monday       | 3.15 - 4.15pm | Bushcraft<br>9th June, 16th June, 30th June,<br>7th July, 14th July<br><b>(NO CLUB 23rd JUNE)</b><br>£5 per session - £25 in total                         | Key Stage Two                                |
| Tuesday      | 3.15 - 4pm    | Board Games Club<br>3rd June, 10th June, 17th June,<br>24th June, 1st July, 8th July<br>£2 per session - £12 in total                                      | Year One, Year Two, Year Three and Year Four |
| Tuesday      | 3.15 - 4pm    | Bat and Ball Club- Cricket and Rounders<br>3rd June, 10th June, 17th June,<br>24th June, 1st July, 8th July<br>£2 per session - £12 in total               | Year Five and Year Six                       |
| Tuesday      | 3.15 - 4.15pm | Bushcraft<br>3rd June, 10th June, 17th June,<br>1st July, 8th July, 15th July<br><b>(NO CLUB 24th JUNE)</b><br>£5 per session - £30 in total               | Key Stage Two                                |
| Tuesday      | 3.15 - 4pm    | Lego Construction Club<br>3rd June, 10th June, 17th June,<br>24th June, 1st July, 8th July<br>£2 per session - £12 in total                                | Reception - Year Six                         |
| Wednesday am | 8.10 - 8.40am | Circus Skills<br>4th June, 11th June, 18th June,<br>25th June, 2nd July, 9th July<br>£2 per session - £12 in total   | Year One - Year Six                          |
| Thursday am  | 8.10 - 8.40am | Running<br>5th June, 12th June, 19th June,<br>26th June, 3rd July, 10th July<br>£2 per session - £12 in total  | Reception - Year Six                         |
| Thursday     | 3.15 - 4pm    | Multi Sports<br>12th June, 19th June, 26th June,<br>3rd July, 10th July<br><b>(NO CLUB 5th June)</b><br>£2 per session - £10 in total                      | Reception, Year One and Year Two             |
| Thursday     | 3.15 - 4pm    | Mission Possible Club - Fun Fitness with a twist!<br>5th June, 12th June, 19th June,<br>26th June, 3rd July, 10th July<br>£4.50 per session - £27 in total | Year Two, Year Three and Year Four           |
| Friday am    | 8.10 - 8.40am | Outdoor Gym and Fun Fitness<br>6th June, 13th June, 20th June,<br>4th July, 11th July<br><b>(NO CLUB on 27th June)</b><br>£2 per session - £10 in total    | Year One - Year Six                          |
| Friday       | 3.15 - 4pm    | Archery<br>13th June, 20th June, 4th July,<br>11th July<br><b>(NO CLUB on 6th June and 27th June)</b><br>£2 per session - £8 in total                      | Year Three and Year Four                     |
| Friday       | 3.15 - 4pm    | Boogie Bounce<br>6th June, 13th June, 20th June,<br>4th July, 11th July<br><b>(NO CLUB on 27th June)</b><br>£4 per session—£20 in total                    | Reception, Year One and Year Two             |



| MONTH | DATE    | EVENT   |
|-------|---------|---|
| June  | 2       | INSET Day   |
|       | 3       | <b>Term 6 Begin</b>   |
|       | 4       | New Starters evening meeting                                  |
|       | 6       | Y5 Cheltenham Science Festival                                |
|       | 10& 11  | New Starters Home Visit                                       |
|       | 11      | Y3 Caerleon Museum  |
|       | 12      | Y6 Gloucester Cathedral Leavers Service                       |
|       | 18      | Y2 Poor's Allotment Trip                                      |
|       | 19      | Y4 Poor's Allotment Trip                                      |
|       | 23      | Y6 Wyedean Information Evening                                |
|       | 24& 25  | New Starters Stay & Play                                      |
| July  | 25      | Y6 Wyedean Transition Day                                     |
|       | 27      | Sports Day<br>Summer Fayre                                    |
|       | 2-4     | Residential PGL   |
|       | 3       | Y4 Chepstow Castle  |
|       | 7& 8    | Y6 Dean Academy Transition Days                               |
|       | 8 or 10 | Y5 Wyedean School Taster Day (provisional dates)              |
|       | 8& 9    | Y6 Chepstow School Transition Days                            |
|       | 10      | Leaver's Production at Woodcroft Christian Centre @6pm        |
|       | 18      | Leavers' Assembly in School Hall @9:15am<br><b>Term 6 End</b> |





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## Art Club pictures Summer 1







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## CHILDREN'S GARDENING WEEK

PUPILS AREN'T AFRAID OF  
GETTING THEIR HANDS DIRTY  
AND IT'S A GREAT WAY TO  
TEACH THE NEXT GENERATION  
ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF  
GARDENING

SCAN THE QR  
CODE BELOW  
FOR SCHOOL KITCHEN  
GARDEN APPLICATIONS  
FUNDED BY THE CATERLINK  
FOUNDATION

24TH  
MAY- 1ST  
JUNE

A GREAT WAY TO  
TEACH ABOUT FOOD  
GROWING AND TRYING  
NEW FRUITS AND  
VEGETABLES

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