



MID TERM NEWSLETTER

The children have settled very well into their new classes and they are working very hard for their new teachers. It has been a busy few weeks since we have returned with photographs, meet the teacher mornings, themed days and sporting events and there are still lots of exciting things coming up before half term.

Parental Consultation Days:

Teachers will be holding parental consultations during the week commencing Monday 13th October. The consultation dates are:

- Monday, 13 October – face to face/virtual
- Wednesday, 15 October – face to face/virtual
- Thursday, 16 October – virtual

The system to book consultation slots will go live on Monday 29th September at midday. Please can you inform the school office as soon as possible if you don't receive a link to book your consultation.

School Council

We now have a new School Council! All the Year Six children spoke clearly and with enthusiasm whilst taking part in interviews for their role in our School Council. The positions have all been filled and the children have already been working extremely hard. We have had a number of meetings and made plans for the year ahead. The class elections have taken place, and our class reps have started to find out what plans and ideas their classes have for the coming year. We have also introduced a new role this year - an Eco Rep for each class. These children will work closely with our Year Six Eco-Council.

Thank you to all the children who took part in election speeches in Key Stage Two. You made us extremely proud as you spoke brilliantly about why you would like to be on our School Council. We are looking forward to the year ahead and will keep you updated with the latest news via the website and in our school newsletters.

Eco- Schools Green Flag Award

We would like to say a BIG CONGRATULATIONS to our Eco-Council who worked hard to achieve our Green Flag Award last year. The children did a fantastic job and we have been awarded the Green Flag with a merit. Thank you to all of the children, the staff and members of our school community for supporting us with completing our action plan. We would like to say a special thank you to the wonderful Mrs Wright who has worked extremely hard both on her own and with groups of children in our pond area. This area of our school grounds is now looking incredible. Our new Eco-Council are looking forward to continuing to develop and improve our school grounds, building on the work that has already been started and also starting some exciting new projects as well.



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Lunchtime Football

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

Tuesday: Year Three and Year Four

Thursday: Year Five and Year Six

Friday: Year One and Year Two

Flu Immunisation

The Immunisation Team will be visiting Tutshill School on **Thursday, 6 November** to administer this vaccination to all year groups. Letters have been sent home for consent to be given online.

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/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.

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. 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 2026. The dates for these are:

- Tuesday, 7 October – 9:30am
- Tuesday, 21 October – 9:30am
- Wednesday, 5 November – 2:00pm

Please can you share these dates with anyone with children who will start reception in September 2026.



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School Attendance

Now our wonderful reception pupils are settled and are in full time, we will be monitoring attendance in the school.

Parents are responsible for making sure their children attend school regularly and on time. We actively encourage parents to make health and dental appointments outside of school hours to reduce disruption to learning. We do however recognise that medical appointments issued by healthcare professional occur in school hours and as such, will be authorised accordingly. We also understand that children will be unwell from time to time, and we do not encourage poorly children to attend school.

Every week we hold a celebration assembly with the children and have been able to celebrate the attendance of the children and the classes that achieve the highest attendance for the previous week. The whole school target is 100%. School attendance is obligatory for children in the UK between the ages of five and sixteen.

School Attendance to date:

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Late Marks</u>	<u>Pupils 100% Attendance</u>
Rec	99.4%	0.9%	26
Year 1	98.7%	0.9%	26
Year 2	96.8%	0.3%	21
Year 3	96.9%	0.6%	20
Year 4	96.3%	1.6%	20
Year 5	97.4%	1.0%	22
Year 6	93.4%	1.0%	16

Congratulations to Reception class achieving the highest attendance

<u>Whole School Attendance</u>	<u>Persistent Absenteeism (PA)</u>	<u>National Average YTD</u>
96.3%	11.5%	96.2%



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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.

Reminders

- Year 6 Residential deposit payments
- Links to local events can be viewed on our website by clicking on the Community button on the homepage: <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 an emergency. Please email any changes to office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

PE Days

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception: Monday and Wednesday• Year One: Monday and Thursday• Year Two: Monday and Friday• Year Three: Tuesday and Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year Four: Tuesday and Thursday• Year Five: Wednesday and Thursday• Year Six: Wednesday and Friday
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Diary Dates for October 2025 – June 2026

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
Oct	3	Y2- Y6 Team Building Session
	3	Quiz night and PTA AGM
	10	Y6 Football at Cinderford
	9	Open Day 9:30am
	13	Whole School Rhossili Duo primary school workshop 9:20am
	22	PTA Disco
	21	Open Day 9:30am
	23	End of Autumn 1 Term 1
	24	Inset Day – No pupils on site
Nov	3	Start of Autumn 2 Term 2
	5	Open Day 2pm
	6	Flu Vaccinations
	7	KS2 Darts (am)
	26	Y6 - UK Parliament Week School's Day Education Tour and Workshop 2025
	28	Christmas Fayre
Dec	19	End of Autumn 2 Term 2
Jan 2026	5	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	6	Start of Spring 1 Term 3
Feb	13	End of Spring 1 Term 3
	16 – 20	Half Term
	23	Start of Spring 2 Term 4
	24	Y6 Gloucestershire Knex Challenge 2025-26
	26	Y5 Swimming sessions start
Mar	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



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Art Club Term 1 pictures





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