



TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER End Term Spring 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of another busy and exciting term here at Tutshill and thankfully the snow has stayed away! The children have participated in lots of wonderful events such as the Look Who's Talking competition, Technquest visit and not forgetting Boogie Bounce which looks like great fun! I am very proud of the way the children participated in the Look Who's Talking heats in their classes, in assembly and at Berry Hill and it was lovely to see the passion for their chosen topic and their confidence speaking in front of others. There are more exciting events to come next term, we will be sending a termly events sheet in the first week back detailing all the fun things that will happen next term.

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 25th February, Monday 25th February is an INSET day for pupils.

Mrs Gomersall

REMINDERS...

Is my child too ill for school?

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

Personal Items - Please could we request that children do not bring personal items such as toys, teddies, toy cars, etc to school. These items can be easily lost but are very difficult to find!

Please log onto www.Parentpay.com to book lunches, give consent and process voluntary contributions for trips and activities thank you.

Unwanted toys required for Busy Bees
Themes: veterinary and shopping!

School Sports Kit - We have conducted a school sports kit audit and we are missing a significant amount of kit. Please could you look at home to see if you have any kit that needs to be returned. Please return the kit as soon as possible. Many thanks.

We would greatly appreciate donations of underwear, including knickers, pants, socks, and tights, for our younger children. With the warmer, sunnier weather hopefully coming soon, we would also be grateful for any donations of sun hats. Thank you

Parliament assembly

On January 30th Mr Tomos Williams, senior education officer for parliament, delivered a session for our junior pupils focussing on the British Values democracy and rule of law. The session helped our children to understand how General Elections work and learn about how MPs represent constituencies. The children also learned about how laws are made by Parliament, and they looked at examples of laws that may affect them.

World Maths Day 2025

To celebrate World Maths Day 2025, which this year has the theme 'Maths for Everyone', we would like to invite parents and carers to come and join in a problem-solving session with their child in class! Parents and carers will have the chance to see how children use problem-solving and reasoning strategies and can work alongside their children to solve problems.

The timings of the sessions are as follows:

Tuesday 25th March: Year One, Year Four and Year Five

Wednesday 26th March: Year Two and Year Three

Thursday 27th March: Reception Class and Year Six.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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'Little Shop of Horrors' at Wydean School and Sixth Form

On Tuesday 11th February, Year Six were lucky enough to attend the Wydean School and Sixth Form's dress rehearsal for their production of 'Little Shop of Horrors!' The students performed fantastically well and it was lovely to see so many former Tutshill pupils taking part. The Year Six children had a wonderful experience and were excellent audience members.

Techniquet Trip

Our Year 2 and 3 pupils had a fantastic time exploring the wonders of science at Techniquet in Cardiff on Wednesday 5th February. The excitement was palpable as they delved into the interactive exhibits, each one offering a hands-on learning experience. A clear favourite emerged amongst the young scientists: the giant slide connecting the first and ground floors.

Beyond the exhibits, the children were captivated by a fascinating show in the auditorium. The ocean-themed presentation was packed with amazing facts, from the mesmerizing glow of bioluminescent creatures to the impact of carbon dioxide on our waters. They even got a glimpse of just how big some prehistoric sharks really were! It was a truly educational and engaging experience that brought the wonders of the ocean to life.

A huge thank you to all the parents who gave their time to help with the trip we really appreciate your support!

Dodgeball Tournament and Girls' Football Tournament

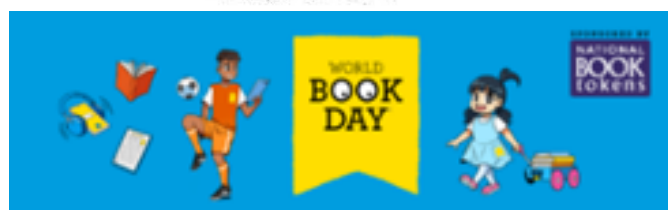
Well done to the Year Six children who took part in the Dodgeball tournament in Newent earlier this term. You worked brilliantly as a team and cheered each other on with enthusiasm.

Earlier this week, a group of Year Five children went to St. John's on the Hill to play in a football tournament. They all played with confidence and demonstrated super teamwork.

We are really proud of you all and you were fantastic representatives of our school - thank you!

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the parents/carers who supported these events and helped with transport.

We are looking forward to taking part in more sporting events next term.



To launch World Book Day all children will be given a £1 token to bring home today. We will be celebrating World Book Day itself on **Friday 7th March 2025**. Children are invited to join in with the celebration by coming to school dressed as a character from a book and to bring along a favourite book to enjoy sharing throughout the day. There are lots of fun activities planned as part of this day including a 'Design a Book Token' competition and much more. Please find below a link for ways families at home can join in also.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>



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Congratulations to Molly in Year 2; Jack in Year 3; and Scarlett in Year 6 who were wonderful in the 'Partnership Heats', where they competed with other local schools at Berry Hill Primary School. The feedback from the judging panel was amazing for all. We have an exciting update. Molly will represent West Gloucestershire Partnership at the 'Look Who's Talking!' Gloucestershire Finals at Gloucester Guild Hall on Friday, April 4th. She will compete against six other school Partnerships in front of a judging panel, where an overall "Super Star Speaker" from each phase will be chosen. We wish her the very best of luck with this.



Tuesday 4th March 2025, West End in Schools will visit our school to deliver an immersive experience of storytelling through the medium of dance. We are very much looking forward to this event. This Year's dance workshops have a World Book Day theme.

Cooking Club

This term we did cookery club with Year 6, Year 5 and Reception. We made wraps, pizza bread, fruit kebabs, rice crispy yoghurt pots and rocky road. We used the bridge hold cutting technique and we also used our school values which were courage and perseverance. We worked well as a team. We recommend going to cookery club as it is great fun.

Written by Poppy Shepherd and Freya Giles

Boogie Bounce Club

Boogie bounce is a unique fitness programme aimed at children and young people of all ages performed on a mini rebounder trampoline.

The sessions are 45 minutes of fun packed, music filled exercise with a party atmosphere, this has proved to interest the less active and less confident children, as they are in an environment where they are moving their bodies, having fun and gaining physical, mental and health benefits without realising.

All sessions are all adapted accordingly to the age of the students but all gain the same Key

Physical Skills:

- Improves coordination,
- Balance,
- Flexibility,
- Cardiovascular fitness,
- Confidence,
- Motor skills,
- Proprioception.

Trick Box Parent Workshop

Our final Trick Box Workshop will be running in the Summer term. The unit will cover - Goals Unboxed and will focus on our 'Green Creativity tricks'. If you would like any information regarding Trick Box, please feel free to contact Mrs Driver about this.





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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 Mrs Joubert or email attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk if your child will be absent by 9:15am. Morning registration takes place at 8.45am and afternoon registration takes place at 1/1:15pm.

Attendance to date:

Class	Attendance %	Late Marks
Reception	96.8%	64
Year 1	96.3%	19
Year 2	97.2%	55
Year 3	94.9%	110
Year 4	96.6%	110
Year 5	93.7%	189
Year 6	96.2%	101
Whole School	93.4%	648
National	94.8%	
Local Authority	94.9%	

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

School Contact Details

Telephone: 01291 622593

Email: office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Attendance: attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

PTA email: ptatutshill@gmail.com

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.



Matt Davies
Children's Author



www.mattdaviesauthor.com

The author Matt Davies will be visiting Tutshill on Friday 28th March to talk about being an author and to talk about his new book "Inspector Earwig & The Garden Thief". More details will follow.



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Art Club

This term we have had a great time at Art Club exploring a wide range of materials and ideas.

We've looked at the colours of the rainbow and made bunting using paper and fabric scraps, we've made some large-scale abstract pieces using some starting shapes from me that the children then added too and made their own using stencils and their own designs.

Week 3 there was no colour allowed and we experimented with different ways we could draw flowers, not just circles on sticks. It was lovely to see the group thinking about new ways to draw things, adding to their creative tool kits. Week 4 was collage, each attendee received a pick and mix bag of collage ingredients and had to come up with a way to present their bits and bring them all together into an original composition, it was fab seeing their imaginations at work and lots of bargaining for different pieces too!

This week we're making our own tiny books to fill with our favourite things, keep your eyes peeled for the results.

If you're interested in your child attending Art Club then please get in touch - nickyppaints@gmail.com





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MONTH	DATE	EVENT
Feb	24	INSET day
	25	Term 4 begin
	25	Y4 In the Net 2025
	25	Trick Box Parents Workshop (2 of 3)
	26	Parental Consultations bookings go live at 6pm
	28	Young Voices 2025
March	3	Y5 Bikeability
	4	Trick Box Parents Workshop (3 of 3)
	6	Y5 Swimming begins for 6 weeks
	11&13	Parental Consultations
	18-21	Scholastic Book Fayre
April	11	Term 4 end
	28	Term 5 begin
May	5	Bank Holiday
	7	Photographs Rec, Y1, Y5, Y6
	9	Y5 Skillzone
	21	Disco
	23	Term 5 end
June	2	INSET Day
	3	Term 6 Begin
	4	New Starters evening meeting
	6	Y5 Cheltenham Science Festival
	10&11	New Starters Home Visit
	11	Y3 Caerleon Museum
	12	Gloucester Cathedral Leavers Service

	13	Colour Run
	24&25	New Starters Stay and Play
	24&25	Moving up days Wyedean School
	27	Sports Day Summer Fayre
	28	Colour run
July	2-4	Y6 Residential Croft Farm
	8-10	Y5 Wyedean School Taster Day
	18	Term 6 End
	21	INSET Day
Sep	1	INSET Day
	2	Term 1 Begin
Oct	23	Term 1 End

PTA is thrilled to share some exciting news from school this week!

First, a huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported our school disco. It was a fantastic success, with lots of dancing, fun, and smiling faces. A special thanks to our amazing volunteers, including Elena our resident photographer, and staff who helped make the evening so enjoyable for the children. We raised £765, which will be spent on enriching the children's learning experiences.

We are also delighted to announce that our brand-new play train has now been installed in the playground! The children have already been enjoying imaginative adventures aboard, and we can't wait to see all the creative play it will inspire. Stay tuned for a very exciting project happening next term!

Dates for your diary...

21st May - School Disco

13th June - Colour Run

27th June - Sports Day & Summer Fayre



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Spring Term Two Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have more exciting clubs planned for next term. Here is a list of the clubs, dates and prices.

Monday	3.15 – 4pm	Cookery 3 rd & 10 th March 17 th & 24 th March 31 st March 7 th April	Year Six and Reception
Monday	3.15 – 4.15pm	Bushcraft 10 th March 17 th & 24 th March 31 st March 7 th April	Year Three Year Four, Year Five and Year Six
Tuesday	3.15 – 4pm	Computing 25 th February 4 th & 11 th March 18 th & 25 th March 1 st April	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Tuesday	3.15 – 4pm	Netball 25 th February 4 th & 11 th March 18 th & 25 th March 1 st & 8 th April	Year Three and Year Four
Tuesday	3.15 – 4.15pm	Bushcraft 25 th February 11 th March 18 th & 25 th March 1 st & 8 th April	Year Three Year Four, Year Five and Year Six
Wednesday am	8.10 - 8.40am	Outdoor Gym 26 th February 5 th & 12 th March 19 th & 26 th March 2 nd April	Year One – Year Six
Thursday am	8.10 - 8.40am	Yoga 27 th February 6 th & 13 th March 20 th & 27 th March 3 rd April	Year One – Year Six
Thursday	3.15 – 4pm	Football 27 th February 6 th & 13 th March 20 th & 27 th March 3 rd April	Year Five and Year Six
Friday am	8.10 - 8.40am	Fun Circuits 28 th February 7 th & 14 th March 21 st & 28 th March 4 th April	Year One – Year Six

Friday	3.15 – 4pm	Hockey (plastic sticks) 28 th February 7 th & 14 th March 21 st 28 th March 4 th April	Year Two and Year Three
Friday	3.15 – 4.15pm	Boogie Bounce 28 th February 7 th & 14 th March 21 st 28 th March 4 th April	Reception and Year One

Art Club

We are pleased to be running art club again next half term.

Art club will be taking place on:

- Monday afternoons for Year One, Year Two, Year Three and
- Thursday afternoons for Year Four, Year Five and Year Six.

This club will cost £6 per session for six weeks and it will take place from 3.15pm until 4.15pm.

PE Days	Term 4	
Reception	Monday	Thursday
Year 1	Wednesday	Friday
Year 2	Wednesday	Friday
Year 3	Wednesday	Friday
Year 4	Tuesday	Friday
Year 5	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday	Thursday/Friday



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St Luke's Church
Coleford Road, Tutshill
Tuesday 18 February
9am-11am

Drop in for a FREE BREAKFAST

Got a question?
email communityengagement@2rh.org.uk
or call 0800 316 0897.



Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



Sedbury Village Hall
Wednesday 19 February
9am-11am



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Sedbury Village Hall
Monday 3 March 4pm-5:30pm



Drop by to build a pizza to take home, cook and enjoy



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ATTENTION ALL GIRL FOOTBALLERS!!!

Come & join our football camp this Half Term!!
Message Mark to receive 15% OFF!

FEB 18TH - FEB 20TH

PRICE & TIME
 £18 PER DAY
 9:00am-3:00pm

WHO CAN JOIN?
 Boys & girls
 Age 5-13
 All Skill Levels Welcome

Freedom Leisure, Lydney

Booking Link
prostars.ipalbookings.com

Contact Mark on
 07444436637 / Mark@prostars-FSE.com

FEB HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

FEB 18TH - FEB 20TH

- ✔ Skills & ball techniques
- ✔ Tournaments
- ✔ Technical/Tactical Sessions
- ✔ Inflatable football pitch and dartboard

PRICE & TIME
 £18 PER DAY
 9:00am-3:00pm

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