



TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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END OF TERM NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful term it has been! The children have all settled into their new classes and our EYFS pupils have settled really well into school life. It has been a very busy term with parental consultations, sports events, European Languages Day, meet the teacher mornings and Harvest festival but it has been a pleasure being back with the children and working with the school community. Thank you very much for all your help and support this term and we look forward to coming back to school on Monday 4th November. Have a lovely half term - let's hope the weather improves!

Harvest Donations

Thank you to everyone who made the effort to bring in donations for Chepstow Foodbank at Harvest time. Please see below a letter from the foodbank:

Thank you so much for the recent donation following your Harvest Collection. You donated 113.18kg of food which is enough to feed 10 people with 3 days of emergency food.

From 1st April 2024 to 30th September 2024, we fed 895 people with emergency food to ensure they do not go hungry. 237 of these were children under the age of 16. We are working hard with over 50 referral agencies across Monmouthshire to ensure that those who are referred to us, can move into a more stable financial situation so that they do not face food insecurity again.

We are so grateful to everyone who supports the foodbank in so many different ways. We are so thankful that together, we can make a difference, supporting our local community.

Sporting fun!

Well done to all the children who have played in the Prostars Football Tournaments this term. We have taken part in a girls' football tournament and two mixed football tournaments. All of the children played well and we were proud of them for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship.

Thank you to everyone who was involved and to the parents/carers who supported the events and helped with transport. We are looking forward to taking part in more sporting events next term.

School Council

The School Council have been working hard this term. We have had a number of meetings and made plans for the year ahead. Our elections have all taken place and our class reps have been busily finding out about what plans and ideas their classes have for the coming year.

Well done to the Fundraising Committee for carrying out research about a number of charities and then presenting their information during Collective Worship, you all did a fantastic job. Following this, the whole school voted and our charities for the year were chosen. These are 'Cancer Research' and 'When You Wish Upon A Star'. The Fundraising Committee are now in the process of organising their first fundraising event which is due to take place after half term.

Our Eco-Council have also been busily carrying out their school audit to identify the areas to focus upon this year. They will then create an action plan which will be uploaded to our School website. They have also been promoting our crisp packet campaign and collection of second-hand coats. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far and we will continue these projects next half term.

Thank you to all of our School Council for your hard work this term, it is very much appreciated.

Music Recital

Due to the overwhelming success of our last music recital, we are excited to announce another recital on December 6th at 6 PM, held at the church. This event will feature a festive Christmas music theme. If your child plays an instrument and would like to participate, watch this space for further information!



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French Focus

Starting after October half term, we will be re-launching our 'French Focus.' Every half term, we will focus 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 coming half term is 'Comment tu t'appelles?' OR 'Comment t'appelles-tu?' (what is your name?). This question is answered with 'Je m'appelle...' (My name is...)

If you would like to practise the French Focus question and answer for this half term at home, you could use these links: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjcbri6/articles/zgnwr2p> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0hGzfxUt7g>

Our Language Leaders from Year 6 will be leading the use of the French Focus around the school. They will greet the children in French and will also use the French Focus to ask them what their names are. We hope this means that we will hear lots more French around the school! Parents and carers are also more than welcome to join in – Merci!

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

Next Term PE Days

Reception: Monday and Friday
Year One: Tuesday and Thursday
Year Two: Wednesday and Friday
Year Three: Tuesday and Friday
Year Four: Monday and Thursday
Year Five: Wednesday and Thursday
Year Six: Tuesday and Wednesday



Sports kits

Thank you so much to everyone who has returned their sports kit to school. We nearly have a full set! If you do still have a kit at home please could you bring it back during the first week after half of term so that it can be used for future tournaments and events. Many thanks for your support with this.



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Autumn Term Two Afterschool Clubs

Monday	3.15 – 4.15pm	Bushcraft 4th November, 11th November, 18th November, 25th November, 2nd December, 9th December (£5 per session - £30 in total)	Year Five and Year Six
Monday	3.15-4pm	Cookery 4th November, 18th November, 25th November, 2nd December, 9th December (No session on 11th due to staff training) (£2 per session - £10 in total)	Year One-Six
Tuesday	3.15 – 4pm	Football 5th November, 12th November, 19th November, 26th November, 3rd December, 10th December (£2 per session - £12 in total)	Year Five and Year Six
Tuesday	3.15 – 4.15pm	Bushcraft 5th November, 12th November, 19th November, 26th November, 3rd December, 10th December (£5 per session - £30 in total)	Year Three and Year Four
Tuesday	3.15 – 4pm	Music Club 5th November, 12th November, 19th November, 26th November, 3rd December, 10th December (£2 per session - £12 in total)	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Wednesday am	8.10 -8.40am	Running Club 6th November, 13th November, 20th November, 27th November, 4th December, 11th December (£2 per session - £12 in total)	Year One – Year Six
Wednesday	3.15 – 4pm	Board Games 6th November, 13th November, 20th November, 27th November, 4th December, 11th December (£2 per session - £12 in total)	Year One and Year Two
Thursday am	8.10 -8.40am	Outdoor Gym 7th November, 14th November, 21st November, 28th November, 5th December, 12th December (£2 per session - £12 in total)	Year One – Year Six
Thursday	3.15 – 4pm	Netball 7th November, 21st November, 28th November, 5th December, 12th December (No session on 14th November) (£2 per session - £10 in total)	Year Five and Year Six
Friday am	8.10 -8.40am	Dance and Movement 8th November, 15th November, 22nd November, 29th November, 6th December, 13th December (£2 per session - £12 in total)	Year One – Year Six
Friday	3.15 – 4pm	Football 8th November, 15th November, 22nd November, 29th November, 6th December, 13th December (£2 per session - £12 in total)	Year Three and Year Four



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Reception Intake 2025

Families with children due to start school in September 2025 can find all the admissions information they need by following the link below

<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/>

Art Club

We are very excited to be running art club again next half term. As it has been so successful, we are now able to offer two sessions.

Art club will be taking place on Monday afternoons for Year Three and Year Four and on Thursday afternoons for Year One and Year Two. This club will cost £6 per session for six weeks and it will take place from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. A separate letter will be sent to these year groups on Thursday 24th October with further details. The art club will be offered to children in Year Five and Year Six in the Spring Term.

Poppy Appeal



Poppies, wrist bands, reflective poppies are available from 4 November 2024 for a donation. If you would like to donate please bring your donation in a named envelope.

Children in Need



Children in Need is taking place on Friday 15th November 2024.

We will be sending out further details about our plans for this day after half term. Many thanks for your continued support.

Fundraising Event

We are organising a fun obstacle course for the whole school to take part in, date to be confirmed.

Please wear your own sports kit or your school PE kit for a fun sporty day. Please make sure that the active wear your child is wearing is appropriate. It will cost £1. Please pay using ParentPay.

Thank you so much for your support. The Fundraising Committee.

ParentPay School Lunch Booking Service (www.parentpay.com).

Don't forget to book your child's school packed 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/packed lunches.**

Attendance



New attendance guidelines were issued by the government at the start of this academic year and they are aimed at improving attendance following the Covid pandemic. As a school we are working hard to promote an ethos of good attendance through weekly class attendance awards in assembly and sharing attendance data on our school newsletter - the children are already very keen to get the best class attendance award!

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents that school starts at 8.45 am so any pupil arriving after this time will be recorded as late on the register, if a child arrives after 9.15am they are recorded as an unauthorised absence. If a child regularly arrives late they will miss the same lesson or lessons which will not only impact on their attainment as each lesson in our reading, maths and English schemes build on the previous lesson but also on their self-esteem and confidence. More information regarding our attendance policy and procedures can be found on our school website in the key information tab under policies.



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Attendance Term 1: Reception: 95.2% | Year 1: 95% | Year 2: 96.5% | Year 3: 93.6% | Year 4: 96% | Year 5: 93.6% | Year 6: 95.7% | Whole School: 95.1%

This term there have been 198 late marks.

Notice

We have been made aware that there is barbed wire on the gate adjacent to the school.

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/school-transport-and-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.

Diary Dates for November 2024 – May 2025

MONT H	DATE	EVENT
Oct	28 – 4 Nov	Half Term
Nov	4	Term Begins
	12	Flu Immunisations
	15	Children in need
	21	KS1 Panto trip to Drill Hall
	21	KS2 Panto at school
	29	PTA Christmas Fayre
Dec	6	Music Recital 6pm
	11	Christmas Lunch
	16	KS1 Christmas Production - PM
	17	KS2 Christmas Productions
	18	KS1 Christmas Production – AM
	20	Church Service End of Term
Jan 25	6	Term Begins
	14	NHS Screening Y6 & REC
Feb	12	Disco
	13	Knex Workshop Y6&Y5 (1-3pm)
	14	Term Ends
	25	Term Begins
	25	In the Net 2025 Y4



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April	11	Term Ends
	28	Term Begins
May	21	Disco
	23	Term Ends

Cool Club

What a lovely start to the Autumn term we have had! We'd like to say again a big welcome back to all our children and parents.

We've been lucky enough to get outside most days over these last few weeks to make use of the outdoor playgrounds.

Additionally, we've been crafting a plenty making bracelets, keyrings, ghosts, autumn wreaths and much more.

Just a polite notice that we are currently full for Before & After-School Club. If you are interested in your child/children attending then please contact Lucy on coolclub15@outlook.com or phone on 07763 479119 and we can place you onto our waiting list.

Thank you!

Cool Club is aware that there may be times you need provision at short notice; be sure to register your child and then you can use them when needed!

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

PTA News

'Glow in the Dark' Disco's

We hope that you all enjoyed our glow in the dark Disco last week, what a fantastic end to the first term! We loved seeing everyone dressed up with the biggest smiles on their faces. Over £800 was raised which will go towards enriching experiences and items needed for the children at school, so a huge thank you to everyone!

As always, another huge thank you to the volunteers who helped last night, to the PTA team for pulling together another fantastic disco! To the teachers who stayed to support the little ones. Thank you all.

Please feel free to pass any feedback onto us via our email address ptatutshill@gmail.com, or through our Facebook page. We look forward to hearing your feedback and any ideas or suggestions you may have ready for our future events. Once again, a massive thank you from the PTA to you all for your support and we hope you have a great half term.

Advance Notice of a date for your diary - 29th November PTA Christmas fayre  



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Prostars

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DODGEBALL
ROADTRIP
BY PROSTARS**

**LIMITED
SPACES!!**

**Wednesday 30th
The Dell**

Tuesday 29th

**Naunton
Park**

Berry Hill

**Primrose
Hill**

To book on please visit:
<https://prostars.ipalbookings.com/>

The poster features a central graphic of a white van with the Prostars logo driving on a dashed white road. The background is dark purple with glowing neon lines. There are two small inset photos: one showing a group of people in a dark setting and another showing a group of people in colorful gear. The Prostars logo is also prominently displayed in the center.



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Autumn Winter 2024/25 Menu Information

Menu Key

Freshly Made on Site from Scratch by our brilliant Catering Teams

Added Plant Protein (50% of the Protein in the Dish comes from Plant Based Sources)

Vegan Option

A Source of Wholemeal Carbohydrates

At Least 50% of the Dessert is Fruit

Red Tractor Assured British Meat

MSC Certified Sustainable Seafood

Meets Government Free Sugar Recommendations for a School Lunch (6.5g free sugar or less)



Food for Life Served Here (FFLSH) is an independent accreditation which we have been awarded year-on-year since 2009, and our silver award shows our food is fresh, local, sustainable and ethical. To gain accreditation you must get points from the FFLSH standards, meaning local meat is Red Tractor assured, eggs are free range, and we only serve sustainably sourced fish, such as MSC. The standards also demonstrate our menus use less ultra-processed foods and no unwanted additives or sweeteners, focusing more on fresh and homemade dishes that our customers will enjoy. Read more about the FFLSH award here - [Food for Life Served Here - Food for Life](#)

Our recipes all meet the School Food Standards portion sizes, meaning pupils are getting the right requirements for their age. We provide visual portion size training resources for our kitchen teams. We also offer unlimited vegetables, salads and bread for any pupils who may need a bit extra food that day!

The average daily free sugar content of this menu is 4.2g, well under the government recommendation of 6.5g!

We do not serve any chocolate or confectionary within our school meals, as per the School Food Standards. Our 'chocolate' desserts contain only cocoa powder.

All of our menus meet the School Food Standards, meaning our menus are balanced, nutritious and contain lots of healthy foods! Read more about the School Food Standards here - [Homepage - School Food Plan](#)





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	Meat Free	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	Roast	THURSDAY	Fish	FRIDAY
GCC Autumn Winter Menu 2024/2025								
WEEK ONE								
4 November	Option One	NEW Tomato Pasta	Sausage with Mash and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup		
25 November	Option Two	Mexican Fajitas with Rice	NEW Creamy Curry with Rice	Vegetable Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	NEW Baked Bean Hot Pot	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Ketchup		
16 December	Option Three	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise		
20 January	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Peas and Baked Beans		
10 February	Dessert	Melting Moment Biscuit	Blackberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Jelly and Peaches	Winter Cake with Custard	Chocolate Orange Cookie		
31 March		Cheese and Tomato Pizza With New Potatoes	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup		
WEEK TWO								
11 November	Option One							
2 December	Option Two	NEW Caribbean Stew with Rice	NEW Cheesy Pasta with Garlic Bread	Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	NEW Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips & Tomato Ketchup		
6 January	Option Three	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise		
27 January	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Peas and Baked Beans		
24 February	Dessert	Vanilla Shortbread	Marble Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Medley	Peach Upside Down Cake with Custard	Oaty Cookie		
17 March								
7 April								
WEEK THREE								
18 November	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	NEW Cowboy Casserole	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Dough Balls	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Ketchup		
9 December	Option Two	Vegan Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Potato Wedges	Vegan Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice	Cheese and Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Ketchup		
13 January	Option Three	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise		
3 February	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Peas and Baked Beans		
3 March	Dessert	Chocolate Brownie	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Ice Cream	Vanilla Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Cinnamon Swirl with Apple Slices		
24 March								
MENU KEY								
		Added Plant Power	Wholemeal	Vegan				
Available Daily: Fresh Bread – Salad Selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt								