



END TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a pleasure to be back at School this term, I truly missed you all. The children have had a fantastic start to the year with so many activities taking place! I've been fortunate to visit every class this year and see all the children learning. The teaching and learning approach and our learning behaviours is always there to see- be sure to ask you children all about it! And, as parents, don't forget to familiarise yourself with these.

https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/web/teaching_and_learning_/664846

A Visit from Bishop Robert, Bishop of Tewkesbury

Earlier this term, we were lucky enough to receive a visit from Bishop Robert, The Bishop of Tewkesbury. Bishop Robert took time to meet our children, look around our school and help deliver our Collective Worship. We were very proud of the way our children (particularly members of the School Council) represented us; Bishop Robert was clearly very impressed with our school and our children.



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Parental Consultations

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers who attended our recent parental consultations. It was incredibly positive to see such strong engagement and support for your children's learning. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to celebrate progress, discuss next steps, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. Your input and involvement make a real difference, and we truly appreciate the time you took to meet with us. Thank you again for your continued support!

Harvest Donations



I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the children, parents, and staff of Tutshill School for their incredible generosity and kindness in donating such a wonderful collection of food for the Little Larder, Sedbury Community Fridge, and Chepstow Food Bank. Your thoughtful contributions will make a real difference to local families and individuals who need a little extra support, especially as we move into the colder months. It was also a joy and privilege to be part of your Harvest Assembly —

the children sang so beautifully and with such enthusiasm, capturing the true spirit of thankfulness and community that Harvest represents. Their voices filled the Church with warmth and hope, reminding us all of the power of coming together to care for others. Thank you again for your generosity, compassion, and community spirit — you are helping to make a real difference in people's lives.

Every Blessing, Rev'd Nicki Bullivant

Sporting fun!

Well done to all of the children who have taken part in sporting events this term. We have had a busy few weeks, with two mixed football tournaments and a tag rugby festival. Everyone who played did so with amazing enthusiasm and confidence. We were so proud to see such brilliant teamwork and sportsmanship on display. It's also been lovely to hear that taking part in these events has inspired some of our children to join sports clubs outside of school. A big thank you to everyone who helped make these events happen, especially the parents and carers who supported us and helped with transport. We're already looking forward to more sporting events next term!



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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.

Lunchtime Football

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

- Tuesday: Year Five and Year Six
- Thursday: Year Three and Year Four
- Friday: Year One and Year Two

School Council

Our School Council have been working hard this term, and we're really proud of all that they have achieved. They have held several meetings and made great progress planning for the year ahead.

A big well done to our Fundraising Committee, who researched a range of charities and then presented their findings confidently during Collective Worship – you all did a fantastic job! Following the presentations, the whole school voted for a local and a global charity and our chosen charities for the year are The Noah's Ark Children's Hospital Charity and The Red Cross.

The Fundraising Committee have also organised our first fundraising event: the Jungle Run, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. If you have not yet had the chance and would like to, donations can still be made via ParentPay. Our Eco-Council have been busy carrying out a school audit to identify key focus areas for this year. They have started developing their action plan and will be keeping everyone updated through Seesaw and the Eco-Board in school. After half term, they are planning to relaunch both our crisp packet recycling campaign and the collection of second-hand coats and sleeping bags. We're also hoping to make some crisp packet blankets in school next term—a great way to support sustainability and help others.

A big thank you to all of the members of the School Council for your dedication and hard work this term. It's very much appreciated!

Reception Intake 2026

Families with children due to start school in September 2026 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/>



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European Day of Languages



On Friday 26th September, we celebrated the European Day of Languages. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and different flag colours and enjoyed completing a range of activities in their classes. Each year group learnt about their chosen country and language in a variety of ways, including research using books and ICT, art and sculpture work, food tasting, songs and games.

Throughout the day, many classes were treated to language sessions led by parent volunteers about Ukrainian, Czech, Dutch, Italian and French. In these sessions, the children learnt about culture and traditions in the different countries, as well as learning new words, playing games and singing songs. We are very grateful to Dr Thomas, Mrs Bedford-Smith, Mr Gough and Mrs Robbins for their contributions to the day – thank you!

Children in Need



Children in Need is taking place on Friday 14th November 2025. We will be sending out further details about our plans for this day after half term. Many thanks for your continued support.

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



The 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 8.45am 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. Reporting absence reporting 01291 622593 or attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Attendance Term 1: Reception: 98.4% | Year 1: 97.7% | Year 2: 96.5% | Year 3: 96% | Year 4: 95.3% | Year 5: 96.3% | Year 6: 94.7% | Whole School: 96.4%
This term there have been 183 late marks.



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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.

Reminders

- Please log onto ParentPay and book lunches.
- Please return signed Data Sheets to the office. Thank you.
- Community events can be viewed on <https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/web/home/200045>
- Children must not play on the climbing equipment this includes younger siblings in the morning before school and after school.
- Please send in healthy snacks for breaktime.
- Autumn Winter Menu <https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/web/lunches/217172>

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!*

PTA News

'Glow in the Dark' Disco' We hope that you all enjoyed our glow in the dark Disco last night, what a fantastic end to the first term! We loved seeing everyone dressed up with the biggest smiles on their faces. We are still counting the money raised but all money 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 -

- 10-14th November - Coloured hamper collection week
- 21st November - Non uniform Day - bring a bottle
- 28th November - PTA Christmas fayre 🍷 🍷



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Team Building Day

Children from Year Two to Year Six enjoyed taking part in a range of team building activities last week. They had to use their communication and co-operation skills whilst completing the challenges. These challenges included building the tallest tower possible and transporting a ball from one end of the hall to the other using a drainpipe! It was lots of fun and the children worked brilliantly together.

PE Days

• Reception: Tuesday and Wednesday • Year One: Monday and Thursday • Year Two: Tuesday and Friday • Year Three: Thursday and Friday	• Year Four: Monday and Thursday • Year Five: Wednesday and Thursday • Year Six: Wednesday and Thursday
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School Contact Details: Telephone: 01291 622593
Office hours: 8:30am – 1:30pm (closed for lunch) 2-4pm
Email: office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk
PTA email: ptatutshill@gmail.com

Autumn Term Two Clubs

We have some exciting clubs planned for this term. Here is a list of the clubs that we will be offering. They will start in the week commencing 3rd November. Please see the grid below for specific dates. Club will be taking place on Monday (Year One and Year Two) and Thursday (KS2) afternoons from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. Each session costs £6 and a letter will be sent out separately with further details.

Monday	3.15 – 4.15pm	Bushcraft (£5 per session - £30 in total)	3 rd November, 10 th November, 17 th November, 24 th November, 1 st December, 8 th December	Key Stage Two
Tuesday	3.15 – 4.15pm	Balanceability (learning to ride a bike for complete beginners) (£2 per session - £12 in total)	4 th November, 11 th November, 18 th November, 25 th November, 2 nd December, 9 th December	Reception and Year One
Tuesday	3.15 – 4pm	Football (£2 per session - £12 in total)	4 th November, 11 th November, 18 th November, 25 th November, 2 nd December, 9 th December	Year One and Year Two



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Tuesday	3.15 – 4.15pm	Bushcraft (£5 per session - £30 in total)	4 th November, 11 th November, 18 th November, 25 th November, 2 nd December, 9 th December	Key Stage Two
Wednesday am	8.10 - 8.40am	LEGO/Construction club (£2 per session - £10 in total)	5 th November, 12 th November, 19 th November, 3 rd December, 10 th December No session on 26th November	Year One – Year Six
Wednesday	3.15 – 4pm	Board Games (£2 per session - £12 in total)	5 th November, 12 th November, 19 th November, 26 th November, 3 rd December, 10 th December	Reception, Year One, Year Two and Year Three
Thursday am	8.10 - 8.40am	Yoga and Mindfulness (£2 per session - £10 in total)	13 th November, 20 th November, 27 th November, 4 th December, 11 th December No session on 6th November	Year One – Year Six
Thursday pm	3.15 – 4pm	Football (£2 per session - £12 in total)	6 th November, 13 th November, 20 th November, 27 th November, 4 th December, 11 th December	Year Three and Year Four
Friday am	8.10 - 8.40am	Outdoor Gym and Fun Circuits (£2 per session - £10 in total)	7 th November, 14 th November, 21 st November, 5 th December, 12 th December No session on 28th November	Year One – Year Six
Friday	3.15 – 4pm	Archery (£2 per session - £10 in total)	7 th November, 14 th November, 21 st November, 5 th December, 12 th December No session on 28th November	Year Five and Year Six



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Diary Dates for November 2025 – July 2026

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
Nov	3	Start of Autumn 2 Term 2
	5	Open Day 2pm
	6	KS1 Panto – Drill Hall
	6	Flu Vaccinations
	7	KS2 Darts (am)
	26	Y6 - UK Parliament Week School's Day Education Tour and Workshop 2025
	28	Christmas Fayre
Dec	10	Christmas Meal
	15	KS1 1:45pm
	16	KS2 10am / 1:45pm / 6pm
	17	KS1 10am
	19	Church Service and End of Autumn 2 Term 2
Jan 2026	5	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	6	Start of Spring 1 Term 3
	26	Young Voices 2026
Feb	13	End of Spring 1 Term 3
	12	National Child Measurement (NCM) Programme – REC & Y6
	16-20	Half Term
	23	Start of Spring 2 Term 4
	24	Y6 Gloucestershire Knex Challenge 2025-26
	26	Y5 Swimming sessions starts
March	18-20	Scholastic Book Fayre
	27	End of Spring 2 Term 4
	30-10 April	Easter Half Term



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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
	9	Y6 Gloucester Cathedral Leavers Service
July	1-3	Y6 Residential
	9	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (1:30pm)
	17	End of Summer 2 Term 6



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