



TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

End of Academy Year

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe it's the end of the academic year! I would like to thank everyone for all their help and support this year whilst I have covered Miss Lane's maternity leave. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the children and their families and I am looking forward to working with you all again next year.

As a whole school community, we would like to say a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children and we wish them well on the next stage of their learning journey in secondary school – please remember to visit us and let us know how you are getting on!

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Mrs Gomersall

Sports Day

What a memorable Sports Day we had!

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attend and support their children. The children behaved excellently and their teamwork and sportsmanship were admirable. It was a pleasure to see how much they enjoyed participating in the different events and they clearly demonstrated our school value of perseverance!

Sporting Events

We would like to congratulate all of the children who have taken part in our tournaments and events this year. You have all played fantastically and we are proud of you all for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship.

Thank you also to those parents/carers who have supported the events and helped with transport.

We are looking forward to taking part in more exciting events next year. Thank you again!



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PTA Summer Fayre

Thank you to all of the parents and family members who attended the school fayre this term. It was wonderful to see the school community come together as one and enjoy a fantastic afternoon in the sun. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA and all of the other volunteers who contributed (especially our wonderful Year 6s!).

Year 6 Residential

Year 6 were blessed with beautiful weather this year for their residential trip to PGL Liddington. The children had a wonderful time and the staff were all very impressed with their behaviour – they all slept well which could well have been due to the number of activities they completed; they were exhausted!

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Year 6 worked exceptionally hard to prepare for their production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The show was a great success and we all thoroughly enjoyed watching it. Well done to everyone for your enthusiasm and amazing acting skills. Thank you so much to parents and carers for your support with providing such fabulous costumes.

Stay and Share Sessions

We've had some wonderful Stay and Share sessions this term, the children proudly shared their school work. It's been a lovely way to celebrate the learning and achievements that have taken place throughout the year. The children really enjoyed showing what they've been working on and talking about their experiences. Thank you to everyone who attended – your support is very much appreciated.



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Celebrating Diversity in Our School



On Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th July, our entire school came together to celebrate the wonderful diversity of cultures and religions that shape modern Great Britain. Across all classes, pupils took part in thoughtful discussions, creative activities and shared personal stories that highlighted the traditions, beliefs and practices within our community. The children embraced the opportunity to learn from one another and speak about their heritage with pride. Their confidence in sharing experiences was matched by the respect and curiosity shown when

listening to others. The questions they asked were thoughtful and engaging—showcasing how deeply they connected with the topics explored. These two days served not just as an educational experience, but as a meaningful reminder of the importance of kindness, inclusivity and belonging.

School drop-off in September 2025

Thank you for your support this year with our new opening times. From September 2025, the gate by the school office will open at 8.35am and we ask that all parents use this top gate.

Please do not queue at the bottom gate which will open when the bell rings after 8.40am. Please do not tie dogs/bikes etc to the school gates, especially where this causes congestion. Please do not smoke/vape when in the queue. Please remember that parents/carers are welcome on to the playground. Both gates will shut at 8.45am, we ask that parents/carers leave the playground through the gate rather than walking through the school in order to keep our children safe. Arrival after this will be through the School Office.

Please remember children are not to play on the apparatus before or after school, this includes siblings and children not at Tutshill School. Please do remember that staff are still available to meet with parents, please arrange this through the School Office.



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School Communication

The school's communication strategy is attached below. School does not use WhatsApp, but PTA do. Should you want clarification on a school event, please first look at the school calendar on the school website before telephoning the School Office.

In Year 1-6 We have two platforms- eSchools and Seesaw and in Year R we have eSchools and Tapestry/SeeSaw.

Year	Platform	What it contains	
R	Tapestry	Childs learning diary against EYFS goals. This is a platform that will only share learning- no communication will come from Tapestry re school updates	
All school	eSchools	Email:	Newsletter regarding whole school events and school calendar. 3 x term- end of first week of term, mid-term and last week of term
		Text:	For last minute notifications that need to get to parents quickly- weather warnings, school closure etc.
All School	SeeSaw	Class SeeSaw is a learning platform that allows parents to see what is happening in their child's class. It allows class teachers to send updates and reminders that are solely relevant to that class.	

Parents should always contact the School Office to notify absence or medical appointments.

Parents are advised to speak with their class teacher should they have any questions regarding learning and/or behaviour. Please remember, you are able to speak with the teacher at the end of the day, on the playground and they are available to arrange a meeting for a mutually convenient time.

Should teachers want to discuss items of a personal matter with parents, e.g. behaviour, parents will receive a telephone call.



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Please contact your class teacher in the first instance. Following this, should there be further involvement needed, this will become the attention of the phase leader. The Deputy Headteacher will become involved after this, with the Executive Headteacher involved at the end.

We respectfully ask that this process is followed and will direct parents to the process as this allows the school to deal effectively with parental communication.

Any communication that is sent to the school office will be sent to the correct member of staff.

Transition Days

The children spent time in their new classes on Wednesday 25th June whilst our Year 6 pupils spent the day at Wyedean. These sessions provided pupils with an opportunity to meet their new teachers and classmates and to spend some time getting to know each other. Everyone is now looking forward to the new learning experiences they will have next year.

School Council

We would just like to say a huge thank you to all of our School Council members. They have all done a fantastic job and have made many positive changes during this academic year. Many of the changes they have implemented will continue to flourish next year! Many Thanks you are amazing!

Music lessons update

"Well done to all my ukulele and guitar pupils this term, it's great to see you all progressing so well and enjoying playing your music. I'd like to say a huge congratulations to Izzy in Year 5, for passing her Grade 1 ukulele exam. Well done on all your hard work Izzy! Miss Griffiths"

Flower Festival



Year Two worked hard as a team to create a beautiful butterfly display for the Flower Festival that took place at Tidenham Church in June 2025.



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School Uniform

Our school uniform remains unchanged and consists of:

- A light blue polo shirt*, shirt, or blouse
- School sweatshirt* or navy jumper or cardigan
- Smart grey trousers or grey skirt/pinafore (skirts should be of an appropriate length and style)
- Grey socks/tights
- Dark coloured appropriate sensible shoes.
- In summer, children may wear grey shorts/blue checked dress

PE Kit:

- Navy T-shirt* and navy shorts
- Navy jogging trousers/leggings and jumper/sweatshirt
- KS1 (Reception, Y1 and Y2) daps/black or white trainers; and
- KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 and 6) black or white trainers (no colour/logos/names).

*The school logo is embroidered on several items of uniform, all marked with an asterix on the above list. The full range of school uniform (including items with the school logo) is available for purchase from 'Sheila's' in Sedbury. However, whilst preferred by the school, the wearing of uniform bearing the logo is **optional** and uniform can be purchased from other suppliers providing it is the correct colour (i.e. plain light blue polo shirts and plain navy sweatshirts may be worn for lessons and a plain navy t-shirt may be worn for PE).

Our uniform supplier, Sheila's of Beachley Road in Sedbury, has sent details of her current prices for Tutshill School uniform as follows:

- Sweatshirts £10.00 all sizes
- Sweat cardigans £12.00 all sizes
- Polo shirts £ 8.50 all sizes
- PE t-shirts £ 8.00 all sizes

PLEASE COULD WE REMIND ALL OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY THAT CHILDREN SHOULD WEAR THE CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM AS LISTED ABOVE.

ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM AND OTHER ITEMS OF CLOTHING MUST BE NAMED.



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A Collaborative Effort

The success of this initiative wouldn't be possible without the incredible support of the kitchen staff who provide the equipment and parents who generously provide fresh vegetables. The children, with their enthusiasm and culinary skills, transform these ingredients into nourishing soup. Mrs. Spiller coordinates the cooking efforts, ensuring that everything runs smoothly.

PTA update

What a fantastic year it's been for our school community, all thanks to your incredible support! Our Summer Fair was a huge success, raising an amazing £2,845 with so many of you joining the fun. This year, your contributions have directly supported vital school initiatives, including both Christmas productions, providing book bags for all new starters, funding our Eco-Schools subscription, and bringing the wonderful new eco-train to the playground.

We're thrilled to announce that the Colour Run has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 27th, and also our Quiz Night and AGM on Friday, October 4th, complete with a bar and nibbles in the school hall. Get ready to glow at our School Disco on Wednesday, October 22nd!

This year, you've collectively helped us raise an outstanding £8,500 for the school. We truly couldn't make these events happen without our amazing volunteers and dedicated staff – a massive thank you to everyone!

Tutshill School Pupils Make a Difference: Homemade Soup for Street Life Charity

Our pupils have been busy cooking up a storm to support the local charity Street Life. Street Life is a Bristol based group who provide essential services to homeless individuals in need. Every Saturday evening, they serve soup, hot meals, drinks, sandwich packs, clothing and more at Brunswick Square in St Pauls. Their mission is to make a positive impact on the lives of those experiencing homelessness.



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The Soup-Making Initiative

This year pupils from different year groups have contributed to this wonderful cause. They have been creating delicious homemade vegetable soup. On the second Saturday of each month, Tutshill School donates approximately 12 litres of soup—both vegetable and chicken—to feed around 125 homeless people.



The Summer Reading Library Challenge is now underway and there is still time to join in with the reading fun at home over the summer break.

Simply follow the link below for details and instructions for joining in:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

For those looking for a recommendation for an engaging summer read, check out these suggestions from 'Books for Topics':

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/summer-reads/>

Lost Property

There has been an increased number of clothing which is unnamed 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 for September.



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School Attendance to date

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Late Marks</u>	<u>Pupils 100% Attendance</u>
Rec	96%	1.5%	0
Year 1	96.7%	0.3%	0
Year 2	97.1%	0.9%	3
Year 3	95.5%	1.6%	2
Year 4	95.8%	1.5%	4
Year 5	94.4%	2.4%	1
Year 6	95.9%	1.8%	0

Congratulations to Year 2 class achieving the highest attendance

<u>Whole School Attendance</u>	<u>Persistent Absenteeism (PA)</u>	<u>National Average YTD</u>
95.9%	6.57%	94.8%

SEND update

GCC have a special newsletter for families of children with SEND, it's called the Families in Partnership newsletter. In this month's version, you can find information on Gloucestershire Short Breaks, Forest Pulse, summer holiday activities for children with SEN and discount/access cards for families with children with SEN. You can sign up to have monthly updates.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/families-in-partnership-newsletters/families-in-partnership-newsletter-july-2025/?pageNumber=1>

Reminders!

School meal booking

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

Community Leaflets

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

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



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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 Diary – Dates for the Academic Year 2024-2025

July 2025	Monday 21 st	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	Tuesday	Summer Half Term
September 2025	Monday 1 st	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	Tuesday 2 nd	Welcome Back – Autumn Term 1
October 2025	Friday 24 th	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st	Half Term
November 2025	Monday 3 rd	Start of Autumn Term 2
December 2025	Monday 22 nd – Friday 2 nd January	Christmas Half Term
January 2026	Monday 5 th	Inset Day – No pupils onsite
	Tuesday 6 th	Start of Spring Term 3
February 2026	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	Half Term
	Monday 23 rd	Start of Spring Term 4
March 2026	Monday 30 th – Friday 10 th April	Easter Half Term
April 2026	Monday 13 th	Start of Summer Term 5
May 2026	Monday 4 th	Early Bank Holiday
	Monday 25 th	Bank Holiday
	Tuesday 26 th – Friday 29 th	Half Term
June 2026	Monday 1 st	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	Tuesday 2 nd	Start of Summer Term 6
July 2026	Friday 17 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
		End of Term



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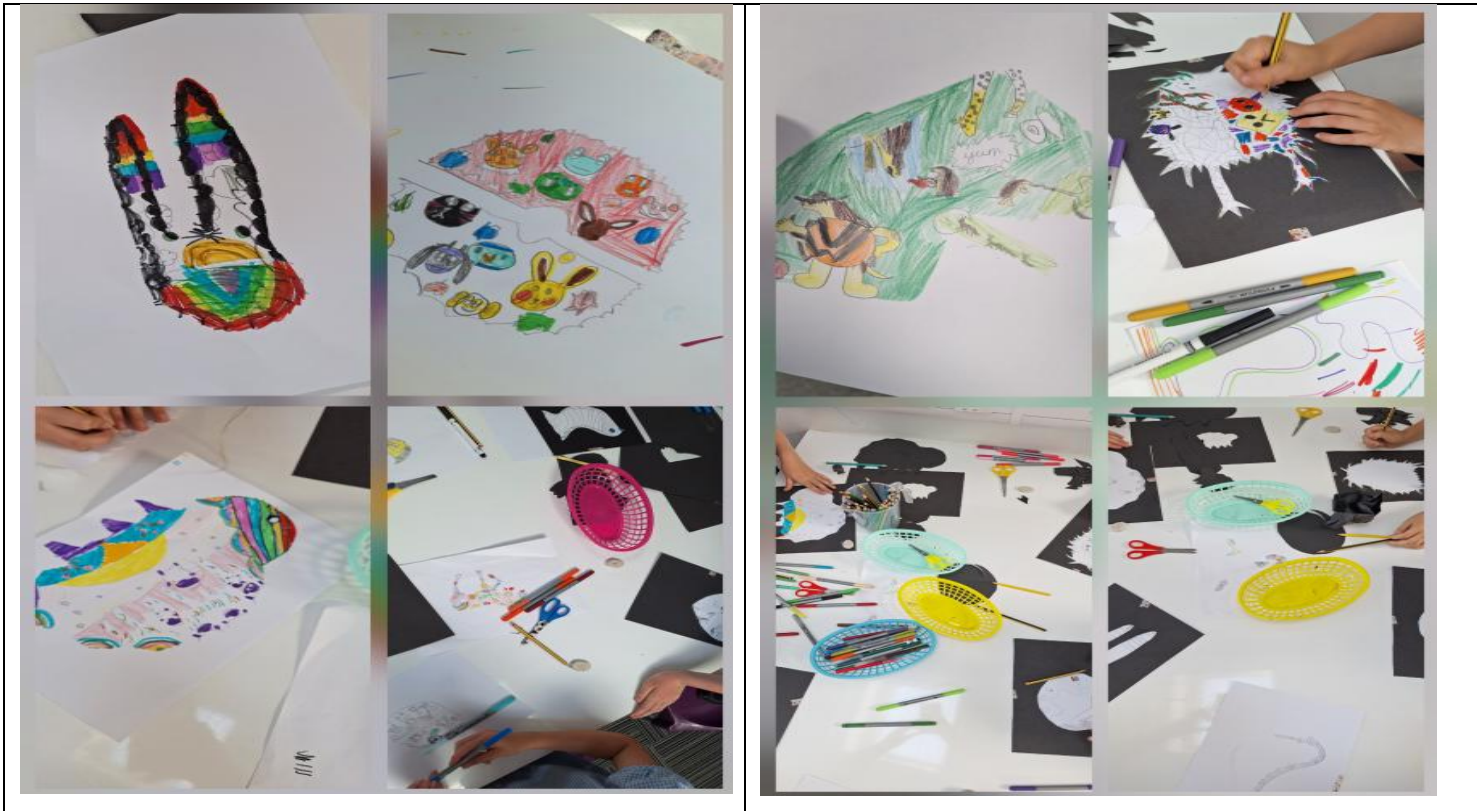
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Art Club update

If I have any year 6 students in art club on the last one of the year I always ask if they'd like to run it.

Holly in year 6 decided she wanted to plan the activity for this week, she prepared some examples and explained the task to the group.

She then helped out, answering questions and demonstrating when everyone had started the activity. She did a fab job and her idea worked really well. I've attached some photos for you to see.





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KIDS CREATIVE SUMMER WORKSHOP TIMETABLE

IMAGINARY ISLANDS CREATIVE CAMP

JULY 28TH, 29TH AND 30TH 09.30AM-3.00PM EACH DAY

ALL MATERIALS, A SKETCHBOOK, DRINKS AND SNACKS PROVIDED £150

A 3 DAY LONG SERIES OF CREATIVE WORKSHOPS, EXPLORING THE THEME
'IMAGINARY ISLANDS'

THE 3 DAYS WILL CONCLUDE WITH A MINI EXHIBITION ORGANISED WITH THE
CHILDREN AND CELEBRATED WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY

CELEBRATE SUMMER DAY WORKSHOPS

MONDAY 11TH AUGUST 10.00AM-3.00PM

AND

TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST 10.00AM-3.00PM

ALL MATERIALS, DRINKS AND SNACKS PROVIDED £45 PER DAY

THESE 2 WILL HAVE DIFFERENT THEMES SO YOU COULD BOOK BOTH
PAINTING, PRINTING, DRAWING AND MAKING, A WHOLE DAY OF CREATIVE
PLAY WITH A SUMMER VIBES THEME

UPCYCLE SESSIONS

MONDAY 18TH AUGUST

MORNING SESSION 9.30-12.30: DECORATE A SET OF DESK DRAWERS £52

AFTERNOON SESSION: 1.30-3.30PM: DECORATE A LAMPSHADE £26

NEON WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST 10.00AM-2.00PM

ALL MATERIALS, DRINKS AND SNACKS PROVIDED £38

YOU'LL NEED YOUR SHADES FOR THIS ONE, A FUN DAY OF CREATING
USING NEON COLOURS, GLOW IN THE DARK AND BLACK

LOCATION: PIG AND PIP HQ: MOOR STREET, CHEPSTOW, NP16
5DB

EMAIL: NICKY AT NICKYPPAINTS@GMAIL.COM TO BOOK A PLACE