



TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER Start Term Spring 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish our whole school community a happy and healthy new year 2025.

At this time of year, schools begin to make plans for poor weather conditions and the potential of snow. Whilst we weren't affected by the weather at the weekend, we are expecting a very cold winter. We will always strive to keep school open, whilst ensuring the safety of all members of our school community when doing so. Please be aware that we will use the eSchools, the school website and Gloucestershire County Council website to update you in the event of inclement weather and school closures.

Best wishes,
Mrs Gomersall

REMINDERS...

Year 6 - Residential monthly fees
School lunch bookings
Lost property, located by the school office

French Focus

Every half term, we are focusing 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 half term is 'Comment ça va ?' OR 'Ça va ?' (How are you?). This question is answered with 'Ça va très bien/Ça va bien/Comme ci, comme ça/Ça ne va pas/Ça va mal' (Very well/Well/So-so/Not so good/Bad)

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/zhyg9mn/articles/z4c3382> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CI1QKl6yEM>

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 how they 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



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Trick Box

Please find below the information for our Trick Box Parent Programme.



Trick Box Parent Workshop



This will be held on

Tuesday 11th February, Tuesday 25th February and Tuesday 4th
March 2025 at 9:00am – 10:00am

Our successful parent programme continues! We would like to offer
the next in the series **'assertiveness wrapped up'**.



This will cover the communication tricks which focus on healthy life
habits that aim to support positive communication, choices and
behaviours.



The course will run for three weeks. If you would like to know more about the outcomes or the content of this course please contact Mrs Driver via the school office.
office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk



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The cost of the 3 sessions is £10 and this will provide you with your own Assertiveness Wrapped Up Workbook and a set of Trick Box cards. Payment for the course will be open from 13th January on www.ParentPay.com. There are 10 spaces available for this course.

If you would like more information, please use these links to access the Trick Box website and information on our School website https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/web/trick_box/682983
<https://trickbox.co.uk/> For further question, please email Mrs Driver via the school office email address. We look forward to seeing you at our first Trick Box meeting. Mrs L Driver - Trick Box facilitator

Admission to Reception at Primary School 2025

Children starting in school in September 2025, parents will need to make sure they have submitted their applications forms by Midnight Wednesday 15th January 2025. Please ensure that even if you already have a child at the school- you complete a form for the sibling!

<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/>

Please contact School Admissions team on 01452 425407 or school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk if you have any enquires.

Back to School and Winter Illness

As we return to school, the link below sets out some of the simple actions that parents of school-age children can take to help protect their families and those around them against winter illnesses currently circulating.

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2023/01/05/back-to-school-5-things-to-do-to-help-manage-winter-illness/>

School Attendance

As part of our attendance drive, if you arrive after the school gate closes in the morning at 8:45am, you will need to complete a late slip before your child is able to come into school. Please contact Mrs Joubert by 9:15am or email attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk if your child will be absent.

Attendance w/c 6th January 2025:

Class	Attendance %	Late Marks
Reception	93.9%	2
Year 1	97.3%	2
Year 2	98.3%	4
Year 3	94%	4
Year 4	98.1%	5
Year 5	94.5%	10
Year 6	96%	4
Whole School	96.1%	31
National	95.1%	
Local Authority	95.2%	

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

Don't forget to book your child's school meal 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.



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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/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.

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

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.

School Contact Details

Telephone: 01291 622593

Email: office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Attendance: attendance@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk

PTA email: ptatutshill@gmail.com

PE Days

Children will need to wear PE kit on the following days:

Class	Days
Reception:	Monday and Thursday
Year 1:	Thursday and Friday
Year 2:	Wednesday and Friday
Year 3:	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4:	Monday and Thursday
Year 5:	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6:	Tuesday and Wednesday

Community Page

View Community events on the Tutshill C of E Primary School website

<https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk> by clicking on the Community tab.



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FEBRUARY FOOTBALL CAMP

FREEDOM LEISURE
LYDNEY

9:00AM-3:00PM
£18 PER DAY



ACTIVITIES

-  Tournaments
-  Technical/ Tactical Sessions
-  Inflatable football pitch and dartboard

WHO CAN JOIN?

Boys and Girls
Age 5 - 13
All skill levels welcome

February 18th (Tuesday) - February 19th (Wednesday) - February 20th (Thursday)

CONTACT MARK ON

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Diary Dates

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
Jan 25	6	Term 3 Begins
	w/c 6	After school clubs begin
	14	NHS Screening (Y6 & REC)
Feb	5	Techniquet (Y2&Y3)
	5	Disco
	13	Knex Workshop (Y6)
	w/c 10	Last week of clubs
	14	Term 3 End
	24	INSET Day
	25	Term 4 Begin
	25	In the Net 2025 (Y4)
	28	Young Voices 2025
March	3	Bikeability (Y5)
	6	Y5 Swimming begins for 6 weeks
April	11	Term 4 End
	28	Term 5 Begin
May	5	Bank Holiday
	9	Skillzone (Y5)
	21	Disco
	23	Term 5 End
June	2	INSET Day
	3	Term 6 Begin
	12	Gloucester Cathedral Leavers Service
July	2-4	Y6 Residential Croft Farm
	18	Term 6 End
	21	INSET Day
Sep	1	INSET Day
	2	Term 1 Begin
Oct	23	Term 1 End