



# TUTSHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER START OF AUTUMN TERM 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second part of the autumn term. This will be a busy but very enjoyable term with our Christmas celebrations rapidly approaching!

When walking/driving to school, please do be aware of your surroundings especially as it gets darker. If driving to school and parking, please make sure you are parking in designated areas and are considerate to the neighbours of the school.

This term will contain many events for both children and parents. Please ensure that you regularly check the school website and e-schools notifications to keep up to date with the many things that are happening over the next few weeks. We are very much looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas events we have planned! We are pleased to announce that Miss Lane has had a baby boy, mother and baby is doing well!

Mrs Gomersall

### REMINDERS...

- Please can we remind parents and carers not to use the nursery carpark to turn around when dropping school children off
- Residential Year 6 monthly payments
- Nut allergies – please do not send children with any nut items into school.

### 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

### Christmas School Meal

The Christmas meal will take place Wednesday 11th December.

Please see the Christmas menu from Caterlink, please book your child's Christmas meal via ParentPay from Tuesday 12th November to Friday 29th November 2024. Unfortunately, if bookings are not made in advance between these dates then we will be unable to provide a Christmas dinner as the orders are calculated on the number of bookings.





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## Anti-Bullying Week 2024

This year it has the theme 'Choose Respect'. The week will start with Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique.



## Medication

We are only able to administer prescribed medication only; prescribed medication needs to be given to Mrs Wellington in the School Office and parents/carers must fill out a medication form to allow us to give your child their medication.

## Independence

To enable the children to be as independent as possible in school, please help them at home to zip up coats, put on gloves and tie shoelaces. This will also help us to reduce the amount of lost property!

**Due to the weather is changing please can you make sure your child brings in a coat and jumper or cardigan.**

## Punctuality and 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 fill out a late slip which you will find in the school office before your child is able to come into school. There were 198 late sessions recorded in term 1. Let's have a better result this term!

Please can we remind parents that we can't accommodate parents coming into classrooms in the morning to drop children off. This is due to safeguarding responsibilities; making sure doors are not opened by anyone other than staff. Please accompany children onto the school playground then the children can walk independently from the pencils to their classrooms.

In accordance with our attendance policy and government guidance, attendance letters were sent out at the end of last term to parents regarding any children that have been absent and are under 94%. All absences count towards the attendance percentage, regardless of whether they are authorised or not. We appreciate that due to the short length of the term even a few days of absence will have caused attendance to fall below 94%, we want to stress that these letters were for information as stated in our policy and that no action will be taken by the school regarding your child's attendance. A big 'thank you' to all of the parents who have been working together with us to ensure our attendance is remains good. Please contact Mrs Joubert if you wish to discuss how we can work together to improve your child's attendance.

W/C 4 November 2024

| Class                                   | Attendance | Late | 100% |
|---|------------|------|------|
| Reception                               | 99.3%      | 1    | 29   |
| Year 1                                  | 98.7%      | 1    | 29   |
| Year 2                                  | 98.7%      | 0    | 27   |
| Year 3                                  | 99.3%      | 1    | 29   |
| Year 4                                  | 96.9%      | 1    | 31   |
| Year 5                                  | 95.2%      | 2    | 27   |
| Year 6                                  | 94.7%      | 1    | 26   |
| Whole School                            | 97.54%     | 10   | 198  |
| National Average YTD                    | 95.7%      |      |      |
| % of students who met absence threshold | 11.79%     |      |      |



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### School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct coloured uniform for both school days and PE days. Our school uniform remains unchanged and consists of:

- A light blue polo shirt.
- 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
- No coloured hair

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.
- KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 and 6) daps/black or white trainers (no colour/logos/names).

Uniform does not have to have the school logo on.

The PTA has a wealth of pre-loved uniform in various sizes, if you need help in providing your child with the correct uniform please contact the email below in confidence and they will be more than happy to help.

[uniform@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:uniform@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk)

### 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. The response is immediate.

### School Lunch Booking Service

Don't forget to book your child's school lunch via ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)). We would highly recommend that you book and pay a week's meals at a time.

### Behaviour

Children and staff have been thinking about the values of respect and responsibility alongside our school 'golden rules', in order to create a positive and nurturing environment for all. We have reminded the children that each of them plays a vital role in our community and all of us should embody our school vision and values. We ask for your support with this initiative so that your interactions reflect our shared values. Together, we can create a positive and inclusive environment where every person can flourish. Thank you for your cooperation.



### St Martin's Lantern Walk

A large number of families from Tutshill School and the local community joined together to walk around the village to commemorate St Martin's Day. The children in Reception, Year One and Year Two learned about how St Martin showed compassion to a homeless man by sharing his cloak. The children then made lanterns which were used to light the streets of Tutshill during the walk on Friday night.

Thank you to Claudia, Matilda's mum for teaching the children about St Martin and inspiring us to get involved and for also organising the walk around the village. Thanks also go to the local police and Rob for ensuring the safety of all who took part.





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## Street Life

Thank you for the donations of coats and crisp packets. The coats were gratefully received by the people who attended Street Life at Brunswick Square on Saturday and we were able to take the crisp packet blankets around the streets of Bristol to provide a warm and waterproof covering for those living on the streets. Please continue to support the work of the school council by donating any unwanted clothes, especially men's coats, jumpers and joggers. This work really shows our school vision and values in practice and reflects who we are and what we stand for. We are hoping to take some children and parents with us next month to sing Christmas carols, more details to follow.

## 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](mailto:office@tutshillcofe.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Children in Need Menu – Friday 15 November

**Children In Need**

Pudsey cheese and tomato pizza  
or  
Vegan sausage in a bun

Served with chunky wedges  
beans and peas

Dessert  
Dotted vanilla shortbread

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feeding the imagination

## Diary Dates for November 2024 – May 2025

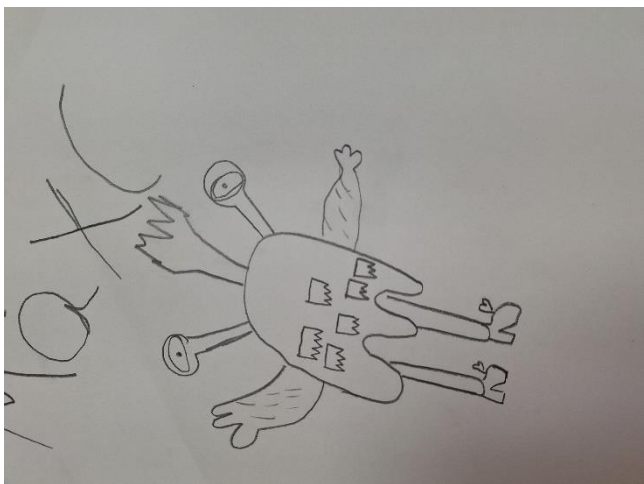
| MONTH  | DATE | EVENT                         |
|--------|------|-------------------------------|
| Nov    | 4    | Term Begins                   |
|        | 12   | Flu Immunisations             |
|        | 15   | Children in Need              |
|        | 21   | KS1 Panto trip to Drill Hall  |
|        | 21   | KS2 Panto at school           |
|        | 29   | PTA Christmas Fayre           |
| Dec    | 4    | Music Recital 6pm             |
|        | 11   | Christmas Lunch               |
|        | 16   | KS1 Christmas Production - PM |
|        | 17   | KS2 Christmas Productions     |
|        | 18   | KS1 Christmas Production – AM |
|        | 20   | Church Service<br>End of Term |
| Jan 25 | 6    | Term Begins                   |
|        | 14   | NHS Screening Y6 & REC        |
| Feb    | 5    | TechniQuest Y2&Y3             |
|        | 12   | Disco                         |
|        | 13   | Knex Workshop Y6&Y5 (1-3pm)   |
|        | 14   | Term Ends                     |
|        | 25   | Term Begins                   |
|        | 25   | In the Net 2025 Y4            |
| April  | 11   | Term Ends                     |
|        | 28   | Term Begins                   |
| May    | 21   | Disco                         |
|        | 23   | Term Ends                     |



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## Art Club Term 1 pictures





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### **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](mailto:coolclub15@outlook.com) or by their contact phone number on 07763 479119.

The 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!

### **Keeping Children Safe Online**

Please see the link below which takes you to NSPCC guides for parents/carers to keep their children safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

### **Community Page**

<https://www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk/web/events/698644>

<https://tutshill-community-pre-school.sumupstore.com/product/lantern-walk-adult>

### **School Contact Details**

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