

## NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025



### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we approach the final few days of our first term—just three more to go!—I want to take a moment to express my thanks to our wonderful school community. It has been such a pleasure getting to know pupils, staff, and families over these past weeks, and I am so grateful for the warm welcome I've received. Your kindness and support have made my start here truly special.

I know mornings and afternoons can be busy, but please do come and say hello when you see me on the gate—I'm always keen to put names to faces and to hear how things are going from your perspective.

A huge thank you as well to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parent survey. Your feedback and ideas are invaluable in helping us shape the future of our school. We'll be looking for more opportunities across the year to hear your voices and involve you in our ongoing development.

I'm also very much looking forward to ending the term together with our Harvest Festival—a wonderful opportunity to celebrate as a community and reflect on all we have to be thankful for.

Wishing everyone a restful and happy end to the term, and I look forward to an exciting start to the next one together. Warm regards Mrs Bradley

For the month of October the classes with the highest attendance

**ATTENDANCE: WHO** are..... Drum Roll!!!!

**ARE THE**

**CHAMPIONS?**

1<sup>st</sup> : Rowan Class

2<sup>nd</sup> : Elm Class

3<sup>rd</sup> : Acer Class

Well done Rowan for taking the lead!



### David Vaisey Award Winners

On 12th October, Severnbanks were proudly declared winners of the prestigious David Vaisey Award for innovative reading practice, thanks to the hard work of Mrs McQueen-Oliver and Mrs Jones. As Head, I had the honor of attending the awards ceremony, where Cressida Cowell — author of How to Train Your Dragon and many other beloved books — presented the awards. This award will help us create a cosy new space in school featuring audio books for pupils. Watch this space for exciting updates

# Key Dates

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Harvest festival: 9.00am EYFS and KS1 assembly  
9.30am: KS2 assembly  
22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: End of term Pumpkin Party organised by the PTFA  
22<sup>nd</sup> October: End of term for pupils  
23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October: Inset days for staff only  
3<sup>rd</sup> November: Term 2 begins for pupils  
Nov 10<sup>th</sup>: Anti Bullying Week  
November 13<sup>th</sup>: World Kindness day  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov: Christmas Fair: PM  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: Last day of term



## When does the school day actually start?

A quick reminder about the start of our school day: children are expected to be in class and ready for registration by 8:45am, our official start time.

This means that the school gates open earlier to give everyone time to arrive safely and settle in before learning begins.

Arriving no later than 8:40am helps ensure a calm and positive start to the day, so children don't miss out on those important first moments of teaching and connection with their classmates. Thank you for your support in helping everyone start the day smoothly and on time!

## Harvest Festival



You are invited to our Harvest Festival Assemblies

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

EYFS and KS1: 9.00am

KS2: 9.30am

We are collecting for the Forest Foodbank. Please bring your donations to school from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**They are urgently in need of:**

- Pasta Sauce
- Packet Soup
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Smash
- Jam
- Tinned Custard
- UHT Milk
- UHT Fruit Juice
- Chocolate Spread
- Tinned Spaghetti



We are currently in the process of reviewing and updating the website, but don't forget it is a great source of information about the school and what is going on. <https://www.severnbanksprimaryschool.co.uk/>

# What has been going on at Severnbanks?

We love sharing the wonderful moments from around our school! This page is full of photos capturing our pupils in action – learning, exploring, and enjoying activities both inside and outside the classroom. We hope these snapshots give you a glimpse of the energy, creativity, and fun happening at Severnbanks every day.

## Proud of our pupils achievements!

Josh spoke at a conference for people with chromosome disorders, sharing his experiences and inspiring others with his story.



Our Eco Club has been supporting the local area by planting bulbs and litter picking, and they were congratulated for their excellent behaviour and commitment to making a difference.



## Stay and play sessions!

We were thrilled to welcome our Reception parents to our Stay and Play sessions, where the children loved showing off their learning and enjoying fun activities together with their families.



## Marking special days!

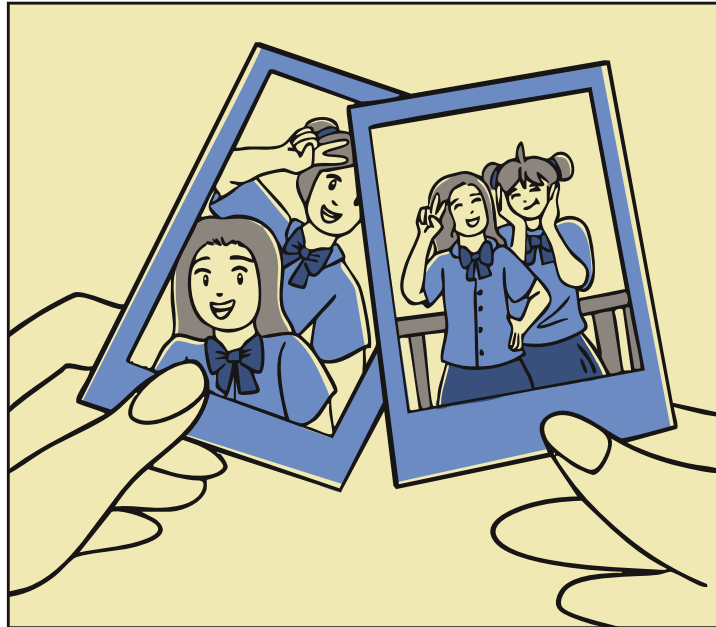
This term, our pupils marked World Mental Health Day by wearing yellow and raised **£65.70** for the mental health foundation. We also joined the campaign to Show Racism the Red Card, promoting kindness and inclusion.





# School Photographs

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October . The school photographer will be in to take individual and sibling photos. If you have a pre-school child who are not attending Starlets on this day, please make you way to the school office for 8:30. We can then get your sibling picture taken before school.





## The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

*In school we always support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.*

*There will be a selection of items on sale within school. Please see below a list of the items and their prices –*

*Poppy – minimum donation of*

*20p Reflective poppy –*

*50p Snap band rulers – £1.50*

*Wristbands – £1.00*

*If your child wishes to purchase any of the above items, they must bring the money with them to school. The Year 6 children will come to the classrooms for the children to make their purchase. This will take place from Thursday 16th October and will continue until the 7th November.*

*Please ensure that your child brings the correct money as change cannot be given.*





Autumn Winter 2025 2026		Meat Free	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Roast	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Fish	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 3 November 24 November 15 December 19 January 9 February 9 March	Option One		Cheese and Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice		Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>NEW</b> Curried Chicken and Rice		Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Two		Vegetable Pasta bake	Vegan Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges and Tomato Ketchup		Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese		Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Ketchup
	Option Three		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese		Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise or Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
	Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables
	Dessert		Chocolate Shortbread	<b>NEW</b> Apple Crumble Cake with Custard		Cinnamon Swirl and Fresh Fruit	Syrup Sponge with Custard		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
<b>WEEK TWO</b> 10 November 1 December 5 January 26 January 23 February 16 March	Option One		Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Sausage and Mash with Gravy		Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>NEW</b> Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread		Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Two		Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	<b>NEW</b> Chef's Special Lentil Curry with Rice		Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Roasted Vegetable Pizza with New Potatoes		Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Three		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese		Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
	Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables
	Dessert		<b>NEW</b> Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce		Strawberry Jelly with Peaches	Autumn Pear Crumble with Custard		Vanilla Shortbread
<b>WEEK THREE</b> 17 November 8 December 12 January 2 February 2 March 23 March	Option One		Cheese and Bean Pasty with New Potatoes	Beef burger with Cheese in a Bun with Wedges and Tomato Ketchup		Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>NEW</b> Chicken Enchilada Bake with Rice		Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Two		Tomato Pasta	Creamy Coconut Curry with Rice		Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Jacket with Vegan Bolognese		Mexican Bean Roll with Chips and Tomato Ketchup
	Option Three		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese		Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
	Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables
	Dessert		Oaty Cookie	Eves Pudding with Custard		Ice Cream and Fresh Fruit	Jam and Coconut Sponge and Custard		Melting Moment Biscuit

**MENU KEY**

- Added Plant Protein
- Wholemeal
- Vegan
- Chef's Special

**Available Daily:** - freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily - Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

**ALLERGY INFORMATION:**

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

The new menu has been published for next term. Please can you ensure you order your child's meal in advance to avoid confusion with the kitchen. If you need a code or are having any difficulties ordering, please contact the school office. Thank you



**FREE**

fun & activities  
for families &  
children aged  
0-11 years

# AUTUMN PLAY DAYS

**OCTOBER**

**1pm - 3.30pm**

Monday 27th: **Hilltop, Cinderford, GL14 2QA**

Thursday 30th: **River, Lydney, GL15 5AU**

Welcoming Families,  
Connecting Communities



Gloucestershire  
Gateway  
Trust

# Is your child registered for SCHOOL MILK?

Child Child

UNDER 5 OVER 5

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online. £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.



Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

## REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online

[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



Need help?

Send us a message

at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact)  
or give us a call on 0800 321 3248



FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA – SEARCH COOLMILKSCHEME

**Gloucester Health and Care School Nursing Service are asking for parents help to complete a short parent survey.**

**Dear Parent/Carer,**

**I am writing on behalf of the Gloucester Health and Care School Nursing Service to ask for your help in completing a short parent survey.**

**Since the pandemic, school readiness has declined. Although 90% of parents believe their child is ready for school, only 63% meet teachers' expectations (Kindred2, 2024).**

**Locally, we are seeing more referrals for toileting, diet, behaviour, sleep, screen use, speech and language, and dental health. Despite available national and local resources, family engagement remains low. My new Specialist School Nurse role has been created to focus on early intervention and improving health outcomes. To shape this work, we need to understand parents' barriers to accessing support and how they prefer to be helped.**

**We have developed a brief parent survey (with entry into a £50 Love2Shop prize draw). A strong response will give us vital insights and, ultimately, help schools spend more time on children's learning.**

***Do you have a child aged 3–11? We'd love to hear from you. Gloucestershire School Nursing Service is gathering parent feedback to help us provide the best possible support for children as they begin and move through primary school. Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey. As a thank you, you'll also have the chance to be entered into a prize draw for a £50 Love2Shop voucher.***

**[https://online1.snapsurveys.com/starting\\_school](https://online1.snapsurveys.com/starting_school)**



# Lydney Town Band

Celebration Concert 2025

Lydney Town Hall

Sunday 19th October



Featuring Lydney Training Band  
and a Massed Band Finale

Doors 5:00pm Start 5:30pm

Adults £8 Concessions £5

Family £20

Pay on the door  
(Cash or Card)

For more information:

✉ [lydneyband@gmail.com](mailto:lydneyband@gmail.com)

☎ Kerry: 07554 540469

f @lydneyband

🌐 [www.lydneyband.co.uk](http://www.lydneyband.co.uk)

**Children attending Severnbanks School are entitled to free admission.**

# PTFA Christmas Fayre

🎄 ✨ Severnbanks PTFA Christmas Fayre – Save the Date! ✨ 🎄

Join us on Thursday 28th November from 3.15pm for our festive Christmas Fayre!

👴 Meet Santa in his grotto

🦌 Try your luck in the Reindeer Raffle

🎁 Have fun with our Tombola

... and so much more!

It's the perfect way to kick off the festive season with family and friends. ❤️

📍 Severnbanks Primary School, Lydney

🕒 3.15pm



# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
FROM 3.15PM

FREE ENTRY

- SANTA'S GROTTO
- REINDEER RAFFLE
- FOOD
- FAMILY FUN
- TEDDY TOMBOLA
- NAME THE TEDDY
- STOCKING FILLERS
- YR6 ENTERPRISE STALLS
- ELFIE SELFIE STATION
- CRAFT STALLS



IN THE SCHOOL HALL & GYM

# Libraries Week

26th October - 2nd November 2025

Libraries Week is a celebration of the enriching offer of libraries in the UK. The theme of Libraries Week this year is "Go Green" - a focus on climate change and sustainability.



Libraries Week is a great opportunity to discover library services supporting young people. These include access to study spaces, help with homework, 'rhyme time', story sessions, internet access and support with digital literacy.




Many libraries celebrate Libraries Week by running activities, such as reading challenges and children's story time, that link to the yearly theme.

**OPEN**  
LIBRARY

You can celebrate Libraries Week in October by visiting your local library.




 **Dates: KS1 - 27th October**

**KS2 - 29th October**

**KS3 - 30th October**

 **Location: King George Playing Fields, Coleford, GL16 8QT**

 **Price: £20 per day (£15 for the first 20 bookings use code attached to flyer)**

 **Led by: BSc-qualified, FA-trained Sports Coach**



The flyer features a white background with a subtle pattern of soccer balls. At the top left is the 'CM Coaching' logo, which includes a stylized figure in a green circle. To its right is the title 'October Half Term Football Camp' in a bold, green, sans-serif font. Further right is the UEFA logo, a red circle with a white globe and the letters 'UEFA' in red. Below the title, a paragraph of text describes the camp as 'Fun filled football suitable for all primary school ages and abilities with fully insured, UEFA and BSc qualified sports coaches'. The price is listed as 'Price per day: £20', with '£20' in a large, bold, green font. Below this, it says '£15 for the first 20 bookings' and 'Use code: FWN453'. The dates are listed as 'Dates: KS1 27<sup>th</sup> October, KS2 29<sup>th</sup> October, KS3 30<sup>th</sup> October'. The time is 'Time: Start at 10:00am - 3.00pm'. The location is 'Location: King George V Recreation Ground Football Pitch, Victoria Rd, Coleford GL16 8QT'. On the right side, there is a circular illustration of a male soccer player in a white and blue kit, kicking a soccer ball. At the bottom left, there is another circular illustration of a female soccer player in a white and blue kit, also kicking a soccer ball. At the bottom right, there is a white box containing the text 'To book and for more information scan below', a Facebook logo, a QR code, the ClassForKids logo, and another QR code.

 **October Half Term Football Camp** 

Fun filled football suitable for all primary school ages and abilities with fully insured, UEFA and BSc qualified sports coaches

Price per day:  
**£20**  
£15 for the first 20 bookings  
Use code: FWN453

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Time: Start at 10:00am - 3.00pm

Location: **King George V Recreation Ground Football Pitch, Victoria Rd, Coleford GL16 8QT**

To book and for more information scan below

**We are a charity that organises hands-on science and engineering activities in schools and within the local Gloucestershire community.**

**We would like to inform you about an inclusive event that may be of interest to families at your school. Please see the attached flyer for more details.**

**Could you kindly share this information with parents?**

**If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.**

**Free for children eligible for benefit-related free school meals-**

**Secure your place at the inclusive engineering event this Saturday – designed for disabled and neurodivergent children and young people aged 7 to 25.**

**Please note: This event is open to children who live in, or attend a school within, a GL postcode area.**

**· The Wesley, Forest of Dean Community & Arts Centre, Forest of Dean GL14 2AA**

**Date: Thursday 30th October 2025**

**10 AM to 12 PM – Learn How Robots Work 12.30PM-2.30PM – Mini Production Line**

**Cost: £2.50 per child, per session**

**Email [accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com](mailto:accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com) to book your places.**

**Funded by Active Impact- Short Breaks Programme.**

**We hope to see you there for a fun and educational experience!**

Inclusive events with Bloodhound Education

## **Robots and Robotic Systems**

Learn how real robots work and build your own mini production line

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

These sessions are part of Active Impact's Of Course We Can programme and are supported by funding from Gloucestershire County Council.

The Wesley, GL14 2AA  
**Cinderford**

10AM-12NOON  
Learn How Robots Work

12.30PM - 2.30PM  
Mini Production Line



**£5 FOR  
BOTH  
SESSIONS**



To book a place, email  
[accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com](mailto:accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com)  
Tel: 0208 150 3767

**My name is Leanne, I am a Community Connector with Two Rivers Housing, I would just like to make you aware of a free event running next Monday for families at the River Centre, this is open to all, I just ask that families book using the link below.**

**<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pizza-workshop-river-centre-tickets-1781296839799?aff=oddtcreator>**



PLEASE SCAN THE QR  
CODE ABOVE TO BOOK  
YOUR PLACE!

# PIZZA

## MAKING WORKSHOP

Monday 20 October 2025 

3:30-5pm 

Venue: River Children & Family Centre,  
Lydney GL15 5AU

DROP BY TO BUILD A PIZZA TO TAKE HOME, COOK AND ENJOY

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES

Got a question? [emailcommunityengagement@2rh.org.uk](mailto:emailcommunityengagement@2rh.org.uk)



Gloucestershire  
Gateway  
Trust



Two  
Rivers  
Housing








# OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMP

£18 PER DAY

Learn from professional coaches, improve your dribbling, passing, and shooting skills, and experience competitive matches every day.

**Schedule & Location**

📅 28 - 30 October 2025

🕒 9:00AM - 15:00PM - Extended hours available at Wydean (until 5:30)

- Freedom Leisure, Lydney (Dean Academy)
- Freedom Leisure, Sedbury (Wydean School) NEW VENUE

Boys and Girls  
 Ages 5-13  
 All skill levels welcome

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