

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It's been a busy and exciting two weeks back at school, filled with meaningful activities and positivity.

I was incredibly proud of our School Council who represented the school so beautifully at the Memorial Day Parade on Sunday. Their respect and maturity were a credit to us all.

This week we've all marked Remembrance day, Anti-Bullying Week and World Kindness Day, encouraging pupils to reflect on how they can support one another and help build a caring school community.

As we enter the winter season, I'd like to remind families of the importance of good attendance. Every day in school counts and helps your child stay on track with their learning and friendships. If you're ever unsure whether your child is well enough to attend school, please check the NHS guidance here: www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school

As we head towards the festive season, we're looking forward to celebrating with the pupils and sharing some joyful moments together—including our upcoming Christmas Fair, where we hope to welcome you all for some seasonal fun and cheer.

Warm wishes,
Mrs Bradley

For the month of November so far the classes with the highest attendance



**ATTENDANCE: WHO
ARE THE
CHAMPIONS?**

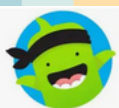
are..... Drum Roll!!!!

1st : Rowan Class

2nd : Oak Class

3rd : Elm Class

Well done Rowan for taking the lead!



ClassDojo

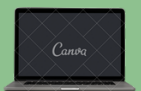
Class Dojo

A reminder to all families that our main platform for sharing updates and key information is Class Dojo.

Please ensure you're connected so you don't miss anything important. If you're having any trouble accessing Dojo, do get in touch with the school office and we'll be happy to help.



Staying safe online



We've seen a recent increase in online safety incidents, so we'd like to remind parents to explore the support resources available on our school website to help keep children safe online: <https://severnbanksprimary.ovw1.juniperwebsite.s.co.uk/page/?title=E%2DSafety+and+Screen+use&pid=22>

Key Dates

Friday 28th Nov: Christmas Fair: 3.15pm
Monday 8th December: 2.15pm EYFS Nativity
Tuesday 9th December: 2.15pm KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 10th December: 9.00am EYFS Nativity
Thursday 11th December: 9.00am: KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 17th Dec: Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper day
Friday 19th December: Christmas service at the church 10am.
Friday 19th Dec: Last day of term

**SAVE
THE DATE**



Packed Lunch Reminder

We've noticed that lunches high in sugar can affect pupils' behaviour and focus in the afternoon. To help children stay calm and ready to learn, please make sure packed lunches are balanced—with healthy items like fruit, veg, and protein—and **only one small sweet treat.**

Thanks for your support in helping us create a healthy learning environment!

Anti-Bullying Week



This week we marked Anti-Bullying week. We talked about what bullying is and isn't and what we do about it at Severnbanks and what children can do about it.

Bullying is...

S: several Times
T: The Same Person
O: On Purpose
P: Power Imbalance

What We Do About Bullying at Severnbanks?

At Severnbanks, we take bullying seriously and work hard to make sure every child feels safe and respected. Here's how we do it:

- We teach pupils what bullying is and how to speak up.
- Staff are trained to spot and deal with bullying quickly.
- We encourage kindness and respect through lessons and events like Anti-Bullying Week.
- Pupils know who they can talk to if they're worried.
- Parents are involved when needed so we can work together to support children.
- We use a Bullying Monitoring Plan when there are concerns, to track behaviour and ensure pupils feel safe.
- If bullying is confirmed, we follow clear consequences in line with our behaviour policy.



Thank you

A big thank you to all our families for getting children to school by 8:45am each day. The prompt gate closure has made a real difference—giving pupils an extra 10 minutes of learning time daily. Over the course of the year, that adds up to more than a full extra day of learning for every child! Your support is helping us make every minute count.



Together, we're building a school where everyone feels welcome, supported, and safe.

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. We hope these snapshots give you a glimpse of the energy, creativity, and fun happening at Severnbanks every day.

Children in need!

Our School Council organised a fantastic cake sale and a fun Wear Spots Day to raise money for Children in Need. The whole school got involved, showing great generosity and spirit for a wonderful cause. Thank you for helping us raise so much money,



Proud of our pupils

Kai: Took part in an athletics cross challenge in Cardiff and came a respectable 87/119 children from across the world. Well done Kai







Earth days. On the 7th, along with the other schools in the trust, we marked Earth Day and encouraged our pupils to think about how they can help protect our planet, each child made a personal pledge—something they can do to make a positive difference for the Earth.

Remembrance Day. Our School Council proudly represented the school at the Memorial Day Parade, honoring those who served with respect and gratitude.



Autumn Winter 2025 2026		Meat Free	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Roast	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Fish	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 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	NEW 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	NEW Apple Crumble Cake with Custard		Cinnamon Swirl and Fresh Fruit	Syrup Sponge with Custard		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
WEEK TWO 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	NEW Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread		Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Two		Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	NEW 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		NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce		Strawberry Jelly with Peaches	Autumn Pear Crumble with Custard		Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK THREE 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	NEW 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

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



Need help?

Send us a message

at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on 0800 321 3248



FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA – SEARCH COOLMILKSCHEME

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 28TH 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



Read Together

after-school

at River Children and
Family Centre
Lydney, GL15 5AU



Registered Charity
no. 1213580

3:15pm - 4:30pm



All sessions
FREE
No need to
book!

Every Monday

10th Nov through to 8th Dec

In partnership with



Gloucestershire
Gateway
Trust



Gloucestershire
Gateway
Partnership

- Group storytime
- Themed craft activity
- Snack break
- Books to take home
- Wind down time

 www.readwithme.org.uk

 [ReadWithMe2020](https://www.facebook.com/ReadWithMe2020)

 [ReadWithMeOrg](https://www.instagram.com/ReadWithMeOrg)

Forest of Dean

HAF 
holiday activities & food

FOREST OF DEAN HAF PROVIDES FREE ACTIVITIES AND FOOD FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN.

HAF takes place three times a year during school holidays in:

- Spring
- Summer
- Winter



Signposting

You can contact us for support and we can signpost you to organisations that can help you.



Food

Food is available during activities making sure your children have access to a healthy meal.



Activities

Free activities that can be booked online including:

- Family activities
- Children and young people activities
- Ticketed attractions



If you need help to sign up or book activities contact us:

gloshafconnector@gmail.com

07340709871

familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Free Winter Activities for Children, Young People & Families

Forest of Dean
HAF holiday activities & food

The Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) returns this winter with lots of fun activities and delicious food available for children and families from **20 December to 4 January**.

HAF activities are available for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. This winter we are also able to extend this offer to any child who may benefit from attending the programme, through our grant funded Holiday Activities Programme (HAP).

Bookings open from midday on 1 December. Make sure you're ready to book by checking your account now
familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Use our handy checklist below to make sure that:

- All your children have an individual profile added to your account.
- Emergency contact details are filled in for each child profile
- Any additional needs or disability information is included for each child profile
- Your details reflect any recent changes (e.g. new address, phone contact details)

Setting up an account is easy:

Scan this QR Code with a phone camera for quick access



If you need any HAF related help then please contact us:

T: 07340 709 871

E: gloshafconnector@gmail.com



HAF Soft Launch Referral Form

- Please note that parents/carers may only organise booking activities for their own children.
- This form must be completed by the professional referrer.

District of referral:

- Gloucester
- Forest of Dean

Professional Information:

Referrer Name: _____

Referrer Organisation: _____

Referrer email: _____

Referrer Phone Number: _____

Parent/Carer Referral information section:

1. Parent/Carer name: _____
2. Parent/Carer phone number: _____
3. Parent/Carer email: _____
4. Do they have a HAF booking account? Yes No
5. Have they attended a HAF before? Yes No
6. How many children are you looking to book activities for?: _____
7. Are they eligible for benefits-related free school meals? Yes No
8. Does one or more of the children have a special educational need or disability- diagnosed or suspected?
Yes No

1. Please let us know the best time to get in touch with the parent/carer: _____

W/C 17th November;

Monday AM Monday PM

Tuesday AM Tuesday PM

Wednesday AM Wednesday PM

Thursday AM Thursday PM

Friday AM Friday PM

W/C 24th November;

Monday AM Monday PM

Tuesday AM Tuesday PM

Wednesday AM Wednesday PM

Thursday AM Thursday PM

Friday AM Friday PM

I confirm that the family in question has provided explicit consent to record the information listed below and pass this onto their local HAF Community Connector to organise HAF activities for their children. Any information you provide will be treated as confidential and in accordance with UK Data Protection Legislation and used for the purposes relating to HAF Activity programme. Our lawful basis for collecting your information is Consent. We will keep and use your data for the purpose of contacting your local HAF community Connector. All personal data will be destroyed at the end of your referral. For further information, including your rights under the Data Protection Act 2018, please visit our Privacy notice page: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/data-protection/service-specific-privacy-notice/>




The Annual Parent Carer Survey is open now



Help shape services for children and young people with
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Help us improve SEND services
Gloucestershire's Local Area Partnership wants to hear your views on services for children and young people aged 0-25 years with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

The Annual Parent Carer Survey is now open



Share your thoughts about what's working and what needs improvement for children and young people aged 0-25 years. Your views matter and will help us shape services. To read our 'You Said We Did Report 2025' and see what has changed in response to what you told us last year please visit: www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk



The survey will open on 6 October 2025 and close on 5 December 2025.



Annual Parent Carer Survey 2025

If you are a parent carer of a child or young person with a special educational need or a disability (SEND) – this survey is for you



- Share your thoughts about what's working and what needs improvement for children and young people aged 0-25 years.
- Your views matter and will help us shape services.

Monday, 6 October
until
Friday, 5 December 2025



- To read our 'You Said, We Did Report 2025' and see what has changed in response to what you told us last year, please visit:

www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk





FESTIVE OPEN MORNING

We would love to welcome you for a Christmas get together.

Monday 22nd December 2025
10am - 1pm at Forest Pulse HQ

We will have crafting, coffee and cake available. Plus other chances to support the charity.

There will be an opportunity to visit Father Christmas but please contact us for more information and to book so he can ensure that he has packed enough treats on his sleigh. This will be a cost of £2 pp.



Season's Greetings.
Please nominate us to
win £1,000 today!



WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Reaching out for help with your mental health can be really hard, so we've created a virtual helping hand to support you in making that big first step.

On Your Mind Glos is for anyone who is aged up to 25 living in Gloucestershire who wants to find Mental Health Support. Our Support Finder Tool asks a series of questions, to provide users with a list of the most appropriate Support Services for them depending on the answers given.

Your answers are anonymous and confidential. You will only need to share your details if you request support from a service.



Visit onyourmindglos.nhs.uk
or text 07984 404388



NHS THIS IS MY MIND

I OWN IT

We're here to help you find confidential mental health support, visit onyourmindglos.nhs.uk or text 07984 404388



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MIND GLOS**

Mental health support finder