

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

What a wonderfully busy few weeks we have had here at Severnbanks! Our pupils have enjoyed a number of fantastic learning opportunities, including visits to Parliament, Hampton Court Palace, and the incredible Young Voices concert. As always, the children represented our school beautifully and made the most of these enriching experiences.

This week, we also welcomed colleagues for a Trust Review on Monday. I am delighted to share that there was much to celebrate. Reviewers commented on the strong learning behaviours shown by all our pupils and the high-quality inclusion across the school, ensuring every child receives the support they need to thrive.

We also had the pleasure of hosting our first Family Celebration Assembly, where families joined us to celebrate their children's achievements and awards. It was a joyful start to what we hope will be a cherished weekly tradition. We look forward to welcoming more families each week as we continue to shine a spotlight on our pupils' successes.

A huge thank you to our children, staff, and families for your ongoing hard work and partnership. It truly makes a difference. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Bradley Headteacher

Happy New Year! The classes with the highest attendance are..... Drum Roll!!!!

**ATTENDANCE: WHO
ARE THE
CHAMPIONS?**

1st : Oak 97.3%
2nd : Rowan 96.71%
3rd : Birch 95.72%



Celebrate

As part of our updated school vision and values, we are excited to introduce our new weekly Family Celebration Assemblies. These assemblies will give us the opportunity to recognise and celebrate pupils who have demonstrated key aspects of our vision and values in their learning, behaviour, and interactions with others.

Each week, children will receive certificates to acknowledge these achievements, and families are warmly invited to join us. You will receive a message when your child has been nominated for an award so that you can come along and celebrate with us.





Key Dates

Summer Term



Spring Term

- 23rd January: Matt Bishop (MP) visit to school (Postponed)
- 9th February: Children's Mental Health week
- 11th February: Internet safety day
- 24th and 25th February: Pupils consultation evenings
- 5th March: World Book Day
- 20th March Red Nose Day
- 27th March: Final day of Spring Term

- 13th April: First day of term, all pupils in.
- 11th May: Year 6 SATS week
- 22nd May: End of term
- 8th June: Return to school, all pupils in.
- 10th July : Y6 PGL
- 24th July: Final Day of summer term

We will let you know about the dates for the upcoming play for Y3 & Y4 after the February half term.
Y5 & Y6 end of year play will be announced after the May half term along with Sports Day dates for EYFS, KS1 & KS2.

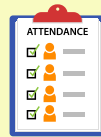
A New Build is coming

We also have some very exciting news to share: our school is getting a new building! Due to the new housing development in the area, the school will be expanding, and we are expecting building work to begin later this year. I hope to be able to share more detailed information with you in the coming weeks. The new build will be located on a part of the site that we rarely use, so there will be minimal impact on the day-to-day running of the school. It will, however, provide a wonderful opportunity for the children to be involved in the process and learn from this exciting development.



Headteacher's Award

We are making a small but exciting tweak to our Headteacher's Golden Tickets! When pupils are awarded a Golden Ticket for demonstrating our school vision and values, they will now also receive a special pin badge to wear proudly on their uniform. This will sit alongside the Golden Ticket itself and their invitation to the Headteacher's Hot Chocolate session. We hope this added recognition will encourage our children to continue living our values every day and celebrating their achievements with pride.



Attendance Matters

Our attendance this term has been steadily improving, and it has been wonderful to see so many children in school every day. High attendance helps pupils achieve their best and fully enjoy the wide range of opportunities we offer. It also has a significant impact on children's overall happiness—being in school regularly helps them feel settled in routines, maintain friendships, and develop confidence in their learning. Please continue to support us by ensuring your child attends regularly and arrives on time—together we can keep the momentum going!

We are always looking for enthusiastic parents to join our Local Academy Committee. Becoming a member is a fantastic way to support the school, influence decision-making, and help shape the future of our children's education. Your insight as a parent is incredibly valuable, and even a small amount of your time can make a big difference. If you are passionate about our school community and want to play a role in its continued success, we would love to hear from you.



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.

Young Voices

Last week 30 of our children represented the school at the world biggest children's choir. 'Young Voices'



School games

Some of our children from year 3 and 4 represented the school at the Curling school games. They did an incredible jobs coming 2nd and 4th.



Hampton Court Visit. Our year 6 pupils enjoyed a trip to Hampton Court where.....



Parliament Visit. Some of our school council members enjoyed a trip to The Houses of Parliament.



Progressive Active Camps

Enriching your child's school holidays!

Forest View Primary School, Cinderford

Monday 16th Feb - Friday 20th Feb
9.30am-4.30pm, early drop off at 8.30am and late
pick up at 5.30pm available all week long!
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Archery

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Dear Severnbanks Primary School,
 Gloucestershire County Council is offering Bikeability courses during all 2026 school holidays. These courses are designed for children aged 9–14 and help build cycling confidence and safety skills in small groups with qualified instructors.

2026 Course Locations & Dates:

- February Half-Term: Ashley Manor Prep School, Cheltenham
- Easter Holidays: Bournside School, Cheltenham
- May Half-Term: Kingshill School
- Summer Holidays: Skillzone (2 sessions available)
- October Half-Term: Pineholt Village Hall

Course Details:

- Cost: £10 per course (2 x 2-hour sessions)
- Bikes: Available subject to availability

Booking: <https://forms.office.com/e/vBSvziEEBk>

FOREST MUSIC CENTRE

STARTING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025
 TUESDAYS 6:30 - 8:30 PM
 ST WHITES PRIMARY SCHOOL, CINDERFORD
 ENSEMBLE PROVISION FOR WIND, BRASS, STRING & PERCUSSION PLAYERS
 ALL AGES WELCOME (ADULTS AND CHILDREN)

NEW - STARTING JANUARY 2026

STRING STARTERS FOR BEGINNER STRING PLAYERS

WWW.GLOUCESTERSHIREMUSIC.CO.UK
 GLOSMUSIC@GLOUCESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK
 01452 427242

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STRIMTHING SPECIAL
 STARTING 13TH JANUARY 2026

A ukulele group for adults and children to learn and improve their ukulele skills together.

TUESDAY 7:30 - 8:30

ST WHITES SCHOOL CINDERFORD

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Two FREE TASTER SESSIONS!

Contact:
 www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk
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Beginner group violin lessons for adults and children to learn in a supportive and relaxed environment.

TUESDAY 6:30 - 7:30

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Read Together
 after-school

Group storytime
 Fun craft activity
 Warm drink and snacks
 Books to take home

All sessions **FREE**
 No need to book!

Every Monday
 12th Jan through to 9th Feb

In partnership with Gloucestershire Gateway Trust Gloucestershire Gateway Partnership

3:15pm-4:30pm
 at River Children and Family Centre
 Lydney, GL15 5AU

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www.studysmartuk.online

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Nature Nurtures

Free nature sessions in the Forest of Dean



Join our FREE sessions, running for 8 weeks in The Forest of Dean. The sessions are designed to get children struggling with their mental health, learning about nature and building confidence.

Contact Katie at Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to find out more and sign up: katie.hall@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk

Ages 5 - 9

Saturdays
10-11:30am
7th February - 28th March
2026



Ages 10 - 15

Saturdays
1-3pm
7th February - 28th March
2026

Thank you to the NHS, our local community and business for making this project possible.



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