

# NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of this busy and rewarding term, we've spent the week marking two important events in our school calendar: Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. Our children have taken part in thoughtful activities that encouraged them to reflect on wellbeing, kindness, staying connected and staying safe online. From class discussions and creative tasks to assemblies and pupil-led ideas, it has been fantastic to see how confidently and maturely our pupils engage with these themes.

Looking ahead, we have plenty to be excited about next term. We'll continue to build on our Big Year of Reading with more special reading events, opportunities to bring families into school, and moments to celebrate the joy of books across the whole community. There is so much to look forward to, and we can't wait to share it all with you.

Thank you for your support throughout this term. We wish all our families a restful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back soon.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Bradley

### Term 3 Attendance Whole School



Sycamore	82.8%
Rowan	97.4%
Elm	95.1%
Oak	96.3%
Birch	94.1%
Ash	95.3%
Acer	90.9%
Cherry	95.1%

**ATTENDANCE: WHO  
ARE THE  
CHAMPIONS?**

### Our school vision and values focus for next term.....

#### Being **Supportive** and **Kindness**

We show kindness by being supportive of one another, making sure every child and family feels cared for and valued at Severnbanks. Please help us by reinforcing these at home

### Reminders



Please remember to:

- Please ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Ensure your child comes prepared for the weather—coats, hats, gloves etc.
- Remember to update the school office if you change phone number, address or emergency contacts.

**SAVE THE DATE**

# Key Dates

## Spring Term

5<sup>th</sup> March: reception trip  
 Week of 9<sup>th</sup> March: Pupils consultation evenings  
 5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day: Save the date: Families invited in for a drop and read session.  
 20<sup>th</sup> March Red Nose Day  
 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March Y3 and 4 Spring Production  
 27<sup>th</sup> March: Final day of Spring Term

## Summer Term

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



## Celebrating our Charity Champions

We are incredibly proud of the fantastic effort our children have put into raising funds for some wonderful charities this term.

Our Year 6 pupils showed brilliant teamwork and responsibility by running their own tuck shop, raising £100 for the charity, Functional Neurological Disorder Action.

The School Council also did an outstanding job organising activities everyday for Children's Mental Health Week.

Our non-uniform day and cake sale raised over £154 which will be split between Place2Be, a children's mental health Charity and to buy new resources for our Cosy Cabin.

A huge well done to everyone involved—your kindness, hard work and generosity truly make a difference. 🌈

## Headteacher Award Winners

A huge congratulation to our first winners of the new Headteachers awards. Given to pupils who 'Shine' by living our school vision and values everyday.

**Drew  
Jessica**

**Who will be next?**



## Attendance Facts

Unfortunately we have seen a **sharp drop in our school attendance** over the past 2 weeks! Hopefully half term will provide a rest and break from the bugs and we can have a strong start back after half term.

- Our whole school attendance is 95.3%. Can we get it closer to 98% over the coming term?
- If an appointment has to happen during the school day, children can often be in school before and after.
- Since September we have had 128 days of unauthorised absence. This is the same as 25 and a half school weeks missed by pupils. If your child has 5 days of unauthorised absence over a 10 week period a fine can be issued.
- 14% of our children have missed the equivalent of more than 1 day a week at school.
- 33% of children have attendance of less than 94%

# 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.

What an incredible week we had marking Children's Mental Health Week:

- Dressing to 'Show ourselves'
- Dancing to improve our well being,
- Working on a while school Art project
- Selling cakes to raise money for a children's mental health Charity.



At Severnbanks our children enjoy whole class music tuition. This term it has been Ukulele in year 5.

Year 3 Family Assembly was a huge success and we loved finding out all about the Arctic.



Year 5 visited The Dean Academy for an art morning



Our year 6 pupils raised £100 for their chosen charity with their tuckshop. A huge thank you to TESCO who donated the food.





## Celebrating Our Doodle Champion Children!

We are proud of the children who show amazing dedication by using the Doodle homework platform regularly. Their hard work at home helps them build strong knowledge and confidence, which shows in class every day.

These children all have streaks of over 100 days and some of them have streaks of over 1000 days.

### Year 3

Jack  
Harry  
Ava

### Year 4

Logan  
Ruby  
Maddox  
Arley  
Paige  
Lucie  
Paisley

### Year 5

Toby  
Leah  
Leo  
Jessica  
Austin  
Kai  
Bella  
Drew  
Rose  
Jaycee-Nico  
Bethany

### Year 6

Kasper  
Rowan  
Leon  
Sydney  
Chloe  
Rohan  
Archie  
Joshua



We know that there are many children building fantastic streaks and developing strong learning routines, so we are also looking carefully at how we can celebrate pupils who reach a streak of 100 days or more. We want every child who is showing great effort and consistency to feel seen, valued, and motivated to keep going.



# Community announcements



**Wildcats**  
GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Join the **Wildcats Girls'** Football Sessions!  
Sessions delivered by **Prostars**

**LYDNEY** Wednesdays  
**TUTSHILL** Thursdays

Non-competitive football for girls who want to give it a go with friends!

Gloucestershire FA December Provider of the Month!

To book:  
Prostars.ipalbookings.com  
Contact Mark:  
07444436637 / Mark@Prostars-FSE.com

**JOIN OUR UNDER 9s RUGBY TEAM!**  
NEW PLAYERS WANTED!

**BREAM RFC**  
UNDER 9s RUGBY

BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME • NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!  
**COME & GIVE RUGBY A TRY**  
Free to play, no membership required!

TRAINING:  
TUESDAY EVENINGS 17:30-18:30

GAMES:  
SUNDAY MORNINGS 10AM  
Bream RFC, GL15 6ES

CONTACT US:  
Aaron: 07403 431253  
Jason: 07880 698842

## Family Water WORKSHOPS

Hands-on river fun for curious kids

Join us as we explore the wonders of our local rivers. Become a river eco-detective and discover river wildlife at the River Children & Family Centre in Lydney.

- Investigate river insects and habitats
- Experiment with water and nature
- Discover local wildlife

**FREE family sessions**

**25 FEBRUARY** **Eco Detectives**  
3:30pm to 4:30pm  
River Children and Family Centre, Naas Lane, Lydney, GL15 5AU

**4 MARCH** **Wonderful Water**  
3:30pm to 4:30pm  
River Children and Family Centre, Naas Lane, Lydney, GL15 5AU

**11 MARCH** **River Wildlife**  
3:30pm to 4:30pm  
River Children and Family Centre, Naas Lane, Lydney, GL15 5AU

Book your place:  
Familyhubs@ggtrust.org

Gloucestershire Gateway Trust

Bream Gardening Society with Bream Community Library

**FREE Workshops for Young Gardeners**

**2026**

Activities at West Dean Centre and Bream Community Library – for primary children and above

Thursday 19th February	Tomatoes – sowing, growing, tasting, all things tomato
2.00 – 4.00pm * West Dean Centre, Bream GL15 6JW	

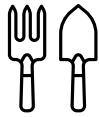
Places are limited so..... Booking is essential  
To join in - email [breamgardeningociety@gmail.com](mailto:breamgardeningociety@gmail.com) Remember – to tell us your name and age



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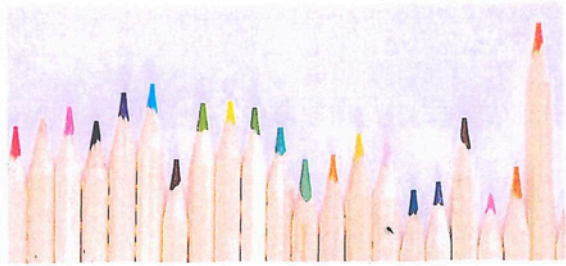


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~~to tell us your name and age~~



## Join **Artspace Cinderford** for our **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY OPEN MORNINGS**

We sincerely apologize for the mistake (Thursday not Saturday 19th February) in the previous email. The correct date is below.

Come along and be part of our exciting arts celebration on

- Thursday 19th February / 10am- 1pm

- Saturday 14th March / 10am - 2pm

- Wednesday 15th April / 10am - 1pm

All welcome. Children must be supervised by responsible adult. No booking required for these arts activities  
...just drop in.

Please contact [info@artspacecinderford.org](mailto:info@artspacecinderford.org) or call 0154 825111 if bringing a large group.



Also, on our Open Morning in March we're offering 2 fantastic aerial workshops, including warm-up sessions and introductions to static trapeze, aerial hammock, and aerial hoop. Whether you're a beginner or just curious, come explore the amazing world of aerial arts!

Saturday 14th March / 10am - 2pm

Aerial Workshop 1 - 10am – 11:30am

Aerial Workshop 2 - 12:00am– 1:30pm

At Artspace Cinderford, The New Mercury, 3 Woodside Street,  
Cinderford, GL14 2NL



### PUT CINDERFORD ON THE MAP!

In our art studio, we're showcasing our **FREE ARTS TRAIL EVENTS** where we'll be putting Cinderford on the map by creating a vibrant mixed-media artwork inspired by our town and surroundings.

Enjoy free have-a-go sustainable arts and crafts workshops.

— a perfect way for everyone to get creative and have fun!

Plus, there will be free refreshments to keep you energized.

£5 per person. Booking for aerial workshops essential.

To book or for more info, use the links below, call 01594 825111 or email [circus@artspacecinderford.org](mailto:circus@artspacecinderford.org)

#### *Suitable for...*

- beginners and improvers
- adults of all ages
- children over 8 yrs old

(8-11 yr olds must be accompanied by an adult)

Please state if you have previous aerial experience and brief description so that we can consider skill level in our planning.

Please wear suitable clothing for physical activity and remember to remove jewellery.

[Book Aerial Workshop 1](#)

[Book Aerial Workshop 2](#)

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a morning full of creativity, community spirit, and fun! We can't wait to see you there!



# JET AGE

MUSEUM

SPECIAL HALF TERM OPENING  
WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2026  
10.00AM TO 4.00PM



Meteor Business Park,  
Cheltenham Road East,  
Gloucester GL2 9QL.  
Tel 01452 260078  
[www.jetagemuseum.org](http://www.jetagemuseum.org)

**ADMISSION FREE**  
**DONATIONS WELCOME**



# February Half Term at the Museum!

It's a busy Half Term packed with hands-on activities, creative workshops and plenty for families to explore. Creative makes, family fun and brilliant ways to dive into history all week long.

## **Art Explorers: Arts & Crafts Trail** Sat 14 - Sun 22 Feb | £2 per trail

Follow the trail through puppets, pottery and nature-loving makers, try creative challenges and design your own patterns. Finish it and you'll earn a nature-inspired stamper to take home.

## **Making Folk: Crafting Charms and Folk Motifs** Sat 14 Feb, 1-4 pm | £5

Get creative with natural materials, beads and fabric as you make your own charms or stitch folk-inspired motifs. For all ages, proudly part of Gloucester Folk Trail.

## **Hands On History: Object Handling with the Birdlip Mirror** Sun 15 & Wed 18 Feb | £1 donation

Take a closer look at our Birdlip Mirror replicas and discover their stories with our Visitor Experience Assistant. This relaxed drop-in is free, with a suggested £1 donation. Great for families aged 3+.

## **Brick Builders Club: The Great Outdoors** Tue 17 Feb, 10am - 1pm | £3 per child

Get creative with nature-themed LEGO challenges inspired by our Arts & Crafts displays. Build landscapes, dream up wild creatures or invent something totally new. Pick up fun prompts and let your imagination take over. Suitable for ages 5+.

## **Glorious Glevum Tour** Wed 18 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Explore Roman Glevum with Lucius Sita, our resident auxiliary soldier. Discover why the Romans chose Gloucester, what daily life looked like and the hidden treasures inside the museum.

## **Medieval Mercenary Tour of the Eastgate Chamber** Sat 21 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Join Sir Miles, our medieval mercenary, for a fascinating trip into the Eastgate Chamber. Explore its history, uncover old myths and hear the superstitions that have surrounded this hidden space for centuries.

**M MUSEUM OF GLOUCESTER**

Scan me for more info!



# MP SEND Event

Parent carers, educators, and SEND professionals are invited to the MP's third SEND Event, this time bringing parent carers together with support services and professionals in one place to drive meaningful, practical improvements that matter.

The evening will include professionals offering support for parent carers, alongside updates from the MP on government progress and a continued commitment to provide tangible support and improvements.



26<sup>th</sup> February  
6pm-8pm  
Forest of Dean



*Matt*  
**BISHOP MP**  
Forest of Dean



Now open to any parent/ carer of any primary school pupil in the Forest of Dean!

## Newnham St Peter's C of E Primary School Preloved Uniform Shop

### How does it work?

The shop is opened by volunteers every Monday morning 9am-9.30am through term time. Alternatively you can email the PTFA and request school uniform items (the size and number required) and we can prepare them for you to collect from the school reception during school hours. PE kits and shoes are available to buy as well as traditional uniforms. Items are sold for as little as 50p.

### What is it?

We are a pre-loved primary school uniform shop selling second hand school uniforms for children in the Forest of Dean. Thanks to the efforts of fundraisers and donations we set the shop up in 2024 in an effort to save money and help the environment. We operate through donations of any good quality unwanted school uniform items, which are then washed and sorted by parents so that they are ready to sell in the pre-loved shop.

**Address:** Newnham St Peter's C of E Primary School, Station Road, Newnham on Severn, Gloucestershire, GL14 1AT

**Email:** [newhampfta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:newhampfta@yahoo.co.uk)

**Bank Details:** Newnham School PTFA Sort: 30 95 29 Acct: 01029007



All clothes items 50p each!

**Reuse - Recycle - Stand Up To Waste**