

Dear Families,

We have had a flying start to the summer term, marked by our recent Ofsted inspection. I would like to sincerely thank our staff and families for their continued support throughout this process. The inspection provided a wonderful opportunity for our pupils and our school to shine, and I am incredibly proud of everyone involved. We now look forward to being able to share the final report with you once it is released.

Alongside this, our pupils continue to demonstrate that they are ready, focused, and enjoying the many opportunities available to them each day.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of regular attendance, as this plays a vital role in supporting pupils' learning and wellbeing. We understand the pressures that rising costs can bring, which is why we have scheduled a two-week half-term break to help make family holidays more affordable.

However, please remember that the school is required to refer any unauthorised holidays taken during term time to the local authority, who may issue a fixed penalty notice.

Warm regards,
Mrs Bradley



Homework



We value your feedback and would really appreciate your thoughts on homework.

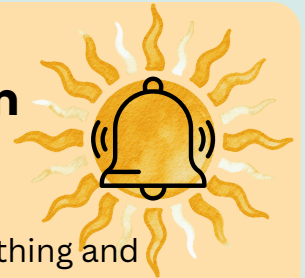
Children only spend around 25–30% of their waking hours in school, so learning at home plays an important role in supporting their progress and your support is essential in this.

Homework helps to reinforce what has been taught in class, build independence, and develop important habits like responsibility and time management.

Your feedback will help us make sure homework is useful, balanced, and supports both children and families. Please use the link below to access the form.

<https://forms.gle/rxKvpBVewEpX8d9w5>

Summer Term Reminders



- Please label all clothing and belongings – we see a big increase in lost items at this time of year, and named items are much easier to return.
- Hats are essential in warm weather – children should bring a sun hat with their name inside.
- Apply long-lasting sun cream before school – we recommend an all-day formula as staff cannot apply sun cream during the school day.
- Check that PE kits still fit and are clearly labelled

Attendance Matters

Attendance Whole School

Whole school 95.5% getting closer to our target of 96%

Sycamore 88.9%

Rowan 93.7%

Elm 92.2%

Oak 90.5%

Birch 93.3%

Ash 91.0%

Acer 88.9%

Cherry 92.7%



Holiday requests and attendance

We have noticed an increase in requests for holidays during term time. We would like to remind families that, under government guidance, schools cannot authorise holiday leave during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances, which are rare and considered individually.

Requests based on holiday costs or work commitments are not approved. Time away from school can also impact pupils' learning, as important classwork and teaching may be missed.

Any unauthorised absence may result in a penalty notice being issued.

To help support families with more affordable holiday options, we would like to remind you that the school calendar includes a two-week half-term break, which may provide opportunities to plan holidays outside of term time.

Key Dates



Summer Term

Thursday 7th May: Year 2 class assembly. 2.30pm. Families invited to join us.

11th May: Year 6 SATS week

22nd May: Sponsored Bounceathon, more details to follow.

22nd May: End of term

1st-7th June: Child Safety Week

8th June: Return to school, all pupils in.

15th: Father's day sale. PTFA event.

22nd June: School photos, class, individual and siblings.

19th June: Summer Event by PTFA

3rd July: Sports Day

10th July: Year 6 PGL trip

17th July: Reserve sports day in case of bad weather.

17th July: Year 5 trip to the Airshow

21st July: Year 5/6 play at 2pm: Under5s welcome
21st July: Year 5/6 play at 5pm: No Under5s at this performance

22nd July: Year 5/6 play at 2pm: No under 5s at this performance

23rd July: 5pm: Year 6 leavers BBQ and celebration event

24th July: Final Day of summer term



Our school vision and values focus for this term

Belonging

★ Team players

We show our values of belonging and being team players by supporting one another, celebrating everyone's strengths, and working together as a school community.

Please help us by reinforcing these at home

Severnbanks Award Winners this term



We have started the summer term strongly by celebrating a wide range of pupil achievements. From academic success to positive behaviour and personal milestones, our pupils' efforts have been recognised and celebrated, setting a positive tone for the term ahead.

Stars that Shine



Living our school Values



Doodle Champions



Being stars that shine outside of school.



Maise and Maise were celebrating their work at rugby players. Great way to practice being team players girls.



After only being in the Lydney Training Band since January both Harper & Lucy performed in the Spring Showcase Concert at Goode Court for its residents. Living the values of Severnbanks, well done girls.



At the national Unique conference in Birmingham on 21st March, Joshua stood up and spoke in front of 200 people about what it is like to be a unique person with a rare chromosome disorder. When he was asked what message he would give to other children when life got tough, he said, "Be confident, be resilient, have fun and never give up". Well done Josh.

Just by taking part you'll be supporting 2 fantastic local charities that help support children facing childhood cancer, life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.



Childhood cancer is one of the most common causes of death in children in the UK. Every year, just over 4,000 children and young adults receive this life-changing diagnosis.

The Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust is working hard to raise awareness of childhood cancer signs and symptoms. We produce educational resources for parents and clinicians, provide support to families and fund research into rare cancers of childhood



James Hopkins Trust believe that every child deserves to experience joy, laughter and love, regardless of their complex medical needs, diagnosis or condition.

For over 30 years, we have been dedicated to providing unwavering support to children in Gloucestershire who are life-limited or life-threatened, empowering them to live life to the fullest and make magic memories.

Sign up today and together we can help support local children

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Website: www.kccct.org
Registered charity number: 1167783

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Email: fundraising@jameshopkinstrust.org.uk
Website: www.jameshopkinstrust.org.uk
Registered charity number: 1183210



COLOUR UP FOR KIDS

Prices from £10

Saturday 9th May 2026
Plock Court, Gloucester

Get ready for a splash of colour, bubbles, music, and inflatables!

Run, walk, or skip through this fun-filled family event while supporting local children facing childhood cancer, life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As your child is receiving Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (WCET) in school through Gloucestershire Music, we are delighted to extend this amazing offer. Through this scheme, our ethos of making music fun and accessible will enable your child to benefit from affordable instrumental hire and music centre membership allowing them to continue their enjoyment of music outside of the classroom.

We've lit the musical spark, now let us show you how exciting the next stage can be!

Visit www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk or call our team on 01452 427242 for more information.

Happy Music Making

Nick Steel
MusicService Schools Manager

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BIKEABILITY

We wanted to let you know about the upcoming Bikeability Holiday Course taking place during the May half term. This is a great opportunity for pupils who may have missed Bikeability training in school to still take part and learn an important life skill through cycling.

Cycling helps children build confidence, independence, and physical activity into their daily lives. It also plays an important role in road safety, helping pupils develop the skills and awareness they need to ride safely, understand the road environment, and make safer journeys.

Further information and booking details can be found here: <https://www.thinktravel.info/upcoming-events/bikeability-holiday-courses>







FREE!

Read Together


after-school!

- ✓ Group storytime
- ✓ Fun craft activity
- ✓ Free books to take home
- ✓ Drink and snacks provided

at River Children and Family Centre
Lydney, GL15 5AU

Drop in from 3:15pm-4:30pm
Every Monday
during term time

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Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum

Parent Support Group




For Parent Carers of children with Additional Needs
(With or Without a Diagnosis)

A Friendly and Safe Space
run by Parent Carers, for Parent Carers

*Come along to:
Meet other Parent Carers, enjoy a hot drink and a friendly chat, share experiences and find support*

 When: **The second Monday of every month**
Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

 Where: River Children and Family Centre, Naas Ln,
Lydney, GL15 5AU

SPRING FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday 24th May 2026

The Speech House Hotel Grounds
Forest of Dean Gloucestershire
GL16 7EL



Making Dips,
chopping veggie
sticks & making
either nettle veggie
burgers or
vietnamese spring
rolls

KIDS COOKERY SESSIONS

Learn some simple cookery skills which can be replicated at home. You will be taught how to make the dishes by Harts Barn Cookery School & take home your food at the end of the workshop.

More info.

www.forestshowcase.org



HARTS BARN
COOKERY SCHOOL

MAY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

VENUES Wyedean School / Freedom Leisure Lydney
TIMINGS 9:00am – 3:00pm
AGES 5 – 12 years
PRICE £20 per day (10% discount for District & Wildcats players)
DATES Tuesday 26th May - Wednesday 27th May - Thursday 28th May

WEDNESDAY THEME – STREET SOCCER

A fast-paced day of skills, flair & creativity

What to expect:

- Skills & Tricks
- 1v1 Battles
- Panina & Nutmegs
- Street Tournament

Prizes:

- Street King / Queen
- Best Skills
- Best Goal
- Best Celebration

Whether your child loves **SKILLS, SCORING GOALS,** or just playing with friends – this is a day not to miss!

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