

Newsletter

Newsletter Date: 1 March 2024



We are resilient We are responsible We are caring We are confident We are inspired We are aspirational

Co-Headteachers' Message: Dear Parents/Carers

What a very busy week we have had. Our new friends from Gloucester Learning Alliance (GLA), the Trust we will be joining in May visited Carrant Brook recently to talk to children and staff. They have let us know how amazing they thought the children were, describing them as confident, polite, well behaved and very engaging to talk to. We are so proud of them all.

Our sponsored walk takes place on Monday so please remind your children to have their PE kits in school.

Congratulations to some of our pupils who are now published authors!

PTFA UPDATE

Date for your diary—on Thursday 14th March, our amazing PTFA are organising an Easter Movie Eggstravaganza. This will start at 4:30pm. Tickets will be priced at £3.50 which will include the showing of an 'Easter' themed movie, popcorn, drink and an Easter egg.

Last Sunday, nine children from our school (Eva, Hetty, Alfie, Olivia, Darcey, Oliwia, Zofia, Savannah, Pippa) were chosen to represent the Tewkesbury district in the cross country race involving all the districts in the County. They all did fantastically well in muddy condition. A special mention to Eva who qualified to represent Gloucestershire at the Nationals this weekend. We wish her all the best.
Kind Regards, Mrs Budd & Ms Evans



Football Success:

On Tuesday, our Year5/6 football team competed in the local cup competition. After a draw to start where the ball just would not find the net, the goals began to flow. This culminated in a final against C of E where Troy made a fantastic fingertip save to keep it at 0-0 before an individual moment of brilliance from Josh secured the victory and the cup in a hard fought 1-0 win.
Mr Evans



School Council is raising money, helping to make amazing things happen.

On **Friday 15th March 2024**, for a donation of at least **£1**, pupils can come to school wearing their **uniform accessorised in red**. You can either make a donation using this secure ParentPay link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14218> or bring in cash on the day.

In addition, the School Council will be running an **old toys sale** and a **cake sale**!

Please **donate any toys** that you no longer play with and you are happy for others to enjoy. These will be sold for **50p** or **£1**. **A donation of cakes for the cake sale** will also be **greatly appreciated**.
All money raised will be donated to Comic Relief.



Red Nose Day - Lunch Menu Friday 15 March

Fun Loving Fish Fingers with Cheeky Chips and Tomato Ketchup

Bonkers Baguette with Ham or Cheese filling
Jolly Jacket Potato with Cheery Cheese or Bonkers Beans

All Served with Peas or Baked Beans

Rip Roaring Red Nose Cookie

Please book direct on ParentPay by midnight on Thursday 7 March.

Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers - Easter and May Holiday

This Easter 2024 holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the April (Easter) 2024 and May 2024 school holidays. Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for April 2024 and May 2024 (Easter and half term) holidays will be open from midday 27 February until midday on 12 March. Vouchers for **both** holiday periods (1 week (£15) for Easter and 1 week (£15) for May half-term, a total of £30 per eligible child) will be distributed to families the week commencing 18 March 2024.

If parents have not received their vouchers by 20 March 2024, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk **before the end of the holiday period (07 April 2024)**. To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our [FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Together We Learn and Grow

Commendations: Congratulations to our Golden Book Award winners. Congratulations also to Willow class who won this week's attendance with 99.5% and our House Basketball Champions!



In School this week:

Year 3 have been combining water colour paints and black fineliner pens to create flowers. We explored the effect of using different paintbrushes.



Whilst converting units of measurement in maths this week, **Sycamore class** are becoming more confident at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.



Year 4 had a visit from St Nicholas Church to learn about the Easter Story.

Birch Class enjoyed circuit training in the hall working on strengthening their core muscles.



This week, **Year 5** had a zoom call from the orthodox synagogue in Cheltenham. They were able to learn about where things were in a synagogue as well as deepen their understanding of the Jewish faith.



Word of the Week

picturesque adjective

Definition: a pretty, attractive place resembling a painted picture

Examples:
The countryside in this region is very picturesque.
We strolled through the picturesque streets of the old city.

Synonyms: charming, delightful, quaint, beautiful, scenic

Reading Challenge: Congratulations to pupils in Beech, Oak, Birch & Sycamore class this week who all came **1st with 100% of pupils** reading at least 4 times each week.



2nd - Ash 97% **3rd** - Willow 89.4%
4th - Elm 7.9%

House Points: Congratulations!

Which house is in the lead so far this term?

1st place - Sapphire
 2nd place - Ruby
 3rd place - Emerald



Term Dates:

Term Four: Mon 19 Feb - Fri 22 March

Term Five: Mon 8 April - Fri 24 May

Term Six: Mon 3 Jun - Mon 22 July

INSET DAYS - children do not attend school

Friday 24 May

Monday 22 July

BANK HOLIDAYS - children do not attend school

Monday 6 May

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 7 March - World Book Day

Friday 15 March - Red Nose Day

Monday 18 March - Class photos and Year 6 Leaver photos

Tuesday 19 & Thursday 21 March - Parents Evenings

Wednesday 20 March - Year 3 visiting St Nicholas Church for Experience Easter

Thursday 21 March - Year 6 Heights and Weights

Thursday 11 April - Year 3 swimming starts (every Thursday for 10 weeks)

20th GLOUCESTERSHIRE YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER

We invite all Gloucestershire pupils to enter **ONE** Image - **any subject**

of the Year 2024

PRIMARY & SECONDARY AWARDS

FIRST PRIZE £70

& RUNNER UP CASH PRIZES

BEST SECONDARY & PRIMARY ENTRY

GYP TROPHY

For further information ask your teacher or visit:
www.cheltenhamcameraclub.co.uk

email: GYP@cheltenhamcameraclub.co.uk



All **SELECTED IMAGES** will be cinema projected at the AWARDS evening

CHELTENHAM PLAYHOUSE GL53 7HG

Thursday April 25th

Please submit your entry to your school representative before the closing date

*Organised by Cheltenham Camera Club
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EMAIL YOUR ENTRIES TO
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