

Local Parish Mass Times	St Peter's	English Martyrs	St Augustine's
Saturday	6pm		6.30pm
Sunday	9am 10.30am 5.30pm	9am	11am

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

The table below details what your child will be learning from Monday

Year Group	Maths	English	Science
Reception	Writing Week		
Y1	Counting in 2's, 10's and 5's	WOW Writing Week	Materials
Y2	Addition and Subtraction	WOW Writing Week	Florence Nightingale
Y3	Statistics	WOW Writing Week	Rocks and Soils
Y4	Writing Week		
Y5	Addition & Subtraction moving onto Angles	WOW Writing Week	Properties and Materials
Y6	Fractions	Monologues	Light

TAKING HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME

Even though the much lower cost of holidays during children's school term times encourages many families to look into the idea of taking their child out of school during the academic year, the first thing to note is, the law does not allow this!

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Our main concern is that any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. Children returning from a term time holiday are unprepared for the lessons that they have missed. The Department for Education only allows a Headteacher discretion to consider an absence/holiday in term time in "special circumstances". Very few requests fall into this category.

Any holiday request must be submitted on the school's Request for Absence during School Term Form which can be found on the school website or from the school office. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If the request is not considered to be a special circumstance, and you nevertheless take your child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. In the case of an unauthorised absence/holiday, the Education and Inclusion Team at Shire Hall will be notified of the unauthorised absence/holiday taken, and a Penalty Notice will be issued.

Please note that such a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 per parent per child, which increases to £120 per parent per child if not paid within 21 days. If the Penalty Notice remains unpaid after 28 days, this may result in legal action.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Can we please remind all parents/carers that your child should not have any tram lines in their hair or Mohican haircuts. Girls should wear green tights and all children should be in school shoes NOT trainers or any other type of shoe.



NEW APPROACH TO HOME READING

After half term we will be introducing a new initiative for home reading scheme books. This will be introduced to the children in an assembly on Wednesday 31st October at 9:05am, which parents are welcome to attend. This assembly will be repeated again at 2:55pm for Parents. On the week commencing Monday 5th November all teachers will be running parent workshops either as an early morning task or straight after school.

Reception – Monday 5th 8:45am in classrooms

Year 1 - Tuesday 6th 8:45am in classrooms

Year 2 - Wednesday 7th 8:45am in classrooms

Year 3 & 4 - Tuesday 6th 3:15pm in Spiritual Space

Year 5 & 6 – Thursday 8th 3:15pm in Spiritual Space



SCHOOL VACANCIES

We currently have two vacancies for our OPAL lunchtime Play Team; more information can be found on the school website, or GCC's school vacancies website.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

I am really happy to say that I have just delivered our food donations to the Food Bank. They were very happy to receive the food and we donated a brilliant 224kg, one of the largest harvest donations they have received this year and which actually equates to providing 320 meals. They also said that this amount would feed a single person for 10 months!

Thank you to everyone



Y4 VIKING WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 16th October, Bjorn the Viking came to visit Year 4! We enjoyed learning about the how the Vikings came to Britain, how they lived, what their jobs were and how they wrote their names in runes. We even chose a Viking name and nickname for ourselves (see some below). We learnt Viking games such as stick wrestling (which became very competitive and even our teachers joined in), dice and Hnefatafl, a strategy board game. In the afternoon, we were taught about the armour and had a go at lifting the extremely heavy chainmail. We couldn't believe that it was possible to wear it into battle! Finally, we learnt to make a shield wall with our own shields and spears and Bjorn taught us the commands that we would need, ready for war. We all had a brilliant day and look forward to learning lots more about the Vikings in the next term.

"It was amazing! We got to hold the weapons that the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings used. I chose the Viking name Olaf Fish Eyes."

Theo, 4SD.

"My favourite part was practising for battle, using the spear and shield. My name was Astrid the Healer." Lizbeth, 4EI.



GOT A CHILD AGED 2-9? – FLU VACCINATION

Flu hits young children harder. Protect them from flu with one simple nasal spray. It's free, fast and painless. Parents with children in Reception and Years 1-5 will be asked to give consent for their child to receive this at school. For pre-school child vaccines call your GP Surgery. For further information go to Gloucestershireccg.nhs.uk/flu-free.



PFA CLOTHING COLLECTION

If you are having a pre-Christmas sort out in half term could you please donate any unwanted clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts and bring them into school for our clothing collection. Last time we raised £30 but I'm sure we can raise more this time! Thank you in advance.



CORE VALUES



As part of learning about democracy and how to vote, children in years one to six voted for the core value they wanted to be in focus next term. The results are: Respect- 83, Courage – 83, Wisdom – 66, Perseverance – 56 and Service – 49. There were 7 spoilt ballot papers and 3 empty ballot papers! As two of the core values had an equal number of votes, these papers, had they been filled in correctly, could have made a difference.

As it was a tie, slips of paper with the words 'respect' and 'courage' were put into a hat. Respect was drawn out. Therefore, our core value next term will be RESPECT – we shine when we show respect. Our acts of worship will help the children to:

- Consider how they show respect for others in their home, school and wider communities;
- Reflect on how they value and respect their own and other people's belongings;
- Remember that God has given us the responsibility to value and respect all animals;
- Learn that St. Francis is famous for his love and respect for animals;
- Value their environment and know that they should help to protect it for future generations;
- Recognise that reverence takes respect a step further and will include aspects of worship such as awe and wonder, surrender and sacrifice;
- Appreciate that some objects have a special significance and should be treated with reverence;
- Understand that Mother Teresa believed that everyone is a child of God, infinitely precious and worthy of reverence, respect and dignity.



Looking for something to do during the holidays that will give you a feel-good factor? Perhaps you could make up a box for Operation Christmas Child. Please return all shoe boxes by **Wednesday 7th November 2018**. If you wish to contribute to this cause, but don't have the time to purchase items for a shoe box, visit the Operation Christmas Child website and you can pack a shoe box online or purchase a pre-packed shoe box.



GOOD TO BE GREEN [GTBG] BEHAVIOUR SYSTEM

At the end of our first term in school it was fantastic to hand out the rewards in assembly today. 332 (92.5%) children in Years 1 to 6 were awarded a red postcard. We ask that these are kept safely at home.



ST PETER'S UNDER 5s HALLOWEEN FAMILY NIGHT – FRIDAY 19th OCTOBER 7.00pm - 9.30pm

St Peter's Under 5s are hosting a Halloween Family Night at St Peter's Social Club on Friday 19th October between 7.00pm and 9.30pm. Prizes for best costumes. Tickets on sale at playgroup at a cost of £5.00 per family ticket (up to five people) and £1.50 for any additional.

GLOUCESTER OLD BOYS RFC AVENGERS

Do you have children that are interested in rugby? If so, come along and try out a session for FREE to find out more and meet the team.

Our Tag Rugby sessions take place on Sunday morning from 10.30am – 11.30am at Gloucester Old Boys RFC, Myers Road, Gloucester GL1 3QD.

We are looking for new members for:-

Under 6's (Reception & Year 1)

Under 7's (Year 2)

Under 8's (Year 3)

Under 9's (Year 4)

Under 10's (Year 5)

Under 11's (Year 6)

Shorts and socks are included with the annual subscription for new members.

If you have any questions or would like any further information please contact gob.avengersrhc@gmail.com or contact Jim Hancock, Chairman (07530004142) Pete Wickenden, Head Coach (07774464745) or Sharon Gombera (07919621487)

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL – BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – 3rd NOVEMBER FROM 10.00am TO 3.00pm

Golden Valley Kite Fliers in conjunction with Gloucester Cathedral and Asda are raising money for BBC Children in Need. Bring your teddy or a soft toy and for a donation they'll parachute them down in the nave of the Cathedral.



HOUSE POINTS (to 18th October 2018)

Weekly Totals		Cumulative Totals	
Earth	176	Earth	1130
Wind	148	Wind	1044
Fire	124	Fire	929
Water	117	Water	822



DINNER MENU – w/c 29th OCTOBER

Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry	Jacket Potato with Tuna
Tuesday	Sausage & Mash	Quorn Mince Bolognese	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Wednesday	Roast Chicken	Mixed Vegetable Loaf	Jacket Potato with Beans
Thursday	Spaghetti Beef Bolognese	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Slice	Jacket Potato with Tuna
Friday	Breaded Fish	Cheese & Tomato Quiche	Jacket Potato with Cheese



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 19 th October	Finish for Half Term (Normal time)		
Mon 29 th October	INSET DAY		
Tues 30 th October	Whole School	Start of the New Term	8.40am for 8.55am
Thurs 1 st November	Whole School	All Saints Day Mass	2.15pm
Fri 2 nd November	EYFS & KS1	PFA Disco	5.30pm – 6.30pm
Fri 2 nd November	KS2	PFA Disco	6.45pm – 8.00pm
Weds 7 th November	Whole School	Operation Christmas Child – Box back into school	
Fri 9 th November	Whole School	Remembrance Day	10.50am Special Assembly
Fri 16 th November	Y4	Class Assembly	9.15am and 2.30pm
Mon 12 th November	Y6	Cycling Proficiency	During the week
Mon 19 th November	EYFS – Y5	Flu Vaccinations	During the school day
Fri 30 th November	Whole School	St Andrew's Day	Wear a BLUE Accessory
Weds 5 th December	Whole School	Christmas Lunch	
Thurs 13 th December	Y2	Nativity	
Fri 14 th December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day	
Weds 19 th December		Family Carol Service	6.00pm
Fri 21 st December	Whole School	Christmas Mass	9.15am
Fri 21 st December	Finish for the Christmas Holiday – 1.00pm		
Mon 7 th January 2019	Whole School	Start of the New Term	8.40am

Carol Baron
Headteacher



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contact the
school office for
more details