

School Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025



Key Dates Coming Up

School Photos - Individual and Siblings

Monday 20th October

Harvest Service (Rehearsal)

Tuesday 21st October at 2pm.

Harvest Service

Thursday 23rd October at 10am.

PTFA Cake Sale (Year 6)

Friday 24th October at 3:15pm

Cake Sale for Macmillan Cancer Support

Friday 7th November

Community Coffee Morning with Mr Le Templier and Mrs Childs

Friday 7th November

(More details on Page 3)

PTFA Autumn Disco

Friday 14th November

Children In Need

Friday 14th November

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through this vibrant autumn term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible spirit and effort shown by our children. Their behaviour, focus, and growing confidence in using a Growth Mindset have been truly inspiring. Whether tackling new challenges in the classroom or supporting one another in their learning, they continue to show resilience, curiosity, and kindness every day.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff team. Their unwavering commitment to nurturing each child's potential and creating a positive, inclusive learning environment is the foundation of everything we do.

This week, many of our pupils had the exciting opportunity to attend the Cheltenham Literature Festival. It was a fantastic experience that brought stories to life and sparked imaginations – a real celebration of reading and creativity!

Looking ahead, we are preparing for our Harvest Service, which promises to be a wonderful community event. It's always a special time to come together, reflect, and give thanks. We hope to see many of you there as we celebrate the season and the values that unite us.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

David Le Templier
Headteacher

From Year 2 onwards, once children are fluent with phonics, we introduce them to Accelerated Reader (AR) – a program designed to support and encourage independent reading. It helps pupils choose books that match their reading level and interests, while also developing their comprehension skills.

How Does It Work?

- Pupils take a short reading assessment (called a STAR test) which helps us determine their reading level.
- They choose books from our school library or classroom selection that fall within their recommended reading range (known as their ZPD – Zone of Proximal Development).
- After reading a book, pupils take a quick online quiz to check their understanding.
- Teachers monitor progress and celebrate success as children improve their reading skills and move up levels.

Why Is It Beneficial?

Encourages regular reading practice.

- Builds reading stamina and comprehension.
- Helps children choose books that are neither too easy nor too hard.
- Provides teachers with valuable insights into each child's reading progress.

How Can Parents Support AR at Home?

Here are some simple ways you can help your child get the most out of Accelerated Reader:

- Encourage daily reading – even 15–20 minutes a day makes a big difference.
- Ask questions about the book – talk about the characters, plot, and what they liked or didn't like.
- Celebrate quiz success – praise your child when they pass a quiz or move up a level.
- Visit the library together – help them choose books that interest them and match their AR level.
- Use the AR Bookfinder website – check if a book is part of the AR program and what level it is: www.arbookfind.co.uk
- Stay in touch with school – ask your child's teacher about their progress and how you can help.

Celebrating Success

At our school, we currently celebrate pupils based on the number of words they read in their AR books. This helps us recognise and encourage consistent reading habits. Children are awarded certificates and recognition in assemblies when they reach key milestones – such as 1 million words, 2 million words, and beyond!

We are currently reviewing our approach to celebrating reading success to make it even more motivating and inclusive. Our aim is to promote not just quantity, but also enjoyment, effort, and progress in reading. Watch this space for exciting updates!

Our Wonderful Library!

We're excited to share that we are increasing our use of the school library throughout the school day, including during lunchtimes. Our aim is to make the library a vibrant, welcoming space where children can explore books, relax with a story, and develop a lifelong love of reading.

This week, Year 1 enjoyed a special 'Library Launch', complete with stories, book browsing, and lots of enthusiasm!

A huge thank you to the ever-enthusiastic Mrs Jones, whose passion and dedication continue to inspire a love of reading in all our pupils. Her support in promoting reading across the school is truly appreciated.



Attendance and Punctuality

We're pleased to share that our current whole-school attendance stands at 95.7%—a fantastic reflection of our community's commitment to learning. Thank you to all our families for your continued support in ensuring children are in school and ready to learn. If you have any concerns or need help with attendance, Mrs Childs is available to offer support and guidance.

A reminder that our register closes at 8:55am and therefore it's important the children are in their classrooms by this time.

**every
minute
counts**



Can you help?

We're looking for a prominent space in our local community to display a banner celebrating our school and our recent Ofsted inspection outcome. If you, or someone you know, has a suitable location and would be happy to support us, please contact the school office. Your help in spreading the word about our wonderful school would be greatly appreciated!

Community Coffee Morning Friday 7th November at 9am

A reminder that all parents and carers are invited to join us in school for a relaxed Community Coffee Morning on Friday 7th November at 9am. It's a lovely chance to meet other families, enjoy a warm drink, and chat informally. Mr Le Templier and Mrs Childs will also be there if you'd like to talk about anything school-related.

We'll have a selection of homemade cakes available in return for donations, with all proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support. We hope you can join us!



Current Housepoint Totals

534	902	775	637
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Year 6 Residential

Last week, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes. From canoeing and climbing to team-building challenges and campfire fun, the children embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and resilience.

They were an absolute credit to the school — showing kindness, courage, and brilliant teamwork throughout. We're incredibly proud of how they represented our school and supported one another.

Thank you to Mr Anderson and Mrs Childs who made the trip possible and memorable!



Key Dates 2025-2026

Term 1	
Date	What's on?
Monday 1 st September	INSET Day
Tuesday 2 nd September	INSET Day
Friday 5 th September	Whole School – Dress up as a Superhero / Personal hero
Thursday 2 nd October	National Poetry Day
Wednesday 8 th October	Joiner's Service at Trinity Church (@10:30am)
Wednesday 8 th – Friday 10 th October	Year 6 Residential at Whitemoor Lakes
Tuesday 14 th – Friday 17 th October	Cheltenham Literature Festival School Trips
Tuesday 21 st October	Harvest Rehearsal at the Church (afternoon)
Thursday 23 rd October	Harvest Service at the Church (morning)
Term 2	
Monday 3 rd November	INSET Day
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 18 th & Thursday 20 th November	Parent's Evening
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Service Rehearsal at the Church (PM)
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Service at the Church (AM)
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Term 3	
Monday 12 th January	Young Voices Event in Birmingham (KS2)
Friday 6 th February	School Values Day
Term 4	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 17 th and Thursday 19 th March	Parents Evening
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 24 th March	Easter Service Rehearsal at the Church (PM)
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Service at the Church (AM)
Term 5	
Monday 13 th April	INSET Day
Wednesday 22 nd April	Earth Day
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 21 st May	National Numeracy Day
Term 6	
Monday 1 st – Friday 12 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check Testing Window
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th June	Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening Window
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 6 Leaver's Service at Gloucester Cathedral (pm)
Monday 22 nd June	Sports Day (all year groups)
Monday 29 th June	Sports Day (Reserve Date)
Wednesday 1 st – Friday 3 rd July	Year 4 Residential to The Wilderness Centre
Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th July	Enrichment Week
Friday 10 th July	End of Year Reports out to parents
Thursday 16 th July	Y6 Leavers Service 2pm – 3pm (in school)

PTFA Events

Year 6 Cake Sale - 24th October
 Autumn Disco - 14th November
 Christmas Fest - 12th December (5:30 - 6:30)
 Year 5 Cake Sale - 19th December
 Year 4 Cake Sale - 13th February
 Year 3 Cake Sale - 27th March

Year 2 Cake Sale - 22nd May
 Year 1 and EYFS Cake Sale - 17th July



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OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025

What's on?

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your specific camps activities



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SPOOKY
FILM MAKING



TERRIFYING
TECH FUN

NEW Take Home Inventions



27th - 31st October

LIMITED SPACES

WHAT TO EXPECT:

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

This October, children will explore micro-robots, video game design, LEGO WeDo2, animation, augmented reality, 3D pens, movie making, VR, Minecraft Marvel, and even launch their own science rockets — with a Spooky Dress-Up Friday to finish the week!

★★★★★
"My son LOVED camp — he came home buzzing, with the things he made!"
Kate Sarjeant - Google Review

★★★★★
"My son had a wonderful time and was begging to go again."
Gill Coleman - Google Review

★★★★★
"Staff who truly care about children and will ensure that they enjoy the camp."
Irina Shmatova - Google Review

LIMITED SPACES, BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE TODAY!

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