

# School Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September



## Key Dates

We have added a page of key dates for the academic year at the back of this newsletter, for your reference.

These will also be added to the calendar on the school website over the next few days.

Please do keep checking back to both the website, and the newsletter, for further updates to our school calendar.

## Website Update

We'll be updating the school website over the next few days to reflect some key changes to school provision. As a result, some pages may not be visible while these updates are taking place.

If you can't find anything, please do get in touch with the office team and we'll support as best we can.

Thank you for your patience and support with this.

## Message from Mr. Le Templier

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

A very warm welcome to the start of a brand new school year! It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm, ready to learn, grow and support one another. Whether your child is joining us for the first time or returning after the summer break, we are excited to embark on another year of discovery and development together.

We've already had a fantastic start with our **Learning Power Launch Day**, which was a huge success. It was inspiring to see so many children embracing their **growth mindset**, encouraging their peers, and showing resilience when faced with challenges. The way they've begun to talk about learning from mistakes and persevering through difficulties is a testament to the positive culture we're building together.

As the term unfolds, please **keep an eye out for key events and regular updates** via this newsletter. It's our main way of keeping you informed about what's happening in school—from curriculum highlights and celebration assemblies to parent workshops and enrichment opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a year filled with curiosity, courage, and kindness.

Warm regards,

David Le Templier  
Headteacher

## Attendance and Punctuality

Thanks to your support, the school's overall attendance for last academic year was 96%, which was significantly above the national average of 93.1%. We're extremely proud of this and I want to thank you for ensuring that the vast majority of children attended school regularly.

Of course, there is always room for improvement and we will continue to support children and families who are struggling to attend school.

Can I politely remind you that our register closes at 8:55am and therefore it's important the children are in their classrooms by this time.

A copy of our current Attendance Policy can be found [here](#).

## School Uniform

As we settle into the new term, we'd like to remind families of our school uniform expectations. Wearing the correct uniform helps promote a sense of belonging and pride in our school community.

Please ensure that children come to school in full uniform each day, including appropriate footwear and any required PE kit on designated days.

If you have any questions or need support with uniform items, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. Our current school expectations can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support.



## Communication

Over the summer break, we have reviewed our school communication strategy, and it was clear that there were areas where we could improve.

One of our main ways for teachers to communicate with parents will be through ClassDojo. Thank you to those of you who have already signed up—**the team will begin to use the platform next week.**

Through the platform, we will be sharing pictures of what's going on in the classroom, celebrations, and general reminders for parents and carers. We're confident this will make learning in the classroom much more visible to parents and carers, extending that sense of belonging outside of the classroom.

ClassDojo is completely secure, and only invited users will be able to see any content uploaded by the school.

Please note, we do not intend to use the platform's chat function, and therefore I have directed the teachers not to respond to any messages sent to them on ClassDojo.

Therefore, if you have any questions for any of the team, please get in touch by email, and we will get back to you within three working days.



## Homework

All children across the school would have now received some form of homework.

All homework across the school will be sent out on a Friday and we will expect it to be completed by the following Thursday.

Our revised homework policy can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions or need support with this, please do contact your child's class teacher.

## Learning Power Launch – A Brilliant Beginning!

We're thrilled to share that our Learning Power launch has been a huge success! Over the coming weeks, months and years, we'll continue to build on this exciting foundation, embedding these vital learning behaviours into every aspect of school life.

To kick things off, we held a competition to design characters representing our five school learning powers: Focus, Perseverance, Teamwork, Creativity and Independence. The entries were absolutely fantastic, showcasing the imagination and talent of our pupils. Choosing winners was no easy task!

After much deliberation, we're delighted to announce our winning designers: Lorna (Year 1), Thea and Rosie (Year 4), and Sasha and Edie (Year 6). These children will now collaborate with Mr Le Templier to bring their characters to life as animations, which will be used across the school to promote and celebrate these important learning behaviours.

Well done, girls – and a huge thank you to everyone who took part! Your creativity and enthusiasm have made this launch truly special.



## A Bit of Housekeeping...

We'd like to gently remind parents and carers...

- Please submit online Absence Request Forms (for dentist/ doctor appointments etc) as much in advance as possible.
- If your child is going to be absent or late, please let us know before 8.30am.
- If your child is going to be late, or going to an appointment but coming in later, please order their lunch choice by 9.00am
- If you pay for school lunches, please keep you Parent Pay account topped up with enough credit to cover meals before your child orders them.

**Thank you for your support!**



# Key Dates 2025-2026

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

## PTFA Events

Year 6 Cake Sale - 24<sup>th</sup> October

Autumn Disco - 7<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Fest - 12<sup>th</sup> December (5:30 - 6:30)

Year 5 Cake Sale - 19<sup>th</sup> December

Year 4 Cake Sale - 13<sup>th</sup> February

Year 3 Cake Sale - 27<sup>th</sup> March

Year 2 Cake Sale - 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Year 1 and EYFS Cake Sale - 17<sup>th</sup> July