



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Where we care about our learning and each other"

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## Important Dates For Your Diary:

### Tuesday 8th October

Harvest Festival Y4—11am –At the Church  
Reception Phonics Evening 4-4.30pm

### Tuesday 15th October

Y6 Residential Parent Meeting 3.30-4pm

### Thursday 17th October

Open Morning (2025 Prospective Parents)

### Friday 18th October

School Disco  
Y5 Assembly 1.10pm—Parents Welcome

### Monday 21st October

Last Y5 Swimming Lesson

### Thursday 24th October

Book Swap

### Friday 25th October

Last Day of Term

## PTFA Corner

A reminder that tickets are on sale for our two upcoming events.



## Kavuka Walk

After last years weather event completely altering our Kavuka walk plans, it was lovely to get out this year and complete the event properly.

This is always a really fun and enjoyable annual event and brings all the year groups together for a great cause.

Some children thought they would run and get it completed as quickly as they could, others enjoyed the fresh air and an opportunity to walk and talk with friends/staff.



Thank you to all of you for helping raise vital funds for Kavuka to have fresh running water, something no child should go without. We will announce the grand total next week so please return the forms and your



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## Spelling Shed Y2-Y6



At the start of the school year, we launched our new 'Spelling Shed' from Year Two to Six. We have been delighted with the children's engagement during the lessons and the response to their homework.

Each child has now received a log in for Spelling Shed (similar to TTRS) and will have practised logging in using their username and password or scannable QR code in school. Children can now access games and 'assignments' that have been set by their class teacher from home using these log ins. This homework is optional but we encourage your child to access this online resource as it will support their learning in school.

For more information on logging in, assignments and game types, please read the Parent Guide that has been sent out in your child's Spelling Folder.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs Cook

## Car Parking

Unfortunately last week, we were notified of an incident in our car park involving a near miss with a child.

The incident occurred as visibility had been obscured by a vehicle parking in an area that is not a designated space.

As you will all be aware, the car park is for school staff members only until 4.30pm when parents can then use it for collecting from Kingfishers. Spaces are very limited and some staff park off site at the village hall to help with capacity.

The turning into our car park needs to be kept clear at all times so that emergency vehicles can gain proper access should we ever need them.

Please consider the safety of our children and park appropriately, even when using the spaces at the side of the road. Clear visibility for children crossing should be maintained at all times.

We have 2 disabled bays for use if you or your child are a blue badge holder. If the badge is for your child, you can only utilise these spaces when they are in the vehicle with you.

There are a few parents/children who need access to these spaces so your co-operation in only using them in accordance with the rules, helps us keep them accessible for all. Thank you.

## Value Certificates

### Year Reception

**Rocko** has shown the value resilience by spending time and concentrating very hard on cutting out his Autumn picture.

### Year 1

**Tilly** for being a wonderful gymnast by listening really carefully in PE and doing some fantastic rolls. She thought really hard about what she was doing.

### Year 2

**Isabella** for being a wonderful musician by keeping in time and playing the correct notes on the glockenspiel.

### Year 3

**Sadie** for being a wonderful writer by producing a super Traditional Tale.

### Year 4

**Elliott** has shown the value responsibility by always being a responsible learner, ready to listen and learn at all times.

### Year 5

**Martha** for being a wonderful writer by including fantastic ideas and features in her portal story.

### Year 6

**Chester** for being a wonderful writer by considering his ideas carefully, writing enthusiastically and trying to improve his handwriting.

## Christmas Appeals 2024

This year, the staff have decided not to do Secret Santa and instead, we will all be donating to Gloucestershire Bundles.

Our Family Support Worker, Mrs Millward arranged this last year along with donations for the food bank and we were blown away by your generosity.

The 'Reverse Advent Calendar' will be back in December but collections for Gloucestershire Bundles start this week. Please see the poster below for the items we are collecting and if you are able to, there is a box in reception for donations. Thank you for helping us support these brilliant local charities.

