



Dear parents/carers,

The cold snap with beautiful blue sky and sun has been a wonderful treat recently. Mrs Harrison enjoyed seeing the Aurora Borealis from home which was a real treat for her family too. At school we encourage the children to Take Notice and to be thankful as part of the five ways of well-being. We have much to be thankful for a school community—enjoy reading about a few of these.

Cricket Coaching

We are delighted to have Jacey, from Frocester Cricket Club, coaching C4 and C5 children this term. She has taught the children the specific skills of bowling, batting and fielding and



has put those skills into active cricket based games. The children have loved the sessions and have made real progress.

Jacey has said she loves working with the children in our school because they are well behaved and put so much effort in.

We know many children already play for local cricket clubs. If your child has enjoyed the sessions and wants to find out more about improving their cricket skills in a club then please find out more about Forester Cricket Club here: <https://frocestercc.com/youth-cricket/>

Faith Visitors to support the R.E. Curriculum

We were delighted to welcome Rev Alice Wood to Class 5 recently— the children are exploring aspects of Christianity in the RE curriculum. Rev Alice spoke really clearly and positively as she explained the main beliefs of Christianity as well as an overview of how the Bible came into being.

Rev Alice was really impressed with the knowledge that Class 5 already had and also by their thoughtful and probing questions. It was an interesting afternoon.

We hope that Imam Hassan and a faith believer of Hinduism will also visit our school over this year to support learning in RE.

School Clubs

The children have started clubs this term. It has been great that so many children have signed up. Thank you to the brilliant staff team for giving their time so we can do this without charging. Well done to Mrs Harrison in particular for running



Sewing Club - the children are having a wonderful time learning how to thread a needle and sew cross stitch—not easy when you are younger. Brilliantly, the sewing fairy visits school each Thursday evening to help untangle any knots!

Important secondary transfer information (YEAR 6 pupils)

A reminder that applications (Common Application Form) for secondary education, whether made electronically or on paper, must be made no later than the closing date of **31st October 2024**. Further advice and support with this process is available from the Admissions and Transfer Team based at Shire Hall: website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions/transfer-to-secondary-school-or-from-middle-to-high-school-september-2025/>



Harvest Festival

Harvest

We welcome parents to join us for our **Harvest Celebration at St Michael and All Angels Church at 2pm on October 22nd**. The children will sing harvest songs and each class will share a short contribution about harvest too. We hope you are able to join us.

The essence of the harvest season is coming together to: celebrate the gift of food; celebrate

those who help farm & harvest it and to extend a helping hand to our neighbours if we can. In this spirit, each year we collect food to support our local food bank. If you could **bring something to donate on Monday 21st October** that would be wonderful. (Please do not donate fresh fruit/vegetables as the local food bank cannot accept these.) Donations can be placed in the library or in the orange plastic crate at the front of the school.

Together... we can make a difference.

TOP FIVE ITEMS NEEDED THIS HARVEST

Tinned Ham
Fray Bentos Pies
Pasta Sauce
Tinned Custard
Laundry Liquid



School Parent Association

As a school team we wanted to pass on our sincere thanks to Mrs Walton as she steps down from the PA Chair role. She has made a huge contribution to the PA and school over recent years. Her positivity, kindness and great organisation have helped events run smoothly and facilitated lots of fun too!

At the recent PA AGM Mrs Bennie was elected as PA Chair, Mrs Mackereth was elected PA accountant and Mrs Coombs was elected as secretary. Thank you to these parents, and the many others too, who give their time to organise and lead the PA events, bake cakes and run stalls. The PA make a huge difference to the school in terms of fund raising and fun.

The PA are holding a **friendly and fun Quiz Night** on the evening of **Friday October 18th** in the school hall. There will be delicious loaded nachos available too. Come and have a great night out with friends or join a tram and make new friends. Tickets can be purchased from Mrs Birch in Reception for £10.

DIARY DATES:

Autumn Term 1

October 9th:	Parent Evening 3.30pm—6.30pm (See email sent for how to book)
October 14th:	Parent Evening 3.30pm— 6.30pm
October 16th:	Open morning for potential new parents for Reception 2025 9.15am-12pm—by appointment
October 18th:	PA Quiz night 7pm-10.30pm - tickets on sale from School Office now
October 21st:	School Photographer visiting
October 22nd:	Harvest celebration, St Michael & All Angels Church 2pm—parents welcome
October 23rd:	Flu immunisation in school
October 24th:	Last day of term 1 for children
October 24th:	PA Halloween Film Night 6pm-6.50pm / 7pm-8.30pm (tbc)
October 25th :	INSET day for staff

Autumn Term 2

November 4th:

First day of term for children

November 4th:	C4 Trip to Cheltenham Synagogue and Skill Zone (information to follow)
November 5th:	Open afternoon for current parents—2.50pm—3.05pm
November 7th:	C3 Trip to Cheltenham Synagogue and Skill Zone (information to follow)
November 12th:	Open morning for potential new parents for Reception 2025 –9.15am-12pm—by appointment
November 15th:	PA Cake sale 3.15pm
November 19th:	C5 Trip to Cheltenham Synagogue and Skill Zone (information to follow)
November 25th:	All clubs finish this week
December 3rd:	Rec/KS1 Christmas Nativity 2pm (Information on tickets will be shared nearer the time.)
December 4th:	Rec/KS1 Xmas Nativity 5.30pm (Information on tickets will be shared nearer the time.)
December 6th:	PA Christmas Bazaar 3.15pm
December 10th:	KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm/5.30pm (Information on tickets will be shared nearer the time.)
December 11th:	KS2 Christmas Performance 5pm (Information on tickets will be shared nearer the time.)
December 19th:	Christmas Dinner
December 20th:	Final day of Term 2

Spring Term 3

January 6th 2025
January 7th

Staff Inset
First day of term for children

Thank you for your support,

Zoe Avastu
Headteacher

