



This term in 'Life in all its Fullness' curriculum, we are focusing on:



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Life in all its Fullness

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Newsletter

It has been a lovely, albeit long first term of the year. Reception Class have settled into school-life beautifully, as have all other children, into their new classes. Thank you all for everyone's ongoing support with everything 'school-life'! We hope that everyone has a well-deserved break & we'll see you on Tuesday 5th November!

Children who have shown 'Life in all its Fullness'

Well done to the following children:



GEM POWERS

Children who showed our school values in their gem powers over the last couple of weeks:
Oscar Barratt, Ella Jones, Ruby Brown, Lilly-Rose Jenkins, Archie Watts, Tamzin Ajuwa, Tyler Jenkins.

SPORTS SUPER HEROES

Nirvana Price, Keavie Winsor-Watkins, Willow Demmon, Ruth Fahed, Maya Smith, Alfie Armstrong, Charlotte Hanks.

DOJO CERTIFICATE



Chloe Carpenter, Rafferty Whitney, Luna Dolbear, Will Bevan, Rowan Mapp, Calson Watts, Rosie Watson-Pople.

HOUSES

The house with the most DOJO POINTS this term were: **Tyndale**

The classes with the highest number of DOJO POINTS this week are: **Year 1** & **Year 5** who have earned extra play.

Well done to all of our children!

EMAIL ISSUES RESOLVED

We are happy to say that all email issues have now been resolved and everything should be working as normal! Thank you for being patient with us while the gremlins were ironed out.

WELLBEING DAY – FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

Last Friday, children in years 1-6 took part in a Wellbeing Day. It was a calm and purposeful day where children took part in a range of activities to support their wellbeing.

Journalling, creating 'Fab' folders, singing, meditation and mindful movement were some of the activities that the children participated in. They also did a workshop on sleep, thinking about strategies to help them get to sleep, and a workshop on meditation with the ex Rednock teacher Mandy Johnson.

Below are links to Mandy's Youtube channel where she shares meditation techniques.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJf3aTCBS2E&t=66s> - Butterfly hug

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oE_H38JrO7k&t=76s - Breath as an anchor

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21PGDrLZY_0&t=67s - Mindful hand tracing/breathing

A fantastic day was had by all! Photos to follow on ClassDojo! 😊

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Following on from the email sent earlier this week, Parents' Evening booking is now open. They are being held on Monday 11th November and Thursday 14th November, from 3.30-6.30pm. The link to book appointments is:

<https://camhoptonce.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If you are having any trouble logging on or accessing the booking page, please get in touch with Mrs Arkle.

HARVEST SERVICE & DONATIONS

Thank you so much for joining us for last week's Harvest Service. We hope you'll agree that the children did an absolutely fantastic job and should be very proud of themselves! As always, thank you to Reverend Fiona for her support with this.

We also wanted to say a massive thank you for all the generous donations towards our Harvest Foodbank collection – they will be making their way to Stroud Foodbank next week & will go a long way to helping those in need over the coming months.



DSP SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



Children should have come home with their photo proofs for the individual and sibling photos from DSP Photography. Photos are now live and ready to purchase! The deadline for free delivery to school is **Wednesday 6th November.**

For any issue regarding Online Ordering Access Codes, please contact Mrs Arkle who will be able to help.

RAGS 2 RICHES COLLECTION

Thank you so much to all of you who donated to this week's Rags 2 Riches collection. We raised a whopping **£194.80** from this collection, which amounted to a whopping **487kg** of clothes donated – how fantastic!



STAFFING CHANGES

Starting after half term, there are a couple of staffing changes that will be taking place. Miss Hoskins, who has been primarily based in Year 2 since September, will now be based in Reception Class. Mrs Stark, who has been who has been working in Reception Class, will now be working in primarily Year 2!

WAR MEMORIAL

Please can parents/carers refrain from letting children climb on the War Memorial. As we are heading toward Remembrance Sunday, it may prove a good time to reflect on the past and meaning behind the memorial and why it should be treated with care and respect.

MESSY CHURCH

Don't miss Messy Church this coming **Sunday, 27th October, 3.30-5.30pm!**
Join us for lots of creative fun!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 4 th November	INSET Day 2
Tuesday 5 th November	Start of Term 2 for children
Monday 11 th Nov	3.30pm – 6.30pm: Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 13 th Nov	Year 6 KNEX Challenge morning
Thursday 14 th Nov	Year 5 Swim
	3.30pm – 6.30pm: Parents' Evening 2
Saturday 16 th Nov	Cross Country Race 2
Monday 18 th Nov	KS2 Black History Workshops
Tuesday 19 th Nov	9.00am – 11.00am: Reception 2025 Open Morning
Thursday 21 st Nov	Year 5 Swim
W/C 25 th Nov	Showcase Week (look out for Dojo messages for times/locations of individual classes)
Wednesday 27 th Nov	PM: Year 6 KLB Science Outreach Session in school
Thursday 28 th Nov	Year 5 Swim

Attendance

At the beginning of term, a letter from Philip Haslett, Head of Strategy and Inclusion Gloucestershire County Council, was sent to you all via Parent Mail. Please find below key headlines as a reminder of the national changes to attendance.

New DfE statutory attendance guidance: 'Attendance Counts'

There has been growing national concern regarding declining school attendance rates across the UK. Attendance is not just important for children's learning, but also their social and personal development. Absence creates gaps in their education, putting them significantly behind their peer group and creating anxiety and pressure for children.

To help address their concerns, the Department for Education (DfE) introduced new statutory guidance from August 2024, called '[Working Together to Improve School Attendance](#)', aimed at reducing term-time holidays and unauthorised absences, and **supporting families whose children are struggling to attend**.

Support first

The new 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance' Guidance emphasises a 'Support First' ethos, encouraging the school, parents and other agencies to work together to understand why a child is not attending school and put in place effective solutions to address them.

As such, if you are concerned about your child's attendance, then please contact Miss Melanie Skidmore (Deputy Head) as soon as possible so that we can better understand the issues, and ensure appropriate support is put in place to support you, your family, and your child to prevent further absences.

Formalising and intensifying the support

Where voluntary 'support first' has not been effective, or it has not been engaged with, we will work with partners, including Gloucestershire County Council, to formalise and intensify the support, this could include one of the following measures:

- Notice to Improve

If a pupil has 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence within 10 school weeks, you may receive a '*Notice to Improve*' notification, sent via email on behalf of the school and issued by Gloucestershire County Council. Each day of absence is recorded as two sessions (morning and afternoon). Unauthorised absences include:

- unauthorised absence, where there is no reasonable circumstance for the absence taking place;
- arriving late after the register has closed; or
- a combination of these, with holidays taken during term time.

These 10 weeks can span different terms, academic years, and even different educational settings, such as transitions to secondary school or in-year school changes.

Example: if your child misses 3 days of school for a holiday in July (6 sessions) and is late after the register closes on 4 occasions (4 sessions) between September and October, you may be issued a 'Notice to Improve' notification.

The 'Notice to Improve' notification will set out the expectations and period notice for the improvement of attendance such as 'no further unauthorised absences'. Should the expectations not be met in the improvement period, then a Penalty Notice may be requested and issued by the school and County Council to each parent/carer responsible for the child.

Penalty Notice

As stated above, penalty notices will usually be issued when a notice to improve has not been effective; however, they may also be issued directly for any holiday-related absence that includes 10 sessions in 10 weeks.

Schools are *not* permitted to approve term-time holidays except in genuinely exceptional circumstances.

The primary goal of these measures is to ensure that children do not miss out on their education. Every lesson is a crucial part of your child's learning journey, and frequent absences can significantly hinder their progress.



Turning up just **5 minutes** late every day adds up to over **3 missed school days** in a year.

Honeyguide



Struggling to get your child into school?

Talk to us – we're here to **help**.

Honeyguide

Autumn Term 1 Attendance Update

Thank you for your continued support with raising school attendance for all pupils. It is the national expectation that children are in school every day.

School attendance is currently: **97%** The national average is currently: **94.3%**

PTA UPDATES!

PTA 2024 -25 Dates for Diaries

Cake Sales

Year 4 – Friday 29th November

Year 3 – Friday 31st January 2025

Year 2 – Friday 28th February

Year 1 – Friday 28th March

Reception - Friday 9th May

Fireworks Bar @ Dursley Fireworks – Saturday 2nd November

Christmas Disco, Café & Bar – Friday 6th December

Wreath Making – December - Dates & Venue TBC

Quiz Night – Friday 7th February 2025 (TBC)

Break the Rules – Friday 11th April 2025

Hound Hunt – Sunday 11th May 2025 (TBC)

PTA SECOND HAND UNIFORM DONATIONS

If you aren't already aware, our PTA have a fantastic system in place where parents/or carers are able to place orders for second hand uniform via email – camhoptonuniform@gmail.com and they will make up the orders from their stocks of uniform that has been kindly donated by parents/carers. The PTA ask for monetary donations of whatever parents can afford towards the cost of the uniform. **The PTA are only currently accepting donations of logo uniform please.** Once they start working through the stocks, we'll let you all know of items that they're most in need of.

Young actors needed for Beauty and the Beast
being produced by The DODS @ The Chantry Centre, May 2025



The Dursley Operatic and Dramatic Society are looking for two young people aged 8-12 years to take part in their spring musical, Disney's Beauty and the Beast. The DODS are looking to cast two children between the ages of 8-12 to share the role of 'Chip' the teacup.

They must be under 5 ft tall and have a good singing voice but can be male or female.
We will be running a pre-audition workshop at The Chantry Centre, Dursley on Monday 28th October from 7pm-7.45pm.

Auditions will take place on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd November.
If you would like any further information regarding the show or the pre-audition workshops, please email helen@the-dods.com.

COMMUNITY





The not so secret book club

by Read with me

Join us for autumnal crafts, a treasure trail and lots of storytime!
We'll also have plenty of **FREE** books available to take home!

No need to book!

Robinswood Hill, Gloucester.
Tuesday, 29th of October, 11am-2pm.

FESTIVE DURSLEY

Run by the community,
for the community

HALLOWEEN FUN

Dursley's Halloween Hunts

In the Town Centre & Dursley Sculpture & Play Trail
From 21st October

Can you find all the spooky items in Twinberrow Woods?
How many broomsticks & pumpkins will you find around town?

Pick up a hunt form at the Library,
Jacob's House or at www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Halloween Fun in the Market Place

Saturday 26th October, 2pm- 4pm

Don't miss it!

Bring your decorated pumpkins & enter the competition
Watch Amy Addle Dancers perform a spooky dance at 3pm

Enjoy games & activities

Lucky Dip

Listen to Halloween storytime!

Follow Festive Dursley on Facebook for latest news

See www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/visit-dursley for all the half term fun