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2nd May - Newsletter

Welcome back to the Summer Term

Welcome back to school following the Easter break.

We have lots on in term 5 despite the short term of just four weeks.

Please check out the events below in 'Important dates coming up'.

OPAL in the glorious sunshine

It has been lovely seeing the children enjoy the OPAL experience this week.

Enjoying our fabulous grounds, with the added bonus of the sunshine, has been great. We hope that these images give you a sense of their enjoyment.



Nursery and Pre-school - News

Nursery and Pre-school have embraced the good weather with lots of outside play.

During our Forest School session this week we spent some time around the site exploring 'What do we notice?' We found daisies, dandelions and buttercups. We also planted lots of flower seeds to create a bee and butterfly garden.

Our story this week has been Jack and the Beanstalk so we have planted some magic beans, perhaps we will find a giant at the top of the beanstalk. We will also be observing them grow, looking at roots and stems and measuring how tall they grow.

Diddies and Dinkies

With immediate effect Diddies will no longer continue and Dinkies will continue this term with the last session being Friday 23rd May.



Holiday - Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme

This May Half Term, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire.

They are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit: [FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for the May Half Term holiday vouchers - you will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact them with any changes to their

circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). [To ensure they reach all those who are eligible, they are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.](#)

Using vouchers – vouchers need to be used will only be awarded once the parent has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers are valid for 6 months, although should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired, they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers not received should be queried via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) by the end of the holiday period.

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the May Half Term 2025 will be open from the 29th April until midday on 13th May. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 19th May.

If parents have not received vouchers by 26th May, please submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#)

PTFA News & Updates

PENNY WARS WINNERS!

The children really enjoyed our Penny Wars event, there was much excitement around the school and raised an amazing £600. **Well done to 6NJ** who won the penny wars, with a total of £35.05 after sabotage. We will be arranging your class treat soon!

CAKE SALE 8/5/25

Get ready for our next school bake sale after school on Thursday 8th May. If you would like a challenge, design your bakes for the theme 'Spring' and be as creative as you like.

Rags2Riches Collection 12/05/25

Are you having a sort out? Please save any pre-loved clothes for our clothing collection on Monday 12th May - please bring your donations to school on the morning and they will be collected the same day. They don't take school uniform with logos, but we will happily take those donations at the school office. Please check the items you can donate here: [Rags2Riches](#)

CANDYFLOSS FRIDAY 16/05/25

Make sure you come along and treat yourselves to candyfloss, after school on Friday 16th May. For sale in the school playground!

LIDO POOL PARTIES 16th & 17th May

Don't forget that we have tickets available now for our Cheltenham Lido pool parties. A limited number of tickets are **now available on SumUp** - please select the correct date and time from the store and ensure that you include the name and class of your child in the 'message to merchant' box at the checkout.

Please note this event will require parent supervision; please check the adult/child ratios when booking. You are welcome to book tickets for family and friends at this event. Please note that on this occasion, tickets are non-transferable and non-refundable.

[Click here to purchase your tickets.](#)

Important Dates Coming Up . . .

Upcoming Events:

22 May 2025	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	September Starters 2025 - School Readiness
22 May 2025	All Day	Yr2 Visit
21 May 2025	2:45 PM to 3:10 PM	Year 4 - Bread sharing (Design and Technology) - 2.45pm
20 May 2025	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	September Starters 2025 - School Readiness
16 May 2025	3:10 PM to 3:30 PM	PTFA Candyfloss Friday
09 May 2025	2:45 PM to 3:10 PM	2.45pm Phonics screening check information session for families (year 1 only)
09 May 2025	All Day	Yr3 & Yr4 Move More Quad Kids Athletics
08 May 2025	3:10 PM to 3:30 PM	PTFA CAke Sale
07 May 2025	All Day	Yr4 Visitor - Those History People
06 May 2025	All Day	Reception - Superhero Dress Up Day
05 May 2025	All Day	Bank Holiday

Cheltenham Tennis Club

https://dunalleyps.schoolzineplus.co.uk/_file/media/6166/cheltenham_tennis_club_open_day_2025.pdf

Top Tips for Safety on the Road

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making practice journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe. Showing modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting vehicles or which may have a green number plate - and point out how fast they are. Children learn by watching others, remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb - not right at the edge of it. Before they get to the kerb allow them to see if anything is coming, whenever getting into a car or a dangerous, if there's no pavement, children should start back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. Items like blue, white, reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, preferably across crossings or pedestrian crossings, footpaths and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstructions that block their view. Instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Encourage them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, so sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them identify speed limits, crossing cycles and motor vehicles moving between other vehicles.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to consistently watch for traffic and practice double-checking the road before crossing - looking right, left and then right again.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in the gap and ideally avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, looking and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for signs in the vehicles and listening for engines running - but remember that electric vehicles may move silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something, have one of their phones, there'll be time for that once they're safely arrived.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle - it's extremely dangerous. Encourage them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a motor playing inside the vehicle?

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of walking instead of crossing immediately, it can be tricky to judge the speed of buses and cars, children that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk - not run - when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing as they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours - whether while driving, cycling, horse riding or walking - with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at <https://www.think4.gov.uk/education-resources/>

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Dunalley Year Six Leavers

Dunalley Year Six Leavers! You are invited to the end of primary school prom-party at Tithe Barn on Friday 4th July. The party is being organised by parents, and a voluntary contribution of £10 per child is proposed to cover the costs. Please follow this link to contribute.