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PRIMARY SCHOOL**
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12th September - Newsletter

Meet Miss Emily Alway - our new Child and Family Support Worker



Hello, my name is Emily, and I am delighted to have joined Dunalley Primary School.

I have worked with children and families for nearly 10 years, across a wide range of roles and settings. This has given me valuable experience supporting children of different ages and backgrounds, as well as working closely with parents to ensure every child feels safe, happy, and able to thrive.

I would describe myself as a friendly and approachable person, and I hope parents and carers feel comfortable coming to me if they ever need a chat, advice, or just a listening ear. Building positive relationships with families is something I value highly, and I am really looking forward to being part of the Dunalley community.

I am excited to get to know the children and families here and to contribute to the supportive and nurturing environment that makes Dunalley such a special school.

If you'd like to meet with Emily, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can call 01242 512391 for a chat, email or drop by to see if she is available at the beginning or end of the school day. Emily is usually at the main school entrance or the field entrance during these times.

Meet the Teacher Events

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our *Meet the Teacher* events this week!

Our teachers were absolutely thrilled to see so many families, and the children were bursting with pride as they showed you their classrooms, books, and achievements.

These informal catch-ups were a lovely chance to hear more about what the children are learning in school and how you can support their learning at home.

If you couldn't make it this time, please don't worry. We'll be holding individual family meetings with teachers before half term and will share curriculum information with you through the school website as soon as possible.

Reminder: Dunalley Pantry

We would like to remind our families about the **Dunalley Pantry**, which supports families who may be experiencing financial challenges. The pantry offers a variety of products, all free of charge, to help families in need.

For your convenience, the pantry has now been moved to the **main entrance area**. You are very welcome to pop in and collect whatever you need. There are some bags available on the side of the pantry unit for your use.

If you would like to donate items to the pantry, you are very welcome to add them directly to the shelves or hand them in at the school office.

Thank you for helping us to support our community!



boots ready to be taken and worn – so come and find a pair today!

Together, we can make sure every child has the chance to enjoy the outdoors, whatever the weather.

Earlies & Lates

We know that the first couple of weeks back at school are always a big adjustment for everyone—both at home and here at school!

As we settle into the new term, we kindly ask that all Earlies and Lates accounts are brought into credit and any outstanding balances cleared by this weekend.

Please also remember that Lates finishes at 5:30pm. The gates open at 5:20pm for you to collect your children. Our staff work tirelessly caring for the children throughout the day, and we want to ensure they are able to finish work on time. A late collection fee will be applied if children are collected after 5:30pm, and persistent late collection may result in cancellation of bookings.

Please follow this link to confirm your acceptance to our Terms & Conditions for Wraparound Care [HERE](#):

[Declaration of Terms and Conditions HERE](#)

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation.

Coats, waterproofs and footwear!

Wet weather reminder

As we have experienced a significant amount of rain this week, we kindly ask that all children come to school with suitable clothing and footwear for wet weather conditions. This will help ensure they are comfortable and able to enjoy their school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Welly Swap is Back!

We'd love every child to have a pair of wellies in school each day – ready for splashing, jumping and exploring outdoors!

To help make this possible (and keep costs down), we're re-launching our **Welly Swap**.

How it works:

- Visit the Welly Display, located in the bicycle storage outside our main entrance.
- Take a pair of wellies that fit your child.
- If you can, leave a pair your child has grown out of for someone else to use.

It's that simple – *take a pair, leave a pair!*

This swap not only saves money but also helps the environment by reducing waste. Our new Welly Display is already full of

Can you help support our pupils at Dunalley Primary School?

We're looking for a **standing desk** to enhance learning and wellbeing in our classrooms. If you have one to donate, we'd be incredibly grateful.

We're also hoping to create a calming space for children with special educational needs and are in need of:

- Two children's tents
- Cushions
- Simple wooden jigsaw puzzles (up to 20 pieces)
- LEGO or construction kits

If you're able to help, please get in touch with us at [\[email protected\]](#).

Your support means the world to us – thank you!

Local Children's Choir

Cheltenham Children's Choir

A welcoming, inclusive, musical community






Vocalise
aged 8-13
saturdays

Harmonise Youth Choir
aged 13-18
Wednesdays

Little Lyrics
aged 5-8
saturdays

For more details, head to our website...
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Pate's Grammar School

Open Evening for Year 7 Entry

Tuesday 30 September 2025
5.00pm - 8.00pm
Headteacher's Welcome: 5.00pm, 6.00pm and 7.00pm
Tours start from 5.15pm

We welcome you and your family to join us for our Autumn Open Evening. Come and explore our school on a self-led tour, with our students and staff on hand to help you discover all you want to know about Pate's school life and joining us in Year 7.

[Book now](#)

Parking available on site (subject to weather conditions).

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Secondary School Open Days





Cheltenham Bournside School

Open Evening

Thursday 11th September 2025, 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Headteacher's welcome at 5.45pm, 6.30pm and 7.15pm

Parents and families are warmly invited to our upcoming open evening. Hear from our senior leadership team, teachers and students and find out about life at our school. You will be invited to explore our extensive facilities and departments, take part in interactive activities and discover our inspiring enrichment programme on a student-led tour. We look forward to welcoming you to Bournside.

Open morning tours run daily at 9.00am, from Monday 15th September. Please contact us to book (open mornings only):

- admin@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk
- 01242 235555



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07 Oct 2025

Oct
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Tue

Yr2

Boys Cross Country

17 Oct 2025

Oct
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Fri

Whole school

Call of the Wild - Celebration - Family event

17 Oct 2025

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM

Oct
17
Fri

Yr6

Family Meetings - IN PERSON with Class Teacher

21 Oct 2025

3:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Oct
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Tue

Whole school

Family Meetings - ON LINE with Class Teacher

Oct
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Wed

22 Oct 2025
3:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Whole school

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