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PRIMARY SCHOOL**
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Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers – Winter 2025

Gloucestershire County Council is offering **Free School Meal (FSM) vouchers** to help with food costs during the Winter holiday.

- Applications open: Midday 25th November to midday 9th December
- Voucher emails sent: Week commencing 15th December
- Value: £15 per child for one week

Who is eligible?

Children in Reception to Year 11 who receive **benefits-related Free School Meals** and attend a school in Gloucestershire.

Already signed up?

No need to re-register, but please update any changes (e.g., number of eligible children) via the Microsoft Form.

New to the scheme?

Sign up as soon as possible via the <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-meals/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/>.

Important:

- Vouchers cannot be backdated and must be used during the holiday period.
- If you haven't received your voucher by **22nd December**, submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#).

Make sure you are registered for term-time Free School Meals before applying.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, those wishing to find out more about eligibility and the scheme can do so by visiting our holiday free school meal voucher webpage

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!

PTFA Winter Raffle, Non-Uniform Day and Christmas Fair

We're delighted to share with you details of our PTFA Winter Raffle, Non-Uniform Day and Christmas Fair which is less than four weeks away!

Winter Raffle - mid-November to 12th December

Look out for raffle tickets coming home with your children today.

Each ticket will cost £1 and gives you a chance to win a selection of fabulous gifts and vouchers kindly donated by local businesses and Dunalley families - details in the letter accompanying tickets.

Additional tickets will be available from the School Office. And if you're unable to buy tickets on this occasion, we ask that you return them to give us a chance to resell them (as they cost quite a lot of money to print).

The draw will take place on Friday 12th December at 5pm, during our Christmas Fair.

CAN YOU HELP? Christmas Fair Volunteers

We've got plans for a fabulous fair on Friday 12th December from 3:15-5:30pm BUT it won't happen without the support of our community. Parents, grandparents, friends and children are all welcome to volunteer!

If you can help, please sign up here: [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Non-Uniform Day on Friday 5th December

Children are invited to wear their OWN CLOTHES (non uniform day) on Friday 5th December. In return, we are asking families, if they are able, to donate the following:

- new/unopened bottles (drinks, toiletries etc.)
- new/unopened chocolates and sweets
- new/unopened gift sets
- new or very good condition books and toys
- any other suitable (adult and children) TOMBOLA items
- soft toys in good/very good or new condition
- new or very good condition party bag fillers for LUCKY DIP

Story Time with Santa at the Fair

Santa will be at our fair this year. Join him at the North Pole (AKA the Rocket Room) for one of two story telling sessions (3:30-4:00pm or 4:15-4:45pm). Each child will receive a gift.

Limited tickets (£6 per child) available from our SumUp Store - selling fast

- <https://dunalley-primary-school-ptfa.sumupstore.com/category/christmas-fair>

Christmas Fair on Friday 12th December - FREE ENTRY

We have lots of exciting things planned for our fair which runs from 3:15pm - 5:30pm in the School Hall and Playground:

- food and drink
- Countdown to Christmas Club performance
- Story Time with Santa (booked in advance)
- festive teacher fruit machine
- games
- face painting and glitter tattoos
- FREE crafts
- Winter Raffle draw

All proceeds from the raffle and fair will go towards enriching the educational experience of our children, including:

- New playground equipment to encourage outdoor play and active learning
- A visiting planetarium during British Science Week to inspire curiosity in STEM
- Author visits for Dunalley's Literature Festival to spark imagination and a love of reading



Christmas Fair and a visit from Santa

Guess who's coming to town?

Santa will be at our Christmas Fair this year!

He's hosting two magical Storytime sessions (30 minutes each), where every child will enjoy festive tales and receive a special gift from Santa himself.

Tickets are limited – don't miss out!

Buy your tickets [HERE](#)



Thank you for the Ping Pong set !

We are deeply grateful to our anonymous donor for the wonderful gift of a ping pong set. It has already been put to great use during OPAL play, bringing lots of fun and energy to our lunch times.

Thank you ever so much for your generosity!

Let's Add Pipes to OPAL Play!



Please could we have some pipes for OPAL Play?

They'd make the session more vibrant and fun for the children, giving them new ways to explore, build, and play together.

A few simple additions like this can really help us create those one-off, memorable experiences outdoors.

Thank you so much!

Exciting News – A New Dunalley Website is Coming!

We're currently working on a brand-new Dunalley Primary School website. Our aim is to make it just as intuitive and user-friendly as our current site. (Unfortunately, our current provider is closing down.)

As part of this exciting process, a photographer will be visiting school on **Tuesday 25th November** to capture the true feel of Dunalley on a typical school day.

If you have opted for your child's photograph **not** to be used on our website, please rest assured that we will ensure those children are not included in any marketing photographs.

If you need to update or change your photographic consent, we kindly ask that you do so now.

Winter Weather Reminder

Please ensure your children bring a warm and waterproof winter coat to school and wear it during break and lunchtime.

While we know they love to run around and often don't notice the chill, this week's sudden cold snap has been a real shock. Staying wrapped up will help keep everyone comfortable and healthy outdoors.

Our Nursery and Children in Need

On Thursday last week our Nursery children did their very own event to raise money for Children in Need.

They joined in with a sponsored run/walk/bike around our school field.

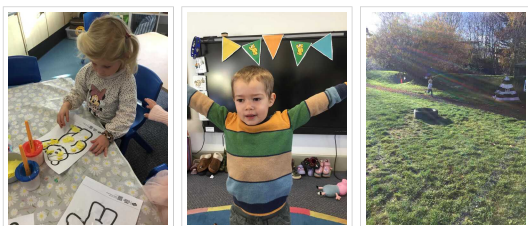
In total we raised in Nursery alone a fabulous £31.50.

We are so proud of all of our children in Nursery.

Thank you to all our parents/carers for your support, generosity and kindness.

On Friday the children came in in Pyjamas or spots and brought in their own teddy with them to show their friends. We did some dancing with Bluey, Pudsey and the Strictly dancers and also did some Pudsey sticking. It was a wonderful couple of days.

Here are some lovely photographs of both days for you to enjoy:



Pre school and Nursery Christmas Production

Hello Pre school and Nursery Parents and carers,

We would like to invite you to come along to watch our Christmas Production which will include a variety of Christmas songs performed by your lovely children. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Date: **Wednesday 3rd December 2025**

Time: **2.15pm**

Where: **In the school hall**

Who: **Maximum of 2 people per child please (this includes younger siblings).**

Towards the end of November we will ask you to send in a **Christmas jumper and a bobble hat** in a named carrier bag for your children to wear during the production.

If your child doesn't attend the afternoon session or doesn't usually come in on this day, please feel free to bring them along to join us at 2.15pm, so that they can be a part of it too.

Kind regards

Miss Liz, Rachel and the rest of the Preschool and Nursery team.

Headlice

If your child has long hair, please make sure that it is tied up when they are at school. Doing so makes sure that it doesn't get in the way when they are playing and learning. Bunches and plaits also slow down the spread of nits.

Please be aware that we have headlice circulating in school.



Please check your child(ren) on at least a weekly basis and treat if required.

The NHS have some useful information about treatment and prevention which you can find [HERE](#).

When at the chemist buying headlice treatment it is always worth asking the pharmacist about the **NHS Minor Ailment**

Scheme, as you may be able to access the treatment for free.

2026 Look Who's Talking competition



We are very excited to be taking part in the 2026 Look Who's Talking competition.

Please read the information on the poster to learn more about the competition and how your child can take part. It is important that they feel confident speaking in front of a large audience and are passionate about their speech.

Class heats will be taking place the week beginning

1st December 2025.

If your child would like to take part in the competition, please ensure they are prepared and ready to perform their speech by this date. Thank you.

Look Who's Talking - Information [HERE](#)

Uniform Shop - At School



PTFA Uniform Shop

Our PTFA runs a Pre-Loved and New Uniform Shop to support families and promote sustainability.

How to Order

You can order items online via the PTFA's SumUp Store. Once your items are ready (usually within a couple of days), you'll receive an automated email. You can then collect your order from the box in the school reception.

In-Person Shopping

Keep an eye on the school newsletter for dates when the PTFA opens the shop for in-person browsing. They're also happy to open by appointment (subject to volunteer availability). To arrange a visit:

- Leave a message at the school office
- Or email: [\[email protected\]](#)

Pay-As-You-Can

The shop operates on a pay-as-you-can basis. If your child or family needs uniform but cannot donate, please contact our Family Support Worker, Miss Alway:

- [\[email protected\]](#)

Shop Online

Donations Welcome

The PTFA gratefully accepts donations of:

- School cardigans
- School jumpers
- School fleeces
- School dresses
- School book bags

Please ensure all items are washed and in good condition. Donations can be dropped off in the box at the school reception.

Need school uniform without the hassle or high cost? Our PTFA has a fantastic range of pre-loved items ready for you to browse. They'll prepare your selections for easy collection from school — it's all designed to make life simpler for families.

The PTFA are also happy to open up the shop on an appointment basis. Leave them a message at the school office or drop them an email ([\[email protected\]](#))

The shop operates on a pay as you can basis. Please contact [\[email protected\]](#) if you are in need of uniform but not in a position to donate.

Atlas Camps Christmas Camps

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With the festive school break just around the corner, Atlas Camps will be back with our award-winning multi-activity camps running throughout the Christmas break!

Rated Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialises in multi-activity clubs for children aged 4-14, with two early years settings for 3+ also available. With a focus on fun, activities on offer span everything from arts and crafts to sports and active play, all in a safe, enjoyable environment designed to cater for all.

- Tax-Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers Accepted
- Early drop-off/ late pick-up options
- Sibling discount and 5th day savings available
- Multi-activity camps that put children in charge of what they do

Head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlascamps.co.uk to book.

Y2 Poppy Sewing with families

Nov 27 Thu
27 Nov 2025
1:30 PM to 3:15 PM

Yr2

Pre school and Nursery Christmas Production

Dec 3 Wed
03 Dec 2025
2:15 PM to 3:00 PM
Maximum of 2 people per child please (this included younger siblings).

School Event

Soup Making with families

Dec
5
Fri

05 Dec 2025
2:30 PM to 3:15 PM

Yr3

Mexican Food with families

Dec
8
Mon

08 Dec 2025
2:30 PM to 3:15 PM

Yr5

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