

Date	Activity
12 Dec	Reception Nativity – 2.15 pm start
13 Dec	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance – 2 pm start
14 Dec	Year 5 & 6 Carols at the Church – 2 pm start
15 Dec	Year 1 & 2 Carols at the Church – 2.15 pm start
16 Dec	Christmas Party Day
16 Dec	Term 2 Ends: 2pm finish
3 Jan	Inset Day
4 Jan	Term 3 Starts
10 Jan	Reception 2023 – Open Morning – 9.30 am
10 Jan	Year 5 Swimming starts
25 Jan	Choir perform at Young Voices Concert
17 Feb	Term 3 Ends
27 Feb	Term 4 Starts
21&23 Mar	Height & Weight (Yr R & 6) / Vision Checks (Yr R)
31 March	Term 4 Ends: 2pm finish
17 April	Term 5 Starts
8 May	Extra Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
w/c 8 May	Year 6 SATS (all Year 6 children MUST attend)
26 May	Term 5 Ends
5 June	Term 6 Starts
5-9 June	Y6 Residential to PGL Liddington
21 July	Term 6 Ends: 2pm finish
24 July	Inset Day
25 July	Inset Day
New Event or Change of Date/Time	
FOGS Event	

Reception Nativity

This will be starting at 2:15pm, please queue up at the junior gate for entry.

Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance

This will be starting at 2pm, please queue up at the junior gate for entry. Your child would have come home with two tickets, please return any unwanted tickets to the office for redistribution.

Carols at the Church

Year 5 & 6 will start at 2pm and Year 1 & 2 will start at 2:15pm. The duration of the service will allow time for parents to return to school to collect any siblings. Please let us know if you are collecting your child from the church or if they need to return to school to attend Little Hoots via these links - [Year 5 & 6](#) or [Year 1 & 2](#)

Christmas Party Day

Children can wear party clothes; please can they wear sensible footwear. Children can have the option of bringing in a 'party packed lunch' (NO NUTS or Nut based products please) or the kitchen will have hot dinners available. If your child would like a hot dinner, they can also bring a 'party treat' (such as a cake or a small bag of sweets) to have with their lunch.

Inset Day

There is an Inset Day on Tuesday 3 January, children will return to school on Wednesday 4 January.

Reception 2023 Open Events

Our final Open Event will be Tuesday 10th January at 9:30 am. If you are aware of any families, with a child due to start school in September, please let them know about a change in date.

Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 will be having swimming lessons during the Spring Term, these will commence on Tuesday 10 January. Year 5 parents, please log into your ParentPay account, to give consent.

Dinner Money

KS2 Parents please ensure that dinner money remains in credit; we have a number of accounts in debt. Please visit your ParentPay accounts and make payments where necessary.

Uniform

The correct uniform must be worn to school, this include school shoes. We have some good quality pre-loved uniform for sale, if you require some pieces of uniform.

Tree Nursery

Our tree nursery has been planted, these saplings were given to the school by the Woodland Trust, and in years to come will replace those trees we are having to fell due to Ash Die Back. Some of the children had a go at potting the trees up. Thank you to Coralie's Mum (4B) and Mrs Stickings, our Caretaker, who have prepared and arranged the nursery. A big thank you also to



Cheltenham Tree Services to have donate us a Mountain Ash Tree and some mulch to protect our new saplings.



What have we been doing?

This term the children in Reception have been learning about 'People Who Help Us'. We discussed all the people in our community that help us such as doctors, nurses, police officers and firefighters! We were very lucky that a fireman came to visit us in Reception! He taught us all about the safety gear firefighters have to wear to keep their bodies safe as well as what to do if there was a fire at school! We then went outside to see his fire engine! He showed us the lights and sirens and we all got to climb aboard the fire engine and explore inside! Some of us got to try on some safety gear and we all had a turn at spraying the hose. We had lots of fun!!



Sports News

Kinball

This is part of the Kinball team that took part in a tournament at Cleeve School yesterday. They did really well, with Team A getting to the semi-finals.

Y3 Netball

Some of our Year 3s attended the Bell Netball Tournament at Cleeve School, last week. We came 3rd and one of our teams won 4/4 games!

Well Done to all our Sports Team this term.



We hope that you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lewis and Grangefield staff

After School Clubs

There are no School Clubs next week, apart from Cheltenham Town football on Tuesday to make up for a missed session this week. Next term club letter will be out shortly.

Caterlink Menu

The kitchen's menu will be changing after the holidays.

caterlink feeding the imagination						GCC Winter Spring Menu 2023											
		Monday (MFM)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Added Plant Power		Vegan		Wholemeal						
Week One 02/01/23 23/01/23 13/02/23 13/03/23	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Enchiladas with Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱					
	Option 2	Vegetable & Bean Fajitas with Rice	Creamy Vegetable Pie with New Potatoes	Vegan Quorn with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Hotpot with Rice	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱					
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with Filling available daily										🌱	🌱				
	Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas Baked Beans	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱					
Dessert	Syrup Snap Biscuit	Eves Pudding with Custard	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins	Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱						
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily												Available Daily:		Bread freshly baked on site daily		Daily salad selection	
Week Two 09/01/23 30/01/23 27/02/23 20/03/23	Option 1	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Chief's Special Chicken Korma with Rice	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fritters with Chips & Tomato Sauce	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱					
	Option 2	Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Cheesy Bean Pastry with Cajun Wedges	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Beetroot Burger in a Bun with Chips	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱					
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with Filling available daily										🌱	🌱				
	Vegetables	Seasonal Salad Bar	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas Baked Beans	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱					
Dessert	Orange Drizzle Cake	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Peaches and Ice Cream	Apple Flapjack	Vanilla Shortbread	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱						
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily												ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross-contamination.					
Week Three 14/01/23 04/02/23 04/03/23 27/03/23	Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Pork Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Casserole with Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱						
	Option 2	Vegetable Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Vegan Pasta Bake	Vegetable Gratin with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Meatballs in Tomato sauce with Pasta	Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱						
	Option 3	Jacket Potato with Filling available daily												🌱	🌱		
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas Baked Beans	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱						
Dessert	Orange & Lemon Shortbread	Carrot Cake with Custard	Apple, Cheese and Crackers	Mixed Fruit Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Shortbread	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱	🌱						
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily																	

FOGS (Friends of Grangefield) News

A massive thank you to everyone who came and supported the raffle and Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, we hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Also, a big shout out to our wonderful volunteers who made the Fair possible.

If you are interested in being part of FOGS and making a difference, please contact us at grangefieldpta@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk

From all of us at FOGS, we hope you all have a fantastic Christmas break.

Do keep your eyes peeled for fun activities happening next term.

Competitions

Global Canvas 2023

Global Canvas 2023, is now open for entries! Aimed at groups and individuals aged 4-16 years, it's FREE to enter and has some fantastic prizes up for grabs. The Global Canvas 2023 theme is "Biodiversity – the complex web of life" with entries open from now until the 10th February 2023.

Scientists believe there are around 8.7 million species living in the world today, many of which are yet to be discovered. Biodiversity includes all these animals and plants along with the vibrant and complex ecosystem of the planet's habitats.



Judging is split between 4-7 years, 8-12 years and 12-16 years. For further details and inspiration, visit: <https://davidshepherd.org/enter-global-canvas-2023/>

Andrews Estate Agents - Christmas colouring competition 2022

We are running a 'Dream Christmas house' colouring competition over Christmas.

The prize will be a £50 Amazon voucher (one per area) and the winning design will be displayed in all branches, surrounded by the area runners up.

This year there is no template for entries (no need for anyone to print!), entrants just need to draw their dream house designs on an A3 or A4 piece of paper and bring it to the branch.

There is an example you can show them if they need any ideas.

On the back of their entry they need to include:

- Name and age of entrant
- Parents name, number/contact information.

Example entry

Front



Back



Community Christmas Events

Merry Christmas



From everyone at St Michael and All Angels Church

Join us as we celebrate Christmas together at St Michael's Church!

- Wed 7th 3.15pm- 5.30pm Christmas Tree Decorating**
Help us get the church ready for Christmas!
- Sun 18th 11.00am Christingle Service**
The 50th Anniversary of the Children's Society Christingle service. We'll make Christingles and experience the joy and wonder of this well-loved Christmas tradition.
- or **10.30 am Family Carol Service—Gotherington Village Hall**
- Fri 23rd 6.00 pm Carol Service at Southam Tithe Barn**
Bring your pet dog and join us for carols and readings—in aid of the Guide Dogs Association
- Christmas Eve 2.30pm & 4pm Nativity Services**
Our popular interactive re-telling of the Christmas story. Children dressed for the occasion as angels, shepherds, kings, animals and adults in their Christmas jumpers!
- Christmas Day 10.30am Christmas Day Family Celebration**
The big day has arrived! Let's celebrate together - bring along a new present for show and tell!



Christmas at Holst Victorian House

Victorian Christmas Day ~ Sat 10 Dec
Victorian Puppet Show ~ Sat 17 Dec
Children's Craft Drop-in,
Crackers and Centre pieces ~ Tue 20 Dec
Museum by Candlelight ~ Wed 21 Dec

www.holstvictorianhouse.org.uk
learning@holstvictorianhouse.org.uk



FESTIVE FUN

Ages 8-12

19th, 20th and 21st December : 10am-2pm
Venue: Winchcombe Abbey C of E Primary School

Anyone in Tewkesbury Borough is invited to book. Specific places available to those who receive Free School Meals

DRAMA ACTIVITY FUN and "THE YUMMIEST EVER" HOT MEAL!

Games, Imagination, Drama, Parachute Activities, Props in a box and Some important Elf and Safety training for this time of year!

For more information or to enquire about booking a place please contact

Kerry: redbananadrama@yahoo.co.uk

www.redbananadrama.com

07796 207300

Red Banana Drama is an activity provider for Gloucestershire County Council, these drama activity days are funded as part of their HAF/HAP Activity Program. Booking must be done via the Gloucestershire County Councils website. Kerry will provide details, links and booking support.



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Make your life a little bit wilder

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SESSIONS

Hailey Wood, between Cirencester & Stroud



EXPLORER FAMILY DAY for the whole family

Explore, play, relax and connect together in the woods. Scavenger hunt, wreath making and reindeer crafting in the tool area as well as cooking and sharing soup from the campfire, hot apple juice and a simple seasonal campfire treat.

Monday, December 19th, 10am - 1pm

WILD WOOD STORY ADVENTURES for children aged 8+

How can we kindle our warmth and light, in the deep, cold dark of this winter? Join us for a fire-making play day to nurture creativity, confidence & friendship, through connecting to nature.

Wednesday, December 21st, 10am - 2pm



Booking via www.bookwhen.com/intonaturecic

FULLY FUNDED FREE SCHOOL MEAL PLACES (HAF)
BOOKING OPEN DEC 1ST

<https://intonaturecic.coordinate.cloud/list>

info@into-nature.org

www.bookwhen.com/intonaturecic

Into Nature CIC is a not-for-profit organisation. Please visit our website for information about our offers for families, women, outdoor practitioners and organisations.



Fun, Friendly and Creative

Acting involves many skills such as communication, listening, empathy, concentration, confidence and working as a team - all key skills in life too!

First Stage Theatre is a small, friendly drama group based at Cleeve School, specialising in confidence building through supportive drama games and improvisations

Free Trial Session
£7 a session thereafter
(or £76 a term)

Monday Evenings
6pm to 7.15
For KS2 children and above

www.firststagetheatre.co.uk
keri@firststagetheatre.co.uk
07521 690484

[First Stage Theatre](https://www.facebook.com/firststagetheatre) [firststagetheatre](https://www.instagram.com/firststagetheatre)



Family Christmas Engineering Fun (HAF)



Fun, hands-on activities exploring speed and power. You will design and launch a rocket to see how far it will travel and explore how Bloodhound slows down safely using a parachute.
There will also be range of other associated craft activities to celebrate the season.

Monday 19th December 10.30am-2.30pm
Tuesday 20th December 10.30am-2.30pm
Wednesday 21st December 10.30am-2.30pm

For 6+ Children who are eligible for free school meals. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by a parent or carer.
Under 6's welcome as part of a family group.

At Bloodhound Education Centre
Gloucestershire Science and
Technology Park, Berkeley Green
GL13 9FB

Children can work at their own pace and the activities are well-suited to those with SEND and those looking for stretch and challenge.

To book a place please visit:
<https://gloucestershirecounty.coordinate.cloud/project/38213>

All HAF children will receive a hot meal catered by our on-site cafe.

Contact for more information:
accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com

Family Christmas Engineering Fun (HAF)

Tuesday 20th December
10.30am - 2.30pm

We are bringing the excitement of the Bloodhound, a land speed record Car designed to run at 1,000mph to

Cinderford

Fun, hands-on activities where you will design and build an air-powered rocket car. Test and modify your design before racing it and see the results.

For children who are eligible for free school meals accompanied by parents and carers. Under 6's welcome as part of a family group.

At The Wesley (Forest of Dean Community Arts Centre), Bell Vue Road, Cinderford, GL14 2AA.

All HAF children and parents attending will receive a hot meal catered by Harts Barn Cookery School.

To book a place please visit:
<https://forestofdeandistrict.coordinate.cloud/project/37879>

Contact for more information:
accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com



Family Christmas Engineering Fun (HAF)

Monday 19th December
10.30am - 2.30pm

We are bringing the excitement of the Bloodhound, a land speed record Car designed to run at 1,000mph to

Cirencester

Fun, hands-on activities where you will design and build an air-powered rocket car. Test and modify your design before racing it and see the results.

For children 6+ years who are eligible for free school meals, accompanied by parents and carers. Under 6's welcome as part of a family group.

At Watermoor Hall,
Trinity Road
Cirencester, GL7 1NE.

All HAF children and parents attending will receive a hot meal

To book a place please visit:
<https://bloodhoundeducationltd.coordinate.cloud/project/38076>

Contact for more information: accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com

