

Date	Activity
10 Jan	Reception 2023 – Open Morning – 9.30 am
10 Jan	Year 5 Swimming starts (Tuesdays Afternoons)
25 Jan	Choir perform at Young Voices Concert
17 Feb	Term 3 Ends
27 Feb	Term 4 Starts
28 Feb	Dental Screening (Selected Y6 only)
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	

Welcome Back

Just a very brief newsletter, to welcome everyone back to school and to give a few school reminders.

Reception 2023

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. The deadline for submitting the preference form is Sunday 15 January.

Absences from School

Illness

All absences must be reported to the school office, in the first instance. This can be done via email at admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk or via telephone on 01242 671003. If you wish, you can follow this up with a DOJO message to your class teacher, but please be aware that they may not pick this up prior to registration, so your child's absence may be reported as "unknown" and you will be contacted by the office.

Medical Appointments

Where possible, these should be made outside of school hours, however, we understand that this is not always easy, especially with hospital appointments. Please advise the school office, so that it can be registered.

Other Absences

No family holiday, short break or day out can be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances. Absence for any reason during term time is discouraged. Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw pupils from school for a holiday and in law, have to apply for permission in advance; this should be done by emailing admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk. All unauthorised absences over 10 sessions (5 school days) are reported to the Local Authority Attendance Officer, which may result in you receiving a Penalty Notice fine.

Lateness

Drop off for school is between 8:45am and 9am. If your child does arrive after this time they will be marked as L (late – before registers closed). If they arrive after the registers have closed they will be marked as unauthorised for the morning session.

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 includes school shoes. We have some good quality pre-loved uniform for sale, if you require some pieces of uniform.

Advice for parents and carers on common winter bugs and viruses

With lots of common winter bugs and viruses circulating at the moment, the NHS in Gloucestershire, including the Paediatric consultant team, has developed advice for parents and carers of children to help care for them at home or know when health advice may be needed.

There is understandable concern amongst the public following reports of children and young people with Strep A or Scarlet Fever going on to develop serious illness. However, health leaders are reassuring people that Scarlet Fever is usually a very mild illness that can be easily treated with antibiotics, and it is very rare for children to go on to develop the more serious illness known as invasive group A strep (iGAS).

Please do read and bookmark the advice and share with friends and family:

<https://www.nhsglos.nhs.uk/news/scarlet-fever-advice-for-parents-and-carers/>



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Tree Nursery

Another big thank you to Cheltenham Tree Services to have planted a Maple and Rowan Tree in our Copse this week.

Term Dates and Inset Days for 2023-2024

The Calendar showing our term dates and inset days for 2023-2024 is now on our website. We have only set four out of our five Inset Days for now; the final one will be set in due course.

Spring Clean Your Bookshelves



If you have received new books for Christmas, please consider having a clear out of your old books and donating them to school.

This not only makes room for the new books but helps to keep our library full of new and interesting titles.

We would also welcome donations of magazines for children such as Aquilla, This Week jr, Lego, National Geographic for kids, Whizz Pop Bang, Science and Nature and so on.

Should you have, in particular, any books from our featured Authors of The Month, as detailed in the school newsletters, this would allow more children to read their works. So far, we have highlighted S F Said, Eric Carle and J K Rowling.

Adults – don't forget our book-swap for adults where you can bring and/or borrow from a selection of titles. Donations always welcome.



We hope that you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lewis and Grangefield staff



A NEW SKATEPARK IS COMING TO **BISHOP'S CLEEVE** CHELTENHAM ROAD

& WE'D LIKE YOUR INPUT



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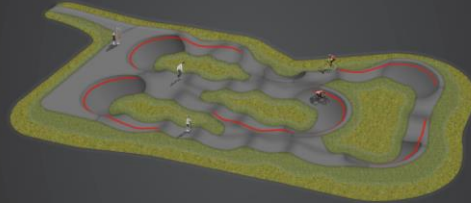
WHEN FROM NOW UNTIL 1ST FEB 2023



BISHOP'S CLEEVE PUMP TRACK CONSULTATION

Come Have Your Say!

We're holding an online public consultation on the new asphalt pump track in Bishop's Cleeve at the Cheltenham Road Sports Field. See the plans and have your say on the development. Riders and non-riders welcome!



WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY
4.30pm

Access the online meeting link here:
<https://teams.live.com/join/9485515782580>



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