

Date	Activity
27 Sept	Year 5 Curriculum Evening – 5 pm
28 Sept	Year 1 Curriculum Evening – 4:30 pm
w/c 2 Oct	Year 6 Bikeability
2 Oct	Reception 2023 Stay & Play – 2:15 pm
3 Oct	Reception 2024 Open Afternoon – 1:30 pm
6 Oct	Year 4 Trip to Cheltenham Literature Festival
w/c 9 Oct	Year 6 Bikeability
10 Oct	Year 2 & 3 Trip to Cheltenham Literature Festival
11 Oct	Year 6 Trip to Cheltenham Literature Festival
11 Oct	Reception 2023 Stay & Play – 2:15pm
16 Oct	School Photo Day
23 Oct	Reception 2024 Open Morning – 9:30 am
24 – 25 Oct	School Nurse Team – Nasal Flu Sprays
26 Oct	Term 1 Ends
27 Oct	Inset Day
6 Nov	Term 2 Begins
15 Nov	Reception 2024 Open Morning – 9:30 am
4 Dec	Reception 2024 Open Afternoon – 1:30 pm
6 Dec	Year 2 Assembly – The Great Exhibition – 2pm
21 Dec	Term 2 Ends: 2pm finish
22 Dec	Inset Day
8 Jan	Term 3 Begins
9 Feb	Term 3 Ends
19 Feb	Term 4 Begins
23 Feb	Choir Trip to Young Voices Concert
22 March	Term 4 Ends: 2pm finish
8 April	Inset Day
9 April	Term 5 Begins
20-24 May	Y6 Residential to Grittleton House Adventure
24 May	Term 5 Ends
3 June	Term 6 Starts
19 July	Term 6 Ends: 2pm finish
22 July	Inset Day
<b>New Event or Change of Date/Time</b>	
<b>FOGS Event</b>	

### General Housekeeping

- Please ensure that you let us know if you have any changes to your mobile phone numbers, email addresses or personal details so that we can keep our database up to date.
- Please can only water be put into the bottles brought in for during the day.
- Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled.
- All children must bring in their coats even if the day starts out sunny.
- If your child is being picked up by another parent or adult regularly, please give a list of people you are happy for your child to go home with to your teacher.

### School Grounds at Home Time

Children MUST NOT be playing on any of the play equipment at pick up. This includes the play equipment on the astroturf outside the Reception classroom, the trim trail, wooden play pieces around the playground and the gym equipment by the bike shed. Please leave the school grounds promptly with your children, as Mrs Stickings, our Site Manager, needs to secure the gates for After School clubs. Children should not be climbing / walking along with wall by the kitchen. Please can children not ride their bike within the school grounds.

### New Start Time

A reminder that the gates are open between 8:35 and 8:45, children arriving after the gates have closed will need to enter the school via the School Office.

We appreciate that by reducing the window of entry, this has made entering the approach road slightly busier. We are monitoring the situation over this half term. If possible, to reduce traffic flow, please consider walking, scooting or cycling to school.

### Important – Year Six transition to Secondary School

You should have receive a letter via your child with details of the transition. You must make your application electronically by no later than the date on the letter. This is extremely important as any applications received after this date may not be considered until after March 2024. Please do look at secondary school websites for schools you are interested in your child attending after Grangefield in order to find out when their open session days are.

## School Dinners

Key Stage 2 parents – please make sure you pay your dinner money regularly. We have a number of accounts in debt. We have sent debt notifications via ParentPay to anyone with a debt greater than £5 today. We are no longer able to let the total debt go beyond £5 (this is the equivalent of two school meals) and if this does happen, you will need to bring in a packed lunch for your child until the debt is paid. If you feel that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can check on this website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Key Stage 2 children (Year 3-6) are more than welcome to bring in some fruit for snack time at break. In Reception and KS1 fruit is provided.

Children who prefer to bring a packed lunch to school, are encouraged to bring a healthy lunch box. It should not contain fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or sweets. Children can bring in crisps, chocolate covered biscuits or wafers. Lunchboxes should also be free from nuts and nut based products, we have members of the school with severe allergies which require EPI-PENS.

## Absences due to illness

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please contact the school office in the first instance, on either [admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk) or 01242 671003. You can still message teachers on Class Dojo, but please be aware that the teachers will not always look at messages prior to school, so you may be contacted by the office if they have not had notification about your child's absence. We ask that all parents adhere to the 48 hour rule following a bout of sickness and diarrhoea. If you are unsure as to whether your child should come to school, the NHS have a webpage that may be helpful - [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

## 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 recorded correctly in the register.

## 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 (at least 2 weeks' notice); this should be done by completing a "Request for a Leave of Absence" Form, this can be obtained from the school office. 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. Please refer to our Absence Policy on our website for further clarification.

## Nasal Flu Immunisations

The School Nurse Team will be here on 24 and 25 October to carry out the Nasal Flu Immunisation programme. Thank you to everyone who has returned the consent form so far. If you are yet to do so, please do by 2 October. The School Nurses need consent forms from everyone even those who would wish to decline the immunisation. If you have misplaced your form, please contact the school office, who will be able to supply another form.

### School Trips

#### Year 6 – Grittleton House Adventure Centre – Residential

- Please ensure that all payments are up to date, all instalments on Payment Item No 1 or No 2 should have been paid. We will shortly need to be making payment to Grittleton.

#### Year 2, 3, 4 & 6 – Cheltenham Literature Festival

- Please consent to the trip and, if able, make a voluntary contribution via ParentPay

#### Choir – Young Voices

- Please make a voluntary contribution towards the coach via ParentPay. Please return your ticket order to school, so that a payment item can be added to ParentPay.

## Reception 2024 Intake

We have set our dates for our Reception 2024 Intake Open Events, please share these dates with any family and friends who have children due to start school in September 2024. To help us establish how many siblings we may have joining us next September, if you have a child already in the school, who will have a sibling starting school in September 2024, please could you complete this [google form](#). Please note that a child in the current Year 6 will not have a sibling link for someone joining in September 2024.



### Grangefield School Open Days Reception 2024 Intake

Tuesday 3 October	1:30 pm
Monday 23 October	9:30 am
Wednesday 15 November	9:30 am
Monday 4 December	1:30 pm

Please visit [www.grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk) to book a session, session will last approximately 1½ hours



## Photograph Permission

We are updating a photo permission data, please can you complete this [google form](#) to let us know if you are happy for us to take photos of your child(ren) and share them.

## KS2 Science Reading Challenge

As part of our drive to promote both reading for pleasure and children's science capital, children are being challenged to read 6 STEM books (or more!) (from the School STEM library) by the end of the school year. Children will receive a "passport" for them to record their endeavours and bookmarks too. There will be stickers and certificates for all children completing the challenge and there will be STEM book prizes too.

## Cheltenham Literature Festival / Cleeve Bookshop

Cleeve Bookshop are giving Grangefield children 10% off the books linked to the authors that some classes are seeing at Cheltenham Literature Festival. Please use the link below to order these fantastic books.

<https://thecleevebookshop.co.uk/collections/off-to-the-festival>

## Head Lice

We have had reports of head lice circulating some classes. Please could you check your child(ren)'s head and treat if necessary. Long hair should be tied back.



Instrumental lessons are a great way to not only engage your child in music making but are also proven to improve their confidence, concentration and much research has shown the positive effect of music on English and Maths in particular. At Grangefield a range of external music lesson providers come into school and provide solo and group tuition before and after school, and during the school day.

Spaces are now available for guitar, piano, violin and woodwind instruments – please visit the music page on the school website for more information: <https://grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk/music-lessons-at-grangefield/>

*If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, please ask us about support with music tuition fees.*



### Census Day

On Thursday 5 October we have 'Census' day, this is the day the DfE (Department for Education) and LA (Local Authority) ask all schools to submit their data. This data includes the number of children taking a Universal Free School meal (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) or a Free School Meal (Reception to Year 6). We would like to encourage all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to have a school dinner on this day as this will determine the funding the school receives to cater for these meals. If there was a short fall across the whole year it would impact on the normal school budget.

### Football Competition

Cheltenham Town Football Club are running a Child Action Poverty 'Design a new kit for their third team' competition. Follow the link to enter. Closing date is 6 October. If unable to download, entry forms are available from class teachers.

<https://www.ctfc.com/news/2023/september/help-us-imagine-a-better-future-design-our-new-third-kit/>



### [Child Poverty Action Group: design our new third kit!](https://www.ctfc.com/news/2023/september/help-us-imagine-a-better-future-design-our-new-third-kit/)

Ever dreamed of designing Cheltenham Town's next shirt? Here's your chance!

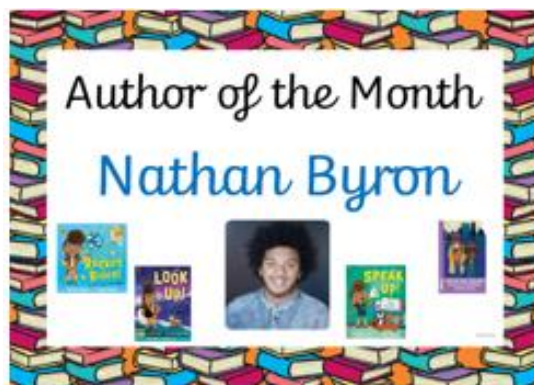
[www.ctfc.com](https://www.ctfc.com)

### Grangefield's Author of the Month

Nathan Byron is a British actor, author and screenwriter. He was born in Shepherd's Bush, London, to a white British father and a Jamaican mother.

Nathan Bryon is an award-winning writer and actor who has written for BAFTA award-winning children's TV shows, such as Swashbuckle and Apple Tree House and critically-acclaimed Rastamouse. A rising star in the world of screenwriting, his animated series, Afro Kid, is currently under option.

He has written several children's books these include: Speak Up, Clean Up, Look Up, Listen Up, Rocket Rules.



## Grangefield Sports Page

Date	Sporting Fixtures
10 October	Cross Country (Selected Yr 5 & 6) @ Newlands – 4pm
19 October	Cross Country (Selected Yr 5 & 6 – Boys) @ Ashley Manor – 4pm
20 October	Cross Country (Selected Yr 5 & 6 – Girls) @ Ashley Manor – 4pm
29 February	Cross Country (Selected Yr 5 & 6) @ Cheltenham Prep College – 4pm
7 March	Cross Country (Selected Yr 5 & 6 – Boys) @ Ashley Manor – 4pm
8 March	Cross Country (Selected Yr 5 & 6 – Girls) @ Ashley Manor – 4pm

### Cheltenham Town Football Club

Reminder that there is no Cheltenham Town Football Club for KS1 on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

## High School Open Evenings 2023

**Pate's Grammar School**  
NURTURING EXCELLENCE



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## Pate's Open Evening

Tuesday 3rd October 2023, doors open 5pm  
*(no pre-booking required, just drop in)*

**Head Master's presentations will take place  
at 5.15pm & 6.30pm.**

There will be student-guided tours of the school, and staff will be available to answer any questions. Pupils are invited to join in with experiments and demonstrations, as well as tackle the climbing wall!  
(There will be parking on-site)

*NB: This event is aimed at primary school families. The Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.*

Pate's is a free grammar school for boys and girls aged 11-18 years.

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patesgs.org

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Cheltenham, GL51 0HG



## Move More Half Term Camp

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EVERY CHILD ACTIVE

**AUTUMN HALF TERM 30 OCT - 3 NOV**

**JOIN US FOR SOME SPOOKY SPORTS, GHOULISH GAMES & CREEPY CRAFTS (IF YOU DARE...!)**

**VENUES:** BALCARRAS SPORTS CENTRE 6 TO 12 YEARS  
BISHOPS CLEEVE PRIMARY ACADEMY 5 TO 12 YEARS  
CHARLTON KINGS INFANTS SCHOOL 4 TO 7 YEARS  
**NEW** LAKESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL 5 TO 12 YEARS

**FOOTBALL CAMP!**

@BALCARRAS SPORTS CENTRE  
MIXED FOOTBALL 30TH OCTOBER  
GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL 3RD NOVEMBER

- Activity Camps For Age 4-12 Years
- Run By School PE Specialists
- Childcare Vouchers Accepted
- 10% Sibling Discount
- Non-Profit, Charity Organisation
- Early Drop-Off And Late Collection Options Available.

*Best dressed Halloween costume competition on Tuesday!*

Ofsted Registered

WWW.MOVE-MORE.ORG/CAMPS

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*My son had a brilliant time with you at the Charlton Kings summer camp. He was very nervous on his first day, but he had a brilliant time and loved the day. When I asked him how it went, he said "It was EPIC Mum, I didn't want to leave!" Thank you team for putting him at ease and making it so much fun!*

**YES!** (Icons: speech bubble, target, soccer ball, tennis racket, scissors)

**NO!** (Icons: game controller, play button, elephant, sofa, sad face)

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## Community Events and Clubs

### Gloucestershire' County Music Groups

**gloucestershire MUSIC**

**Brookfield Music Centre**

Sir Thomas Rich's School, Oakleaze, Longlevens, Gloucester  
Saturdays: 09.30 - 12.30

Music sessions for all young musicians from beginner to advanced

Join now!  
01452 427242  
gloucestershiremusic.co.uk  
glosmusic@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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At **Brookfield Music Centre (BMC)**, students come to learn and develop as a musician. We offer opportunities to children of any age who play an instrument to any standard (even if you've just started lessons). You do not have to have passed any music grades to attend, and we welcome all instruments.

BMC has an orchestra, string group, wind group, choir, street band and more - we play a mix of classical, folk, jazz, and pop music and also give our students the opportunity to run their own groups. Our staff will encourage every member to experience the exciting feeling of playing in ensembles as an extension to lessons and musical activities in schools.

When: **Saturdays 9.30 – 12.30**

Where: **Sir Thomas Rich's School**

For more information, go to [gloucestershiremusic.co.uk](http://gloucestershiremusic.co.uk) or contact [glosmusic@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:glosmusic@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

The cost works out as just £5.31 per session & full bursaries are available for those facing financial hardship

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Gloucestershire Boys' Choir

24th Sep

**Gloucestershire Boys' Choir**

OPEN TO ALL BOYS WITH A LOVE OF SINGING

**Open rehearsal**

24/09/2023  
Juniors (Years 3-6) 4.30-5.20PM  
Seniors (Years 7-11) 5.10-6.00PM  
Gloucestershire Academy of Music  
Barbican House, Gloucester, GL1 2JF

(FOR DETAILS FOLLOW QR CODE BELOW)

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Battledown Family Fun Day

**Battledown Family Fun Day**  
Saturday 23rd September 2023  
12pm - 3pm  
50p adults—children free

**Raffle Prizes to include:**

- £50 cash prize
- Family pass for 4 at Gloucestershire Steam Railway
- Voucher for afternoon tea at Barnsley House Cirencester
- Voucher for family pass at Sudeley Castle
- Clifton Photography experience vouchers x2
- Voucher for £20 at The Cheese Company
- Voucher for Cheltenham Wine Co £20.00

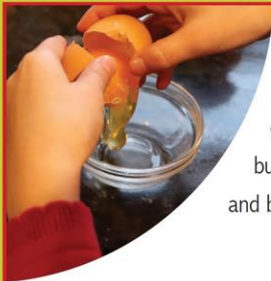
**Stalls Games Bouncy Castle**

**Pimms Hotdogs Ice-Creams**

**Raffle Tombola Face Painting**

**All welcome!**

## Cooking Class




Getting your children involved in the kitchen is a good way to encourage them to eat healthily but also to develop their skills and build their independence.

### AFTER-SCHOOL COOKERY CLUB

KS2 children (years 3 to 6)

**Thursdays from 3.45pm to 4.45pm**  
**Priory Lane, Bishops Cleeve**

The children will cook/bake a different recipe each week during the five weeks. They will take home whatever they make and the recipe so they can do it again at home.  
The cost of the five lessons is £60 and includes all equipment and ingredients.



**Pippa's**  
*Cookery Classes*

For more information and to book please visit [www.pippastreats.co.uk](http://www.pippastreats.co.uk)

## Cheltenham Chargers



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**\*\*SEPTEMBER OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS \*\***

**NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!!**

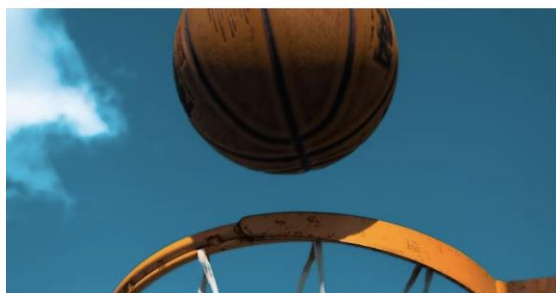
U16s/ Year 11- Winchcombe Sports Hall,  
Wednesdays, 7- 9pm

U13s/ Year 7/8 - Winchcombe Sports Hall,  
Thursdays, 6-8pm

Year 5 and under - Skills sessions at Bishops Cleeve  
Sports Centre, Saturdays 8.30am - 9.30am

Please like and share to spread the word - we'd love to welcome you to our friendly club!

Please send enquiries to [cheltenhamchargers@gmail.com](mailto:cheltenhamchargers@gmail.com) or call 07944 342606 to find out more!! Go Chargers! 🙌



## Sep/Oct Families Magazine

Here is the [link](#) to the next issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine Sep/Oct 2023](#)

Our **September/October 2023** issue is loaded with useful information for local parents including:

- Free Halloween Activity Pack
- Making the most of Parents' Evenings
- Best new adventure books for kids
- How can AI support dyslexia?
- Celebrating different learning styles
- Phonics resources to assist with reading
- Fun role play ideas for kids
- Autumn outside activities
- Top family friendly museums
- and loads more.....