

Date	Activity
<b>2024—2025</b>	
20 Nov	Reception Stay and Play 2:15
25 Nov	Reception 25 Open Afternoon 1:30 pm
29 Nov	Owl Cross Country (Yrs 1-6)
2 Dec	Rocksteady Concert—2pm
4 Dec	FOGS Panto Trip
5 Dec	Y2 Grand Exhibition @ 2:30pm—details to follow
5 Dec	Natter and Know How—8:45—9:45
7 Dec	FOGS Christmas Craft Fair
12 Dec	Reception Nativity 9:30 am—see below
16 Dec	Y5/6 Carol Concert at Church—Time TBC—PM
17 Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Production 2pm—see below
18 Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Production 9:30 am—see below
18 Dec	Y1/2 Carol Concert at Church—Time TBC—PM
19 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
20 Dec	Term 2 Ends—2pm finish
6 Jan	Inset Day
7 Jan	Term 3 Starts
8 Jan	Reception 25 Open Morning 9:30 am
13 Jan	Choir at Young Voices
14 Feb	Term 3 Ends
24 Feb	Term 4 Starts
11 Apr	Term 4 Ends—2pm finish
28 Apr	Term 5 Starts
6 & 7 May	Yr R & 6 Height, Weight & Vision (Yr R only) Checks
w/c 12 May	<b>Year 6 SATS (all Year 6 children MUST attend)</b>
23 May	Term 5 Ends
2 June	Term 6 Starts
18 July	Term 6 Ends—2pm finish
<b>New Event or Change of Date/Time</b>	
<b>FOGS Event</b>	

Dear Grangefield Community,

This week started with an assembly focusing on the importance of Remembrance. Our Owl Council children have been selling poppies, demonstrating their understanding of this significant time. The whole school observed a poignant two-minute silence, reflecting on the sacrifices made by so many. I was incredibly proud to take a group of children to the village's war memorial on Monday, where they laid a wreath, showing our respect and connection to the wider community.

This feels like a good time to extend a heartfelt thank you to our fantastic FOGs team. The two movie nights before half term were a roaring success, bringing joy to our children and raising valuable funds for our school. As we speak, they're busy preparing for this evening's school discos—another event our children are eagerly anticipating—as well as the school's Christmas Craft Fayre.

Finally, I'd like to gently remind our parent community about the use of ClassDojo. While it's an excellent tool for quick communications, please remember it's not the appropriate channel for reporting absences. Absence must be reported to the school office by phone call or email, ideally before 8:50am. If we haven't received communication about an absence then we will begin phone calls, and house visits if we deem necessary, at 9:15 am. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Mrs Gemma Kydd, Head Teacher**

### Parking

We have received feedback from local residents expressing their concern about dangerous and illegal parking practices that are creating hazards for both drivers and pedestrians. It is vital that we all work together to ensure the safety of our community, including our children and local residents.

#### Key Points to Consider:

**Parking Regulations:** Please remember that it is against the Highway Code to obstruct access for vehicles, including emergency vehicles, and to park within 10 metres of a junction. Such actions not only endanger others but can also lead to fines.

**Considerate Parking:** We kindly ask that you park responsibly and considerately, ensuring that driveways and access points are not blocked. This will help maintain a safe environment for everyone and allow our neighbours to go about their daily lives without undue stress.

**Alternative Transportation:** Where possible, please consider walking or carpooling to school. This can significantly reduce congestion and make drop-off and pick-up times smoother for everyone.

**Community Spirit:** We encourage you to speak to one another about parking practices. If you see someone parked inappropriately, a gentle reminder can go a long way in promoting a safer environment. As a school we are actively looking into potential solutions, including communicating with local authorities about additional signage and road markings to deter illegal parking. However, as school staff we cannot actively monitor parking outside the school gates or take any action to enforce considerate parking.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Together, we can create a safer and more considerate environment for our children and the wider community.

### **School Grounds Safety**

Please be careful walking around the school grounds at pick up, as fast as Mrs Stickings is collecting the leaves more are falling, making the ground a bit slippery underfoot in places.

Please be careful when entering / exiting the school grounds, please stick to paths, do not cross the staff car park. Please dismount bicycles before entering the gates to the school grounds.

Children MUST NOT be playing on the play equipment during pick up time, this includes the play equipment on the astroturf outside the Reception and KS1 classrooms, the trim trail, wooden play pieces around the playground and gym equipment by the bike shed.

Please leave the school grounds promptly with your children, as Mrs Stickings needs to secure the gates for After Schools clubs.

### **2025—2026 Calendar**

The Term Dates and Inset Days for 2025-2026 are now on the website.

### **Year 6 Residential—October 2025**

Year 5 parents, if your child is attending, please make sure that holding deposits are paid and consent forms are returned by the end of November. The second payment item has now been made available on ParentPay for those that have paid the first.

If your child isn't attending, please can you return the consent form stating so, in order for us to have accurate numbers.

### **Owl Group Cross Country**

All children (except Reception) need to come to school wearing PE kit on Friday 29th November due to the owl group cross country. They will also need to bring in a spare pair of shoes or trainers to change into after the race.

### **Donations**

If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out, Year One would be very grateful for donations of the following:

- Happy Land playsets
- Painting Easels (Wooden)
- Plastic animals / sealife (realistic looking)
- Small wooden blocks
- Puzzles of the UK

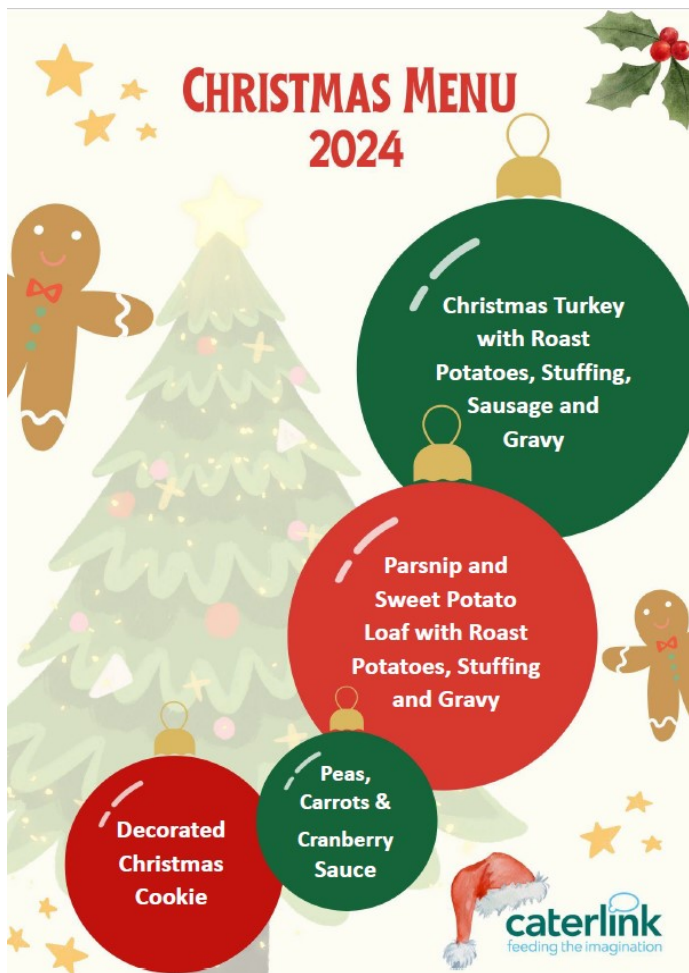
Please bring any donations to the school office, who will pass them on.

Thank you.

### **School Dinners**

KS2 parents, please ensure that your ParentPay accounts are credited with enough funds to cover school dinners before they are taken. Our current school debt is £209.71 across 26 people, so please clear any outstanding debt, as soon as possible, as this could affect your child's ability to be able to have a hot dinner.

If you need any assistance or support, please contact the school office. Please be advised that meal prices are now costing £2.71.



### Christmas Dinner Day

This year's Christmas Dinner will take place on Thursday 19th December. We try to encourage as many children as possible to have this meal as all the teachers and staff serve the children and eat with them. We put on music and make it a really festive occasion.

As we will need to order the turkey in advance, please could you complete this [google form](#) with your child's preference. We would appreciate if this could be completed by Monday 25 November.

### Panto Trip—Years 3 & 5—4th December

If you haven't already done so, please log on ParentPay to consent to your child going on the Panto Trip, the cost for the trip has been covered by FOGS, so it has been set up as a Free of Charge trip on ParentPay.

### Christmas Productions—Years 3&4 and Reception

Please see dates and times above.



Due to the number of children involved in the production and the hall capacity, the number of guests allowed to watch will be capped. This will be up to 2 guests per child, with an audience capacity of 180 guests in total for each performance.

Tickets will be available to purchase through ParentPay at a cost of £1 per ticket. The money raised from the sale of these tickets will be used in the Creative Arts departments to allow us to continue to give the children a varied curriculum across Music and Drama.

Babes in arms/small children on laps will not need a ticket, however older pre-school children will. We kindly request that prams/pushchairs are not brought into the school during the performance.

Year 3 and 4 parents—to allow everyone's parents the opportunity to attend, please only purchase tickets for one performance.

Ticket purchases will close on Wednesday 4 December at 12noon. Any tickets still remaining at this time, will be re-released on a first come first served basis.

**NATTER AND KNOW HOW**

**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
8.45 – 9.45

Come and join us for a cup of tea/coffee and cake. It's a chance to chat to other parents after school drop off.

There will be an area for younger children to enjoy.

Open to all parents/carers.

Held in the school hall. No need to book just turn up.

As requested by a large number of parents in our initial questionnaire, our next session will be based around Emotion Coaching to support behaviour.

## Reception Admission 2025

The facility to make an online application for Reception 2025 admissions is now open until Wednesday 15 January. Please share this information with anyone you know that has a child starting school next September.

If there is a sibling link (current Year R to Year 5) within the school, an application will still need to be made, please also ensure that you provide the sibling details. If no sibling details are entered, your application will only be based on your address, and if you live in the outskirts of Cleeve or surrounding villages, your child's school place with their sibling could be affected.

If you have any queries about applying for a place at school for your child, please contact Co-ordinated Admissions

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/)

2025 ADMISSIONS OPENS  
4 NOVEMBER!



Was your child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

Children born between these dates can start school in the school year starting from 1 September 2025.

Gloucestershire County Council co-ordinates the admission of children to primary or infant school, therefore please ensure you submit a school application to us by the closing date, 15 January 2025.

Don't be late!

Applications must be submitted by 15 January 2025

Apply online at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### Key Dates

November 2024 - You should receive a letter advising how to apply  
15 January 2025 - Deadline for applications  
16 April 2025 - Allocation Day (find out which school your child has been offered)

[school\\_admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:school_admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk)  
[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)



## Sporting Achievements

Please let us know if your child has any sporting achievements for our new celebration board. Have they recently graded in Karate, placed in a Gymnastics competition or won Player of the Match in Football or Rugby? Send a photo of this achievement to [admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk) and we will share this on our board, or alternatively children can still bring their certificates/awards/medals in with them for our Friday Super Achievers assembly and we will take a photo of them.



## Head Lice

Whilst lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread.

Here is some simple advice you may wish to follow to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum

- Check your child's hair once a week
- Use a proper detection comb—with teeth no more than 0.3 mm apart to trap head lice. The comb is usually white in colour so that lice can be easily identified.
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist to check the whole family.

Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on the [NHS Website](https://www.nhs.uk)

## Seren's Wish

Can you help local charity Seren's Wish?

Seren's Wish provides help and support to the families and children of Bishops Cleeve, Tewkesbury and beyond. From everyday essentials to our annual toy appeal we are helping to make the lives of our community better one day at a time.

Seren's Wish is a registered charity and we rely on fundraising, donations and grants to deliver this vital work.

Could you help by donating a gift to their Christmas Toy Appeal?

Simply click on the link below and select your donation from their current Amazon wish list!

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1B6AW13EC56LL?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1B6AW13EC56LL?ref=wl_share)

## **Friends of Grangefield (FOGS)**

### **Thank you**

A huge thank you to Bishops Cleeve Parish Council who have kindly donated a grant towards the cost of a new shed. This support means so much and will make a big difference in keeping our space organised and efficient whilst not taking funds away from the school. We're so grateful to have such a supportive community.



### **Winter Raffle**

We are excited to kick off our **Winter Raffle!** Get ready for a chance to win some fantastic prizes while supporting our school.

**Price:** £1 per ticket / £5 per book

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for a sneak peek at the amazing prizes you could win, including £100 cash, a bottle and beer hamper and a £25 voucher to use at The Shutters Inn Gotherington. Plus many more!

Your support helps us fund important school activities and events. Don't miss out on this opportunity to win big! Winners will be drawn at the Christmas Craft Fair.

### **Easyfundraising**

Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do your Christmas online shopping this year.

Over 8,000 retailers including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to FOGS for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations when you buy anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more!

All donations directly benefit the children at school. All you have to do is use easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway. With the donation reminder it's even easier.

It's completely free and doesn't take long.

[Easyfundraising Website](#)

### **Stay up to date**

To stay up to date with FOGS events and announcements, like and follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofgrangefield> To contact us about anything, please reach out at [grangefieldpta@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:grangefieldpta@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk)



# A435 Cheltenham to Bishop's Cleeve Cycleway

## Section 2 Phase 1: Meet the Contractor Event

**Montel Civil Engineering** has been appointed by Gloucestershire County Council as the main Contractor to complete Section 2 Phase 1 of the A435 Cheltenham to Bishop's Cleeve Cycleway. This phase, from Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway (GWSR) bridge to Bishop's Cleeve Roundabout and Wellington Road to Central Cross Drive is scheduled to commence on Monday 6th January 2025, with an expected completion by end of Autumn 2025.

We would like to invite you to a **Meet the Contractor event** to meet the project team, learn more about the project and schedule of works and ask any questions you may have.



### When

Tuesday 26th November from  
10am-7pm

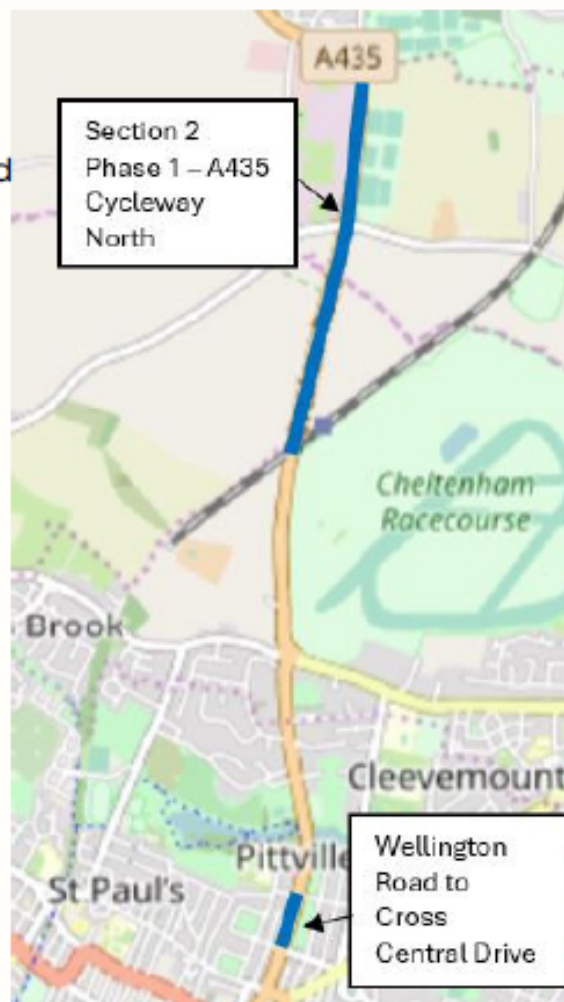


### Where

Cheltenham Tigers Rugby Club,  
Southam Lane, Southam, GL52 3PE

Montel has a dedicated Community Liaison Officer, **Suzanne Wright**, who will provide regular updates either through social media channels or regular newsletters.

Please contact Suzanne on **[suzanne.wright@montel-group.com](mailto:suzanne.wright@montel-group.com)** if you have any specific queries or concerns or would like to be added to the mailing list.



If you're unable to attend the event, you can also keep updated by visiting Gloucestershire County Council's webpage or you can sign up to receive regular updates: **[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/a435cycleway](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/a435cycleway)**





## Family Christmas Services at St Michael's

**Friday 6 December**

3.30pm-5pm Christmas Craft and Tree Decorating

**Sunday 8 December**

11.15am Christingle Service

**Sunday 15 December**

6.30pm Cakes and Carols

**Christmas Eve: Tuesday 24 December**

2pm Nativity Service

4pm Nativity Service

**Christmas Day: Wednesday 25 December**

10.30am Family Holy Communion

We are here for you.  
Get in touch:

[admin@stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk)

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[stmichaelschurchbishopsleeve](https://www.instagram.com/stmichaelschurchbishopsleeve)

## Christmas Fair

**SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER**

**10AM - 1PM**

**TITHE BARN,  
BISHOPS CLEEVE**

In aid of



- Raffle
- Craft Stalls
- Children's Games
- Tea/Coffee and Cakes
- Christmas Fun for All the Family
- Father Christmas

*Some stalls only accept cash.*



## CHRISTMAS FETE 2024

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
12:00PM - 15:00PM**

Battledown Centre For Children & Families  
Harp Hill, Cheltenham, GL52 6PZ



**COME & JOIN US FOR...**

Hot food,  
Music by Gary Quinn,  
Santa's Grotto,  
Crafts, Raffle,  
Stalls & more!



Parents' Relationships Matter  
Gloucestershire

A FREE online parent group session for separated parents in Gloucestershire

## Getting it right for children



When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle.

*Getting it right for children* is a free online course designed to help you parent co-operatively. It can help you to develop positive communication skills, so that you can sort out disagreements and find solutions together.

### You will learn:

- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Why it's helpful to see things from a different point of view.
- What to do to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

### Getting it right for children Group Course

#### How do I access a group?

Groups take place in one 2hr session over Microsoft Teams. You will need access to Wi-Fi, a smart phone, laptop, or tablet. And its free!

#### Who is it for?

- Anyone with a parenting role for a child or young person
- Adoptive Parents
- Foster Parents
- Guardians/family members with parenting role

NOTE: If both parents wish to take part, they will be invited to attend separate groups.

#### How do I book on to the next group?

For more information about future Getting it right for children group dates or to book on contact: The Family Information Service.

Email: [Familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Parents' Relationships Matter  
Gloucestershire



FREE 2hr ONLINE GROUP SESSIONS FOR PARENTS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

## Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

*Arguing better* is a free online course to help you manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.

### You will learn:

- Where stress comes from and how it can affect you.
- Ways to recognise stress and talk about it.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.

### Arguing Better Parent Group Sessions

#### How do I access a group?

Groups take place over just one 2hr session on Microsoft Teams. You will need access to Wi-Fi, a smart phone, laptop, or tablet. And its free!

#### Who is it for?

- Anyone living in Gloucestershire with a parenting role for a child or young person under 18 years old
- Adoptive Parents
- Foster Parents
- Guardians/family members with parenting role

Parents are welcome to attend alone, with a partner, friend, or family member.

#### How do I book on to the next group?

For more information about future Arguing Better group dates or to book contact:

The Family Information Service.

Email: [familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

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**MINI NETBALL CLASSES**

**NEW GLOUCESTER CLASS!**

**LEARN, PLAY, SMILE**

FOR KIDS AGED 4 - 11

**ALL WELCOME!**

**FREE TASTER SESSION**

SATURDAY MORNINGS

**EVERY CATCH, EVERY THROW, WE'RE WORKING AS A TEAM AND LEARNING LIFELONG SKILLS**

L1 & L2 COACHES  
DBS CHECKED  
TRAINED

CATCH  
RUN  
JUMP  
PLAY  
BALANCE  
ENGAGE  
THROW