

Date	Activity
<b>2024—2025</b>	
16 Dec	Y5/6 Carol Concert at Church—2:15pm
17 Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Production 2pm
18 Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Production 9:30 am
18 Dec	Y1/2 Carol Concert at Church—2:15pm
19 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
19 & 20 Dec	Christmas Jumpers can be worn
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
<b>Terms 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>Year 5 Swimming (Thursdays starting 16 Jan)</b>
14 Feb	Term 3 Ends
24 Feb	Term 4 Starts
<b>27 March</b>	<b>Year 3 visit to Cadbury World</b>
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>	

This is our final newsletter for the term. So, on behalf of all the staff, we would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to an exciting 2025!



### Absences

As we are in the midst of the winter bug season, we are noticing an increase in illnesses and bugs, such as stomach bugs and colds. Children should remain absent from school until they are 48 hours clear following any bouts of sickness and / or diarrhoea. We are aware that sometimes it is tricky to decide whether they should stay at home or not when they are unwell, especially this time of year when there are lots of exciting things happening at school. The NHS has a handy website—<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you have exciting events planned in the lead up to Christmas, which may mean your child has to be absent from school, please be honest with us. We often find that parents have told us their child is ill or there is a family emergency, only for the child to tell us they've been on an exciting day out. The absence will be marked as unauthorised, however, unless the absence is greater than 5 days, no further action will be taken.

Please report all absences to the school office at [admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk) or 01242 671003.

### Menu Change

On Wednesday 18 December, the options will be:

- Beef Pasta Bake
- Baked Bean Hot Pot
- Jacket Potato

Vegetables and Puddings are subject to change this week.

### 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 £251.62, so please clear any outstanding debt, 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.

## Christmas Events at Grangefield

Here are some reminders on the Christmas events happening at Grangefield in the final week of term:

### Monday 16 December—Years 5 & 6 Carol Concert—2:15pm

This is taking place at St Michael's Church in the centre of Bishops Cleeve. If you haven't already done so, please complete this [google form](#), informing us of collection arrangement for your child.

### Tuesday 17 December—Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance—2pm

Tickets will be sent home on Monday—please bring them with you.

### Wednesday 16 December—Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance—9:30am

Tickets will be sent home on Monday—please bring them with you.

### Wednesday 16 December—Years 1 & 2 Carol Concert—2:15pm

This is taking place at St Michael's Church in the centre of Bishops Cleeve. If you haven't already done so, please complete this [google form](#), informing us of collection arrangement for your child.

### Thursday 19 December—Christmas Dinner Day

Unfortunately we are now unable to add any additional meals to this date, so if you selected packed lunch or did not select a hot meal option for your child, they will need to bring the packed lunch in with them. We will send a text message nearer the time with your child's option. KS2 parents, please ensure that your ParentPay accounts are topped up to cover the cost of the meal.

### Thursday 19 December & Friday 20 December—Christmas Jumper Days

Children will be allowed to wear Christmas Jumpers to school on these days. This will replace their school jumper or cardigan; all other uniform must be worn

**Don't forget school finishes at 2pm on Friday 20 December**



### 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/)

### Owl Group Cross Country

Our Owl Group Cross Country took place on Friday 28th November, all the children did brilliantly. The overall winners were the **BARNs**. Here are the full results from the event:

#### Owl Group Placings

Position	Owl Group	Points
6th	SNOWIES	1635
5th	TAWNYS	1524
4th	GREAT GREYS	1401
3rd	EAGLES	1209
2nd	HAWKS	1192
1st	BARNs	1088

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

### **Christmas Craft Fair**

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at the Christmas Fair! It was wonderful to see so many of you there, and we hope you all enjoyed the festivities. Your support truly made it a special event for everyone involved.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our incredible volunteers and staff that helped on the day. Without your help, events like this simply aren't possible. Your time, energy, and enthusiasm are what make our community so special, and we are so grateful for each of you.

We are thrilled to announce that we raised an amazing **£1400** at the fair! These funds will go directly towards supporting our school and providing opportunities for all our children.

Thank you again for making the Christmas Fair such a success. We couldn't have done it without you!

### **Everyman Pantomime**

We are thrilled to share that we were able to fund the pantomime trip for Years 3 and 5 earlier this month. It was such a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience the magic of live theatre, and we hope they all had a fantastic time!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our fundraising efforts, which made this experience possible. We are so glad to see our children enjoying such exciting and fun activities, and we look forward to continuing to support them in this way.

### **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)

### **Thank you from FOGS**

We would like to thank you all for your support of the events we've held this term. Whether through volunteering, attending or contributing in other ways, your involvement has made each a success and truly helped create a vibrant and connected school community.

We are excited to share that we have some fantastic events lined up for next term—watch this space for more details coming soon!

In the meantime, we would like to wish all our children and their families a very happy and peaceful Christmas. We hope you enjoy the festive season and look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Thank you once again for your continued support!



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0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate) [rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://rocksteadymusicschool.com)

From 26th November

# A Very Regency CHRISTMAS

Join us this festive season for a Bridgerton-inspired celebration at Regent Arcade.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND LEARN MORE PLUS VIEW OUR FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!

SCAN ME!

# Cleeve CHRISTMAS Cracker Trail

And festive fun day!

**Saturday 14th December** (map sold)

**10am-3pm**

**@The Kings Head - Bishops Cleeve**

Buy your maps here! **£5 per map**

Follow the trail to complete the anagram and claim your prize (1 prize per map)

Biscuit decorating  
Kids Christmas Crafts  
Sweetie treats  
Refreshments  
Santa visit  
Festive photo's with Santa

**NEW DATE - THIS SATURDAY!**

# Fun Science

**FESTIVE STEM CLUB 2024/25**

**10am-3pm, 23 Dec & 3 Jan**

Suitable ages 4-11, £30 per day / £55 both

Book now: [tinyurl.com/funscixmas24](http://tinyurl.com/funscixmas24)





**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 22 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

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We are here for you.  
Get in touch:

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**WINTER HAF**  
FESTIVE CRAFTS & JUNK MODELLING

28 DECEMBER, 2024 | 10.30AM-1.30PM

George Watson Memorial Hall, 65, Barton St,  
Tewkesbury GL20 5PX

Fully funded for children living in Gloucestershire who are entitled to benefit-related free school meals.





Aged 5-16

Activities to choose from

**HOW TO REGISTER**  
<https://tewkesburydistrict.coordinate.cloud/project/62500>

CONTACT  
ACCOUNTS@BLOODHOUNDEDUCATION.COM

Department for Education | Gloucestershire County Council | BLOODHOUND EDUCATION



**MAD HOLIDAY CAMPS**  
AGE 5-11 ACTIVITY DAYS

**Christmas CAMP**

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS! CHRISTMAS CRAFTING!

DECEMBER  
MONDAY 23 08:30-3PM

LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING??

GAMES, COMPETITIONS

MAD XMAS GIFT FOR ALL ATTENDING



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07818100314



# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITY DAYS

Ages 8-12 10am-2pm



Innsworth Junior School:  
23<sup>rd</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Tewkesbury Baptist Church:  
3<sup>rd</sup> January

*OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN Aged 8-12 living in, or at school in Tewkesbury Borough  
Additional places for those on Free School Meals. Choose any dates you want to come!*

Activities: Games, story telling, acting, comedy, parachute activities and MORE...  
Something for everyone - with the aim of having lots of FUN and LAUGHTER!

Hot Meal included!!



## Festive Fun with instax



Sat 14th Dec

## FUN PHOTO GIFTING

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REGISTER FOR FREE ON OUR WEBSITE!

### GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMORIES

Fill your stockings with fun photo gifts made by you! With lots to choose from, hassle-free printing and mega savings, gift a wonderful memory this Christmas.

### WHAT CAN I MAKE?

- Photo Bauble
- Personalised Wrapping Paper
- Festive Photo Frames
- Instax Christmas Cards
- Personalised Mugs

### HOW DO I JOIN?

Register for free on our website, then turn up between 9:00 - 12:30. Families welcome!



SAT, 14 DECEMBER 2024

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