

Date	Activity
2025—2026	
23 Oct	Term 1 Ends
2 Nov	Term 2 Starts
5 Nov	FOGS Movie Night—Years 1, 2, 3—3:15pm
6 Nov	Cross Country / Welly Walk—Years 1—6
6 Nov	FOGS Movie Night—Years 4, 5, 6—3:15pm
9 & 10 Nov	Individual and Sibling Photos
11 Nov	Reception 27 Open Event—1:40pm
11 Nov	FOGS AGM—Google Meet—7:45pm
24 Nov	Reception 27 Open Event—9:20am—FULL
2 Dec	Y3 & Y5 Panto Trip—Everyman Theatre
2 Dec	FOGS Christmas Disco—Years 1 & 2—4—5:15pm
3 Dec	FOGS Christmas Disco—Years 3 & 4—4—5:15pm
3 Dec	FOGS Christmas Disco—Years 5 & 6—5:30—6:45 pm
3 Dec	Reception 27 Open Event—9:20am
9 Dec	Reception Nativity—9:30 am
10 Dec	Y3 & 4 Christmas Performance—2:15 pm
11 Dec	Y3 & 4 Christmas Performance—9:15 am
14 Dec	Y1 & 2 Christmas Sing-a-long—9:15 am
14 Dec	Rock Steady Concert—2:15pm
15 Dec	Y5 & 6 Carol at the Church—2:15 pm
16 Dec	Christmas Lunch Day
18 Dec	Term 2 Ends—2pm finish
4 Jan	Inset Day
5 Jan	Term 3 Starts
12 Feb	Term 3 Ends
22 Feb	Term 4 Starts
23 & 24 Feb	Year R & 6 NCMP and Vision Screening
22 Mar	Rock Steady Concert—2:15pm
25 Mar	Term 4 Ends—2pm finish
12 Apr	Term 5 Starts
w/c 10 May	Year 6 SATS (all Year 6 children MUST attend)
27 May	Term 5 Ends
28 May	Inset Day
7 June	Term 6 Starts
12 July	Rock Steady Concert—2:15pm
20 July	Term 6 Ends 2pm finish
21 July	Inset Day
New Event or Change of Date/Time	
FOGS Event	

Menu

We will have a new menu after the half term holiday. This can be found on our website— [Menu](#). Please note that meat and veggie options have been swapped. Those children who have special menus, these have been sent via email.

Dear Grangefield Community,

As I write this from our Year 6 residential, I am feeling incredibly proud of the children and grateful to be part of such a special school community.

Spending time away with Year 6 has reminded me just how fortunate we are to work with such thoughtful, resilient and enthusiastic young people. They have embraced every challenge, supported one another and approached every experience with smiles and determination. They have been a credit to themselves, their families and our school.

It has also given me time to reflect on what a wonderful first term we have had. From seeing our Reception children settle so happily into school life, to watching pupils across the school throw themselves into learning, clubs, performances, sporting activities and special events, there has been so much to celebrate. The new MUGA has already become a much-loved part of school life, and our Grangefield Literature Festival reminded us all of the joy and power of reading.

What stands out most, however, is the way our children approach each day. They work hard, try their best and show kindness to one another. As Headteacher, that is what makes me proudest.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this busy and successful term. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break, spend time with those who matter most and return refreshed for the exciting term ahead.

Happy half term!

Best Wishes
Gemma Kydd, Headteacher

Christmas Events

You will notice that Christmas Events have been added to the calendar above. For performances taking place in school, numbers will have to be restricted due to space in the hall. Further information will be sent out after half term.

Absences due to illness or arriving late to school

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 or 01242 671003 by 9:15am. If your child is going to be late to school for any reason, please can you inform the school, again by 9:15am. After this time, the Admin Team will start contacting parents of those children we have had no communication from to confirm their whereabouts. You can still message teachers on Class Dojo, but please be aware that the teachers will not always look at messages prior to school. 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?](#)

Year 6 Residential—October 2026

Please can the [google form](#) be completed as soon as possible, so that we can confirm numbers. The £10 payment item will be added to your ParentPay accounts after half term. Please note that the deadline for paying the first £10 deposit via ParentPay, is 31 November.

Grange Money

At Grangefield, we aim to give the children a varied curriculum where we can include more unusual or exciting activities and Grange Money is used towards the cost of materials used in art, craft, design and technology.

Grange Money can be paid any time throughout the school year and is currently £12 per year or £2 per term (six term year). ParentPay has now been set up, please use the 26/27 Grange Money item.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking for an enthusiastic and caring Midday Supervisor to join our team, details can be found [here](#)

Cross County / Welly Walk

Our annual Owl Group Cross Country will be taking place on Friday 6 November, therefore children in Year 1 – 6 must wear their PE kit on school on this day.

We will also be having a Welly Walk for those children who do not wish to take part in the Cross Country Run.

Those children participating in the Cross Country, where possible, should bring a spare pair of shoes / trainers to change into after the race.

Those wishing to take part in the Welly Walk should bring a pair of wellies or old trainers to change into for the walk.

Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal again this year.

Further details will be sent out after half term.

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 over £600, 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.

Are you planning a clear-out over the upcoming half term? As we look ahead to December, you might find that last year's Christmas jumpers no longer fit your growing children!

If you have any unwanted festive knitwear in good condition, please consider donating them to the school. We will be hosting a **Christmas Jumper Sale in mid-November**, giving a chance to grab a bargain in time for the festive season.

Donation Details

- **What:** Clean Christmas jumpers of any size (children's or adults').
- **Where:** Please either send in with your child or drop them into the school office
- **When:** Donations welcome from now until 6th November

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping us support sustainable fashion!

Christmas Artwork

Christmas is coming... and your little artist has been busy!



Grangefield School
Friends of Grangefield School

Last week, your child brought home their very own template Christmas card design — how exciting! Why not turn their masterpiece into lovely Christmas cards or presents for family and friends?

You can order online here <https://shop.classfundraising.co.uk/>

Don't forget to order by **2nd November** to receive FREE delivery to school! If you have any issues with ordering at the Christmas Card shop, please contact the FOGS Facebook page—<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofgrangefield>

Let's spread some Christmas cheer with a little help from our budding artists!

The Everyman Theatre Pantomime

It's panto time.... Oh yes it is!

We're excited to announce that **Years 3 and 5** have been invited to enjoy a spectacular performance of Cinderella at the Everyman Theatre on Wednesday 2nd December. This promises to be a wonderful festive experience, filled with laughter, sparkle and pantomime magic!

Upcoming Events

After-School Movie Night!

Settle in for Movie Night 2026! Join friends as we turn school into a cosy cinema and enjoy a film together after school.

Years 1, 2 & 3: Thursday 5th November | 3:15 PM – 5:15 PM

Years 4, 5 & 6: Friday 6th November | 3:15 PM – 5:15 PM

Tickets can be bought at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/friends-of-grangefield-school>

Please note that Reception children will enjoy a movie activity in their classroom during school hours and will be provided with a bag of popcorn to enjoy. These events are free to attend, but a voluntary £1 donation link is available if you would like to support school activities [here](#)

Save the Date

Christmas Discos

Tickets for the Christmas discos will be going on sale after half term. Watch this space!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofgrangefield> for details of upcoming events as well in the school newsletter.

Come along, grab a little treat and enjoy a relaxed end to the week! Everything 50p / £1.00.

Support for families with SEND is changing



We're improving support so children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) get the right support, at the right time, in the right place.

SEND reform will be introduced in phases over the next few years, helping more children and young people to:

- Stay in their local school with friends
- Get help earlier when it is needed
- Access specialist support more quickly
- Receive support tailored to their individual needs
- Learn in more inclusive schools
- Make the most of their education
- Benefit from clearer, joined-up support.



Find out more and stay informed:

Visit www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/sendreforms to read about the changes and sign up to our 'SEND Families in Partnership' newsletter.



Help us improve SEND services

Gloucestershire's Local Area Partnership wants to hear your views on services for children and young people aged 0-25 years with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

Annual SEND Surveys 2026

Share your thoughts about what's working and what needs improvement. Your views matter and will help us shape services.

Read the 'You Said We Did Report 2026', please visit:
www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/sendlocaloffer

A survey for Parent Carers of children and young people with SEND (0-25)

NEW! A survey for young people with SEND (16-25)



The survey will open on 5 October 2026 and close on 4 December 2026



The Children's Society

CTYH@CHILDRENSOCIETY.ORG.UK

Sport
Food
Games
Art



CLEEVE YOUTH GROUP

Tuesdays:

**Ages 10-12
4.45-5.45pm**

**Ages 13-18
6-7pm**

Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church,
Bishops Close, Bishop's Cleeve, GL52 8NT



November Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Introduction to OCD	2 Nov 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	2 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	9 Nov 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 Nov 7pm
What is ACT?	10 Nov 10am
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	16 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 Nov 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 Nov 10am
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 7pm
FREE - Responding to Stress & Anxiety	19 Nov 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	23 Nov 10am
Facing Defiance	23 Nov 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
School Anxiety	24 Nov 7pm

The Library



Halloween Costume Swap

3 September – 5 October

DONATE a costume to any library

5 October – 31 October

SWAP or pick up a costume to take home!

- Accessories, whole and part costumes accepted, in both adult and child sizes
- Donations will be accepted throughout the swap, which is taking place at all county libraries.
- If you don't have a costume to swap, you can still take one home.



NAUNTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL CHELTENHAM

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB!

TUESDAY 27 TH OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 28 TH OCTOBER	THURSDAY 29 TH OCTOBER
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM		
AGES 5 – 11		

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

CELEBRATE THE JOY OF THE SEASON WITH US!

21ST NOVEMBER 2-7PM
CHURCH ROAD - LIGHTS ON AT 5.30PM

- Music on Church Road
- Tewkesbury Town Band
- Market Stalls
- Fun Fair
- Punch and Judy
- Music Man
- Donkeys
- Balloon Modeller
- Father Christmas
- Fun Games & Prizes
- Food and drink from local traders
- Mulled Wine
- Boogie Beats Demos

FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK FOR MORE DETAILS

Book Santa here!

21ST NOV

Meet Santa

AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING

BOOK YOUR FREE SPACE TODAY

SPACES AVAILABLE BETWEEN 1430-1830 DURING THE LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT

Admin@bishopsclleeveparishcouncil.gov.uk
or call 01242 674440

Cheltenham Town Community Trust

WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2026

Explore our upcoming activities and find something for you, your family or your community. We have recently launched three new Active Ageing programmes for people aged 55 and over - further details can be found on the reverse.

OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES

MIXED SESSIONS

Mon 26th October - Fri 30th October

9.00am - 3.00pm

Ages 9 - 12 years

£17 per day

Cleeve Sports Centre (NEW ASTROTURF)
St James' Primary School
Bishops Cleeve Football Club

GIRLS ONLY SESSIONS

Tues 27th October & Thurs 29th October

9.00am - 3.00pm

Ages 9 - 13 years

£17 per day

St James' Primary School
Bishops Cleeve Football Club

Cheltenham Town Community Trust Charity No. 1180210

EXPERIENCE ST EDWARD'S

INSPIRE YEAR 6 EXPERIENCE DAY

FRIDAY 20TH NOV
9AM - 3PM

OPEN TO ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

St Edward's
CHELTENHAM

Email: admissions@stedwards.co.uk



Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Children and Family Centres - October Half Term Free Fun!

	Gardners Lane	Hesters Way	Oakwood	Noahs Ark	Brockworth
Monday 26th October	Family Drop In 10-11.30am Activities for 0-11yrs Parent must stay		Soft Play (under 8's) and Sensory Room Sessions (under 18mths) Booking required	Family Drop In 1-2.30pm Activities for 0-11yrs Parent must stay	Brockworth Rocks Drop In Session Paint a rock to hide around Brockworth 1-2.30pm
Tuesday 27th October	Soft Play (under 8's) and Sensory Room Sessions (under 18mths) Booking required Baby Hub 1-2.30pm		Cook Stars Cooking Session 10-11.30am Booking required Family Drop In 1.30-3pm Activities for 0-11yrs Parent must stay		
Wednesday 28th October	Parent Carer Forum Stay and Play Session 0-11's 10-11.30am Booking required	Family Drop In 10-11.30am Activities for 0-11yrs Parent must stay Baby Hub 1-2.30pm	Soft Play (under 8's) and Sensory Room Sessions (under 18mths) Booking required Coffee, Chat & Connect 1.30-3pm	Baby Hub 10-11.30am Priors Park Halloween Trail 1-3pm Booking required	Baby Hub 9-11am Lego Session 5-11yrs 1-2.30pm Booking required
Thursday 29th October	Soft Play (under 8's) and Sensory Room Sessions (under 18mths) Booking required	CENTRE CLOSED		Baby Hub Bishop Cleeve Library 12.30-2pm	Family Drop In 10-11.30am Activities for 0-11yrs Parent must stay
Friday 30th October		CENTRE CLOSED	Baby Hub 10-11.30am		Shine Drop In 10.30-12pm Oscar's Reading Corner Family Story Time 0-8yrs 1-2pm Booking required

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on what's on:
www.aspirefoundation.org.uk



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