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PARKEND NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Inter Faith Week and Remembrance:

This week, our school marked Inter Faith Week, themed 'Together We Serve', alongside Remembrance, reflecting on peace, respect and understanding between people of all backgrounds. The children learned how people of different faiths can work together to build harmony and how remembrance helps us value the sacrifices made for our freedom.

In our assembly, we linked these themes to our school value of Everyone Together, thinking about how standing side by side, supporting one another, and working for peace honours those who gave their lives so that we can live freely today. A special thank you to Mrs Bandy for playing 'The Last Post' on her bugle. Some of our children at the Bream Parade and Remembrance Service.





Thank you to Lily & her family for laying a poppy wreath at Lydney's parade on behalf of the school.



To celebrate Inter Faith Week, Wild Boar embraced the theme 'Community' through a series of activities. In class they discussed the communities they belong to and how they are built on kindness, respect and support.



They also looked at what the word 'community' actually means and how to say it in a variety of different languages.





















House Points:

Week ending 23rd October Red 53, Yellow 42 and Green 40 Week ending 7th November: Yellow 107, Red 105 and Green 60

Attendance Matters:

Current Whole School Attendance = 95.14%

Class name	Attendance week ending: 23 rd October	Attendance week ending: 7 th November
Hedgehogs	96.83%	98.10%
Foxes	92.86%	91.43%
Wild Boar	96.02%	93.64%

Star of the Week: Congratulations to all our children named below:

Week ending: 23rd October



Congratulations to Lily, William and Laura

Lunchtime Star = Emilio

Week ending: 7th November



Congratulations to Lyra, Sylvie and Henry

Lunchtime Star = Maia



Gloucestershire Music Hub have awarded us a new and more precious award this year, focussing on recognising our ambition and commitment towards music.

This recognition, which replaced the previous Music Mark Schools Programme in September 2025, is granted by Music Mark, the UK Association for Music Education, on behalf of a local music service.

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Forest Friday - Hedgehogs, Foxes & Wild Boar Class:







Children love taking part in our forest school sessions, where learning happens outdoors. They enjoy exploring the natural world, building dens from sticks and leaves, and working together to create their own



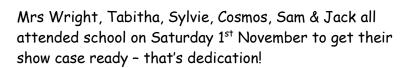


little shelters. As they wander through the woods, they look closely for wildlife and tiny bugs hiding under logs or leaves, discovering new things about nature with excitement and curiosity. These hands on experiences help children build confidence, teamwork, and a deep appreciation for the environment around them.

Out of School Contributions: Bream Show.



Huge congratulations to Mrs Wright and a group of our children who **jointly WON** the Gerald Dowle Schools' Challenge shield with Ellwood School. All the produce entered was from our school garden.























Christmas Songs:

Hedgehog Class have begun practising singing for their Nativity play, "Whoops-A-Daisy Angel". They are looking forward to performing it to their families nearer Christmas time.

School Website:

We have now launched our updated website and over the next term would love to know how easy you are finding it to navigate. We will also be launching soon the app that goes with it - once live please download it as this will allow you to get instant updates from us, helping you stay up to date.



School Friends:

Thank you to the Friends for purchasing each class a visualizer. Teachers can place books, worksheets, drawings, or even 3D objects (like leaves, coins, or science models) under the camera. The image is projected on a screen, so everyone can see it clearly.

Kind regards, K.Burke

Mrs K Burke
Executive Headteacher
Forest of Dean Community Schools Federation

Out of School Celebrations:

Last week we had a lot of out of school achievements to congratulate our children for:

- Congratulations to Leo as he was awarded a medal for focus at football training.
- Hazel came 3rd in a mountain bike race and her brother Sam also competed (year 1) showing true commitment and bravery at his age.
- Gia and Laura raised £130 for The FOD Dog
 Rescue charity with Penny for a Guy which they made.
- Gia also became a Sixer in Scouts so she will get to lead a pack.
- Alana has now achieved her marathon 21 runs at Parkrun Wow!





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IMPORTANT DATES: We will add new dates each Newsletter in red

Autumn Term 1		
Tues 18 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents Reception 2026 at Parkend -	
	9.15-10.45am	
	Open Afternoon for prospective parents Reception 2026 at Yorkley -	
	1.15-2.45pm	
Fri 21st November	Wellbeing Champions to Viney Hill. Packed lunch needed. *Details	
	sent*	
Weds 26 th November	Foxes & Wild Boar Violin Concert to Parents 9.30am *Letter sent*	
Fri 28 th November	Deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch	
Weds 3 rd December	Year 1 & Year 2 Trip to Forest Community Church Christmas	
	Experience. *Letter to follow*	
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Mon 8 th December	Hedgehog Class Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Whole School	
Mon 8 th December	Current afterschool clubs finish this week	
Tues 9 th December	Reception & Year 6 Height, Weight & Vision Screening *Details sent*	
Weds 10 th December	Hedgehog Class Nativity 9.30am *Letter to follow*	
Thurs 11 th December	Hedgehog Class Nativity 2pm *Letter to follow*	
Mon 15 th December	Whole School Cinema Trip *Letter to follow*	
Tues 16th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers!	
Weds 17 th December	Carol Service at Parkend Church 5.30pm *Letter to follow*	
Fri 19th December	Last day Term 2 - School finishes at 1.15pm	
Mon 22nd - Fri 2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays	
Mon 5th January	Start of Term 3	

Community Links

See below











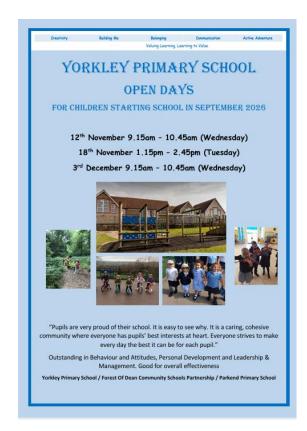












Free Winter Activities for Children, Young People & Families

The Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) returns this winter with lots of fun activities and delicious food available for children and families from **20 December to 4 January.**

HAF activities are available for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. This winter we are also able to extend this offer to any child who may benefit from attending the programme, through our grant funded Holiday Activities Programme (HAP).

Bookings open from midday on 1 December. Make sure you're ready to book by checking your account now

familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Use our handy checklist below to make sure that:

- All your children have an individual profile added to your account.
- Emergency contact details are filled in for each child profile
- Any additional needs or disability information is included for each child profile
- Your details reflect any recent changes (e.g. new address, phone contact details)

Setting up an account is easy:

Scan this QR Code with a phone camera for quick access



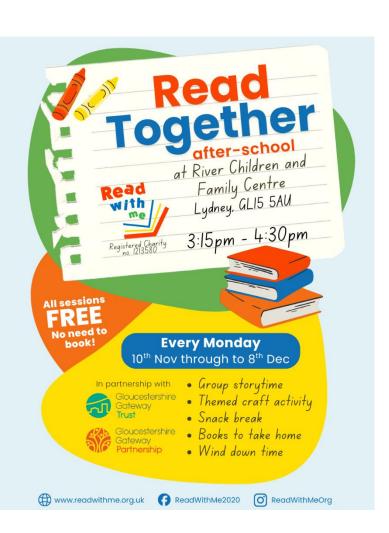
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