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TIBBERTON
CP School & Early Years



Monthly Newsletter Issue 8 —April 2026

Important Upcoming dates for your diary:

Monday 4th May—Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May—Sportily Archery session

Wednesday 6th May—Sparrows and Puffins swimming

Friday 8th May—Year 5 Kings Cricket Masterclass

Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May—SATs Week

Wednesday 13th May—Sparrows and Puffins swimming

Monday 18th May—Class group and Leavers photos

Monday 18th—Wednesday 20th May—Nursery Family Forest School

Tuesday 19th May—GPJ Soccer 7's

Wednesday 20th May—NO swimming for Sparrows and Puffins

Friday 22nd May—Pied Piper Appeal PJ Day and Year 5 Enterprise event 3pm

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May—Half Term

A note from the Headteacher:

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your kind words and support as I prepare to take on my new role as Headteacher at Chesterton Primary School in Cirencester in September.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my four years at Tibberton and continue to do so. The children, both in school and nursery, have been an absolute delight and I will miss them all greatly. I am also incredibly grateful to the staff, who have been so supportive throughout my time here, particularly during some challenging periods, as well as to our amazing Local Advisory Board, who have supported and guided me through some difficult decisions.

There is still much to look forward to this summer term, and I remain fully committed to all the exciting opportunities ahead for Tibberton. We are now in the process of recruiting a new Headteacher who will continue to move the school forward and value the wonderful staff and children that make our school so special.

We will also be saying goodbye to Fiona Gordon, who has worked in our nursery for 16 years. Fiona has been instrumental in developing our thriving nursery, which now has nearly 40 children on roll. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the very best as she begins a new chapter. Fiona will be leaving us at May half term.

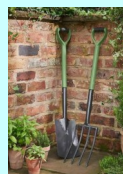
Finally, huge congratulations to Mrs Blane for her hard work in achieving the Heritage Schools Award. The submission was praised for how thoroughly local history has been embedded across the curriculum, and for the wide range of ways in which children have engaged with primary sources and shared their understanding of the past. This is a fantastic achievement for the school. Thank you Mrs Blane!

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sarah Wilson
Headteacher

Call for garden shovels/forks and carrier bags

We are in need of garden shovels and forks to help with our gardening/ composting projects, and also any carrier bags to replenish our supply. If you happen to have any spare or unwanted ones that you no longer need, we would be happy to take them off your hands and put them to good use. Thank you.



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LINKS

- [Term dates 2025-2026](#)
- [Dates for your Diary](#)
- [Uniform provider Gooch Sports](#)
- [Applying for Free School Meals](#)
- [Government Funding](#)



Tibberton Community Primary School & Early Years, Orchard Rise, Tibberton, Gloucester GL19 3AQ

Highlights of the Month



Skipping Day

The whole school had a visit from Skippy John from Skipping for Life where they learnt some basic skipping techniques, had a go at paired skipping and games with a street rope. Everyone enjoyed watching some of the children perform in the end of day skipping show.



Water Safety Assembly

Puddle Ducks visited our school to help the children learn how to stay safe near water. The children learned four important water safety rules through this fun and engaging assembly.

Rule 1: Stop and think

Rule 2: Stay together

Rule 3: Call 999

Rule 4: Fall in, float

The children really enjoyed the session and learned vital skills to help keep themselves and others safe around water.



Sporting Champions

A number of children have represented Tibberton this month at various sporting events.



We were extremely proud of our Mountain Biking team—Harriet, Eliza, Seth and Hugo—who competed against 5 other schools and won the gold medal in the team race, beating the 2nd place team by over 20 seconds.

Congratulations to Eliza who came in 3rd place overall in the girls individual timed races.

We have also had 6 children taking part in Ten Pin Bowling at Gloucester Ten Pin, playing against 13 other Gloucestershire schools, and 6 children attending in a fun tennis festival at Dene Magna, learning some new skills and picking up some tips.



Over the next couple of months we have events coming up in archery, football, cricket, rounders, orienteering and tag rugby. Thank you to Mrs Williams for organising such a varied selection of sporting experiences for our children.

What's coming up?

SATs Week

The Year 6 SATs 2026 will take place from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May. As with previous years, the Year 6 SATs will assess children's reading, writing, and mathematics skills.

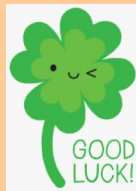
Monday 11th—Spelling and Grammar

Tuesday 12th—Reading

Wednesday 13th—Maths 1 & 2

Thursday 14th—Maths 3

Good luck Year 6!



Year 5 Kings Cricket Masterclass— Friday 8th May

Our Year 5 children have been invited to take part in The King's School Cricket Masterclass again this year. This is a fun afternoon led by King's cricket coaches, county coach and some sixth form pupils who train and play for county teams.

They will leave school at 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Please arrange to collect children directly from Archdeacon Meadow at 3.45pm. Children will receive a packed tea and refreshments are available for parents.

Year 5 Enterprise event—Friday 22nd May

Parents and families are warmly invited to come along and support our Year 5 children at 3pm on Friday 22nd May.

Cash only—please bring change if possible. This event is raising money for the children's upcoming Isle of Wight residential trip in September.

Every contribution makes a difference – thank you for your support!

Pied Piper Appeal PJ Day— Friday 22nd May



We will once again be taking part and joining the children at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital in wearing pyjamas for the day on Friday 22nd May. Suggested donation of £1 to raise money for this great cause.

Important dates looking forward...

Sports Day - Tuesday 23rd June PM

Nursery Sports Day— Monday 6th July 2pm—3pm

Play performances - Tuesday 14th July at 9.30am & 6pm and Wednesday 15th July at 6pm

Nursery Graduation—Thursday 16th July 10.30-11.30am

Leavers Assembly - Friday 17th July at 1pm





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FOCUSED THROUGHOUT THE DAY MAINTAIN THE
ENERGY THEY NEED TO LEARN AND PLAY

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INCOME SUPPORT
JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE
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Things to do and see and useful information

SPRING FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday 24th May 2026

The Speech House Hotel Grounds
Forest of Dean Gloucestershire
GL16 7EL



Making Dips,
chopping veggie
sticks & making
either nettle veggie
burgers or
vietnamese spring
rolls

KIDS COOKERY SESSIONS

Learn some simple cookery skills which can be replicated at home. You will be taught how to make the dishes by Harts Barn Cookery School & take home your food at the end of the workshop.

More info..

www.forestshowcase.org



HARTS BARN
cookery school

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10am - 5pm

Early Bird
Tickets
Adult £8
child £4 / U5's free
Family ticket £24
Tickets available online
or on the door



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ENTRY FEE DONATION

BILLYS

VINTAGE WEEKEND

raising money for local charities

Public gates open
SATURDAY 11AM-5PM
SUNDAY 10AM-4PM

• TRACTOR PULLING • BAR
VINTAGE VEHICLES • TOMBOLA •
CRAFT STALLS

• LIVE MUSIC SATURDAY NIGHT
FROM 8:30PM •

MANOR FARM, CLIFFORD'S MESNE, NEWENT
GL18 1JL

13TH & 14TH JUNE

BILLYS
VINTAGE WEEKEND

Doo's Dog Training &
Maple Tree Dog Training's

DOGSHOW!

the Cotswolds
Dogs & Cats
Home

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Address: Manor Farm, Clifford's Mesne, Newent, GL181UL

13th & 14th June

Registration from 12pm | Show starts at 1pm

£2 per class — all proceeds go to Cotswolds Dogs & Cats Home