

new year, new name, new look!



Norton's News!

16th October 2026

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A message from Mrs Farren...

What a wonderful week we have enjoyed at Norton! Our iSingPOP experience has brought so much joy to our school, giving the children the chance to sing together, grow in confidence and celebrate being part of our community. It has been a lovely reminder of how powerful shared experiences can be in helping every child feel included and valued. One of the most special things about iSingPOP was its inclusive spirit. Children of all ages had a part to play, and every contribution mattered. Taking part together gave the children an opportunity to encourage one another and experience the pleasure of belonging to something bigger than themselves. This reflects our vision for everyone at Norton to belong, thrive and achieve, and brings our STAR values of Strive, Think, Act and Respect to life.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our concerts. Your presence, encouragement and applause helped make the performances such special occasions for the children. It was wonderful to share their enthusiasm with our families and wider community. Thank you, too, to the iSingPOP team and our staff for the care, energy and hard work that made this experience possible. I am very proud of all our children and the way they joined in.

The children also thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Cheltenham Literature Festival this week. Experiencing the excitement of a festival devoted to books and hearing authors bring their ideas and stories to life helped show them that reading can open the door to new worlds. Opportunities like this can spark curiosity, introduce children to books they might not otherwise discover and inspire them to try writing stories of their own. We hope this experience will strengthen their passion for books and encourage them to keep exploring, talking about and enjoying their reading.

Weeks like this show why we place such importance on enriching the children's lives beyond the classroom. Singing together and discovering the joy of books gives them opportunities to find new interests, build confidence and create happy memories. Thank you for helping us make Norton such a welcoming and inspiring place to learn.

With warm wishes,
Mrs Farren and Team Norton



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Class News - 16th October 2026

This week in **Little Learners** we have been busy exploring textures through sensory play. The children have enjoyed a variety of activities including; making cocoa scented playdough, exploring dry and wet oats, and exploring gloop with sticks. We also went on an Autumn walk across the field, and collected leaves and sticks to create our own Autumn collages. Inspired by the literacy festival this week, we celebrated literacy through play by holding a Gruffalo themed day! The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson is a firm favourite story to be shared in Little Learners. We explored a sensory tray with natural found objects inspired by the deep dark wood! We also made our own Gruffalo's using playdough and materials. We also shared the new story, "Gruffalo Granny".

Advance notice- Too soon for Christmas? We think not! We have a proposed date for our Christmas Stay and Play session which will be held in our classroom. Thursday 10th December 2.00pm-3.00pm. More details will follow soon on Class Dojo.

What an unforgettable week for Key Stage 1! Our **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** pupils had an absolute blast at the Cheltenham Literature Festival, where they were treated to a high-energy, action-packed session with the incredible author Jim Beckett.

Jim swept the children away on a wild adventure as he introduced us to Buzz, the star character of his story. The hall was filled with laughter and excitement as the children took part in an interactive quiz, voting on whether they were secretly more "wolf" or "sausage"! The fun didn't stop there—Jim brought out his furry companion for a special sing-along before helping our creative young writers craft a brand-new, original story right on the spot. To top off a magical morning, Jim performed our very own custom tale live on stage, accompanied by his musical instrument.

It was an inspiring experience that brought storytelling to life and left our young readers full of creativity!

What an unforgettable experience for Key Stage 2! Our **Year 3 and Year 4** pupils had an absolute blast at the Cheltenham Literature Festival, where they enjoyed a high-energy, action-packed session with the incredible former Children's Laureate Michael Rosen and teacher and author MC Grammar.

The children were treated to an exciting musical showdown as rhymes and raps went head-to-head in a lively celebration of poetry, performance and wordplay. With plenty of laughter, rhythm and energy, Michael Rosen and MC Grammar brought words to life, showing the children just how much fun poetry can be! The performance was a fantastic opportunity for our young learners to experience language in a fresh and engaging way, inspiring them to explore rhyme, rhythm and creative expression for themselves.

It was an unforgettable experience that left our budding poets buzzing with excitement, celebrating the magic of words and the joy of reading, writing and performing!

What an exciting author for upper Key Stage 2 to see! Our **Year 5 and Year 6** pupils had a fantastic time at the Cheltenham Literature Festival, where they had the exciting opportunity to meet the incredible author Katherine Rundell and hear all about her latest book.

The children were captivated as Katherine shared insights into her writing, her imagination and the inspiration behind her stories. However, one moment stole the show and certainly got everyone talking when the children returned to school — Katherine revealed that she had eaten a tarantula! This surprising revelation sparked plenty of conversation, with our curious pupils eager to share their thoughts and reactions with their classmates.

It was a truly memorable experience that brought books and storytelling to life, encouraged the children to embrace their curiosity and showed them that real-life adventures can be just as extraordinary as those found within the pages of a book!

Important Information Pages

Don't forget to check our Important Information Pages!

You'll find key updates, deadlines and useful information about school life, including details from companies we work with, such as School Trends, catering and music lessons.

Things can change from week to week, so **check back regularly to stay in the loop!**

Thanks everyone!



**IMPORTANT
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LUNCHES

New lunch menu starting after half term!

As normal this is on a three week rolling system. Please see below and the next page for each week's choices. Baguettes will still be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Menu Information: Autumn Winter 2026/27

Food for Life Served here (FFLSH) is an independent accreditation which we have been awarded year-on-year since 2009, and our Silver award shows our food is fresh, local, sustainable and ethical. To gain accreditation you must get points from the FFLSH standards, meaning local meat is Red Tractor assured, eggs are free range, and we only serve sustainably sourced fish, such as MSC. The standards also demonstrate our menus use less ultra-processed foods and no unwanted additives or sweeteners, focusing more on fresh and homemade dishes that our customers will enjoy. Read more about the FFLS award here - [Food for Life Served Here - Food for Life](#)

Our recipes all meet the School Food Standard portion sizes, meaning pupils are getting the right requirements for their age. We provide visual portion size training resources for our kitchen teams. We also offer unlimited vegetables, salads and bread for any pupils who may need a bit extra food that day!

School Food Standards

All of our menus meet the School Food Standards, meaning our menus are balanced, nutritious and contain lots of healthy food!
Read more about the School Food Standards here - [Homepage - School Food Plan](#)

The average daily free sugar content of this menu is 4.2g, well under the government recommendation of 6.5g!

As per the School Food Standards we do not add salt to any of our meals. We also work with suppliers to ensure we are working together to meet the government's salt reduction targets.

We do not serve any chocolate or confectionary within our school meals, as per the School Food Standards. Our 'chocolate' desserts contain only cocoa powder.

Menu Key

Freshly made on site		At least 50% of the dessert is fruit	
Seasonal		Red Tractor Assured British Meat	
Added Plant Protein (50% of the protein comes from plant sources)		MSC Certified Sustainable Seafood	
Vegan dish		A source of wholemeal carbohydrates	
Meets government sugar recommendations for a school lunch (6.5g free sugar or less)			

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WEEK ONE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Rainbow Vegetable Pasta Bake Tomato Vegetable Pasta Bake with Roasted Vegetables (Mixed Peppers, Butternut Squash, Sweet Potato and Carrots) with a Homemade Tomato and Lentil Sauce, Baked and Topped with Cheese 	Nature Ranger Sausages with Wedges and Tomato Sauce Vegan Sausage with Homemade Baked Potato Wedges and Tomato Ketchup 	British Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegan Quorn Fillet served with Homemade Roasted Potatoes and Vegan Gravy Quorn	Macaroni Cheese Homemade Classic Macaroni Cheese, made with a Homemade Cheddar Cheese White Sauce 	Flaky Spinach and Cheese Whirl, Chips and Tomato Ketchup Cheese, Spinach, Aubergine and Sweet Potato in a Puff Pastry Swirl, with Oven Baked Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Herby New Potatoes Homemade 50/50 Wholemeal Base topped with Cheddar Cheese and a Homemade Tomato Sauce (Chopped Tomatoes, Tomato Puree, Oregano) Served with New Potatoes 	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice Red Tractor Accredited Beef Meatballs from Gloucestershire's Local Butchers In a Homemade Tomato Sauce Served with 50/50 Wholemeal Rice 	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Red Tractor Accredited Roast Gammon from Gloucestershire's Local Butchers Served with Homemade Roast Potatoes and Vegan Gravy 	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie with Herby New Potatoes Red Tractor Accredited Chicken From Gloucestershire's Local Butcher and Sweetcorn in a Homemade Creamy Sauce with a Puff Pastry top served with New Potatoes 	Pollock Fish Fingers, Chips and Tomato Ketchup Oven Baked Youngs MSC Accredited Pollock Fishfingers with Oven Baked Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Each day we serve a choice of two vegetables such as carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, sweetcorn, peas, baked beans, green beans, cabbage, peppers. We also serve a daily salad selection for pupils to help themselves to.				
Chocolate Shortbread A Homemade Chocolate Flavoured Shortbread Made with Cocoa Powder 	Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard Homemade Vanilla Sponge Cake with a Base Layer of Pineapple Pieces, served with Custard 	Fruit Medley A selection of Mandarin, Peach, Apple, Orange and Pear 	Syrup Sponge Homemade Vanilla Sponge Drizzled with Golden Syrup 	Ice Cream and Peaches Vanilla Ice Cream served with Peaches

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WEEK TWO

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice Homemade Mild Tomato Based Lentil Curry with Sweet Potato served with 50/50 Wholemeal Rice  	Mild Mexican Campfire Chilli with Rice Vegan Soya Mince in a Mild Smoked Paprika Homemade Tomato Sauce with Kidney Beans, with 50/50 Wholemeal Rice  	Lentil Wellington, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Homemade Wellington with Brown Lentils, Aubergine & Potato Wrapped in Vegan Pastry Served With Roast Potatoes and Vegan Gravy  	Roasted Vegetable Pizza with New Potatoes Homemade 50/50 Wholemeal Base topped With Fresh Peppers, Courgettes, Cheddar Cheese and a Homemade Tomato Sauce Served with New Potatoes  	Red Pepper Frittata, Chips and Tomato Ketchup Homemade Baked Cheddar Cheese and Red Pepper Frittata with Oven Baked Chips and Tomato Ketchup 
Planet Friendly Balls and Spaghetti Vegan Meatballs in a Homemade Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti  	Sausage and Mash with Gravy Red Tractor Accredited Pork Sausage from Gloucestershire's Local Butchers with Homemade Potato Mash and Vegan Gravy  	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Red Tractor Accredited Chicken from Gloucestershire's Local Butchers Served with Homemade Herb Stuffing Balls, Roast Potatoes and Vegan Gravy  	Beef Lasagne A Homemade Layered Lasagne With Red Tractor Accredited Beef Mince from Gloucestershire's Local Butchers and Lentils in a Tomato Sauce, Topped with Cheese Sauce  	Pollock Fish Fingers, Chips and Tomato Ketchup Oven Baked Youngs MSC Accredited Pollock Fishfingers with Oven Baked Chips & Tomato Ketchup  
Each day we serve a choice of two vegetables such as carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, sweetcorn, peas, baked beans, green beans, cabbage, peppers. We also serve a daily salad selection for pupils to help themselves to.				
Gingerbread Cookie A Homemade Vanilla Cookie Flavoured with Ginger   	Chocolate Brownie A Homemade Chocolate Brownie made with Cocoa Powder and Beetroot  	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt with a Crumble Topping A Selection for fruit (A selection of Mandarin, Peach, Apple, Orange and Pear) and Vanilla Yoghurt served with a Homemade Oat Based Topping  	Strawberry Jelly with Peaches Vegan Strawberry Flavoured Jelly with Peaches   	Vanilla Shortbread Homemade Vanilla Flavoured Shortbread   

WEEK THREE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Saucy Tomato Pasta Homemade Butterbean Arrabbiata Tomato Sauce (Tomatoes, Garlic, Onions, Mixed Herbs, Pinch of Chilli, Butterbeans) with Wholemeal Fusilli Pasta  	Creamy Chickpea Curry with Rice A Creamy Coconut Curry Made with Chickpeas, Spinach and Butternut Squash Served with 50/50 Wholemeal Rice  	Nature Ranger Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegan Sausage served with Homemade Roasted Potatoes and Vegan Gravy  	Hearty Bolognese with Pasta Vegan Soya Mince in a Homemade Tomato Bolognese Sauce with Wholemeal Fusilli Pasta  	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips and Tomato Ketchup Phat Pasty Mexican Bean Roll (which contains Sweet Potato, Chickpeas, Kidney Beans, Peppers and Onions) Served with Oven Baked Chips & Tomato Ketchup  
Cheese and Bean Pasty with New Potatoes Homemade Cheddar Cheese and Reduced Sugar & Salt Baked Bean Pasty Served with Parsley Flavoured New Potatoes 	Beef Burger with Cheese Served with Wedges and Tomato Ketchup Red Tractor Accredited Beef Burger From Gloucestershire's Local Butchers Topped with Cheese Served in a Burger Bun with Baked Potato Wedges and Tomato Ketchup  	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy Red Tractor Accredited Chicken from Gloucestershire's Local Butchers Served with Homemade Roast Potatoes and Vegan Gravy  	Chef Special Chicken and Chickpea Korma with Rice Red Tractor Accredited Chicken from Gloucestershire's Local Butchers and Chickpeas in a Mild and Creamy Sauce served with 50/50 Wholemeal Rice  	Battered Fish, Chips and Tomato Ketchup Oven Baked Youngs MSC Accredited Battered Pollock Fillet with Oven Baked Chips & Tomato Ketchup  
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Oaty Cookie An Oaty Cookie made from Oats, Wholemeal Flour and Self-Raising Flour   	Jam and Coconut Sponge A Homemade Vanilla Sponge Topped with Strawberry Jam and Coconut  	Fruit Medley A selection of Mandarin, Peach, Apple, Orange and Pear   	Eves Pudding with Custard Homemade Vanilla Sponge Cake Baked with Chopped Apples served with Custard  	Melting Moment Biscuit A Homemade Soft Cookie Made With Oats, Flour, Egg and Sugar  

Parents Please Be Considerate at School

Keep our
children safe



Your actions make a big difference.

Please follow these simple guidelines to keep our children, families, neighbours and school community safe and respectful.



PARKING

PARK SAFELY, LEGALLY AND CONSIDERATELY



DO NOT
park on the pavements



Parking on the pavement forces pedestrians, including children and pushchairs, into the road.



DO NOT
park on zig zag lines



Zig zag lines must be kept clear at all times. They are there to give children a safe view and a safe place to cross the road.



DO
park in designated areas and considerately



- ✓ Use the designated parking areas (where available).
- ✓ Keep the pavements clear.
- ✓ Stay away from zig zag lines and school entrances.
- ✓ Allow time for a safe and calm drop-off and pick-up.



NOISE

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OUR NEIGHBOURS

We have had a complaint from a member of the local community about noise at drop-off and collection times. Please help us to be respectful of our neighbours.



DO NOT
leave engines running



Please switch off your engine while waiting.



DO NOT
play music loudly



Keep radios and music at a reasonable volume, especially at collection times.



DO NOT
use horns unnecessarily



Please do not sound your horn unless absolutely necessary.



DO
help keep our community happy and respectful



- ✓ Switch off engines.
- ✓ Keep music at a low volume.
- ✓ Avoid unnecessary noise.
- ✓ Be considerate of our neighbours.



Please be considerate of our neighbours.

Many thanks!



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What's Happening

WHERE'S THE CRAZIEST PLACE YOU CAN READ?

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We want to see just how creative and adventurous
you can be with your reading!

Find the craziest, funniest or most unusual place
you can read your favourite book. 📖

Could you read in a tree? 🌳

Under the table?

In the garden? 🌻

Or somewhere even CRAZIER?!

📷 Take a photo of yourself reading in your unusual
place and send it to us

We can't wait to see where your imagination takes
you! 🌻



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What's Happening

HARVEST COLLECTION!

We are collecting harvest donations for Gloucester Food Bank again this year. We have been asked to be 'UHT Apple Juice Champions' this year (see poster below!), although all donations are very welcome.

Please ensure that all donations are:

- Unopened
- Have a long shelf life remaining on the use-by/best-before date

Donation crates will be available in school from Tuesday 20th October until 9am on Thursday 22nd October.

We really appreciate your support and generosity at this time of year. Your donations make a real difference to our wider community — thank you!

Harvest Celebration

Our Harvest Celebration will take place on Wednesday 21st October at 10:30am in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us!



This Harvest, we are asking you to be our...



UHT APPLE JUICE CHAMPION



In support of Gloucester Foodbank's emergency food service.

We can accept all brands/flavours/sizes, please ensure all items are in date and unopened.



Please support our work this Harvest by donating this item, which we are short of, to help continue supporting Gloucester's residents facing food poverty.



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TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Westonbirt Arboretum - Years 1&2!



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9th October 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Westonbirt Arboretum –YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

On Wednesday 5th November 2026, Year 1&2 will be visiting Westonbirt Arboretum for an exciting school trip. This visit supports our current Science topics and will provide the children with a valuable hands-on learning experience. Throughout the day, the children will take part in a range of engaging activities, including a workshop led by a member of staff who works at the arboretum. During this session, Year 1 will learn about the weather and seasons and Year 2 will learn about microhabitats (minibeasts).

We will leave school at 8.45am and return at 3:30pm. Children will need a coat, water bottle, snack and lunch box in a rucksack they can carry themselves. They must be in school uniform, but trainers are permitted for the day. Due to leaving early, we are asking for all children to arrive at school for 8:30 to ensure we are registered and have been to the toilet before getting on the coach. For this session only, any siblings not on the trip will be able to attend breakfast club for free from 8:30-8:40 when the gates open for the rest of school.

The cost of this trip is £13.50 per pupil. Although this is a voluntary contribution, we rely on parental payments to cover the full cost of the visit. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions, we may have to cancel the trip. Over previous years the school has not been receiving sufficient funds to pay for trips. Payment is now available on ParentPay and can be made via the app; alternatively, cash or cheques can be sent to the school office in a clearly named envelope. Please contact Mrs Farren if you are unable to contribute to this trip, as we are here to support you.

To help reduce the amount of paper we use in school, we kindly ask that you do the following instead of returning printed reply slips:

- Payment received on ParentPay can be taken as consent as you have to tick a box to get to the payment window. Please send in your voluntary contribution in a clearly named envelope (cash or cheque), or pay using ParentPay.
- Comment on the pinned post on your ClassDojo page, or let your child's teacher or the office know in person so they can mark this on the class list.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Woodland

Year 1 and 2 class teachers



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Diwali workshops - whole school activities!



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Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share that we have once again invited the Education Group to deliver two exciting cultural workshops for the children this November:

✦ Diya Painting Workshop – Tuesday 3rd November 2026

✦ Indian Dance Workshop – Tuesday 4th November 2026

These activities link directly with our Religious and Worldviews teaching across the school and provide a wonderful opportunity for pupils to explore and celebrate different cultures. We are very passionate about giving our children these enriching experiences.

The children took part in these workshops last year and thoroughly enjoyed them, which is why we are so pleased to bring them back again this year.

Unfortunately, we are unable to fund the workshops through school this year, so we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £9.50 per child. While this contribution is voluntary, we will be unable to run the workshops without sufficient funds, so we are very grateful for your support.

Please make payment by sending in cash/cheque in a named envelope or paying through parentpay.

Thank you for helping us to provide such memorable learning opportunities for our pupils.

Many thanks
Team Norton



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Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TG



TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Payments outstanding!

Please ensure you have paid for the following trips/activities that are still on parentpay:

- Cheltenham literature festival £12.50
- iSingPOP £2

Many thanks



Dates for your diary for October/November:

Tuesday 20th - (9am) Thursday 22nd October - Harvest food collections

Wednesday 21st October - Harvest assembly *see page 9*

Friday 23rd October - **BREAK THE RULES DAY!** *see page 18*
- Last day of term, finish normal time.

Half term: Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

Tuesday 3rd November - Diwali workshops *see page 12*

Wednesday 4th November - Diwali workshops

Thursday 5th November - Year 1&2 trip to Westonbirt *see page 11*

Monday 30th November - Schoolastic book fair returns! *More info coming soon!*

Next week's diary - 19th October 2026:

Day:	The School Day:	After school clubs	Lunch Menu (week 1)
Monday		Football (Y1/2) Lego Dance Art	Tomato pasta Cheese and pepper whirl with herby rice Jacket potato with beans/cheese/tuna
Tuesday	Harvest donations	Football (Y3/4) Gardening	Sausage roll with potato wedges Soya mince pasta bake Jacket potato with beans/cheese/tuna Baguette with ham/cheese/tuna
Wednesday	Harvest assembly 10:30am Football match after school (no football club)	~~Football (Y5/6)~~ Storytime Squad	Roast chicken with roast potatoes Vegan sausage with roast potatoes Jacket potato with beans/cheese/tuna
Thursday	Harvest donation deadline 9am	Gymnastics Board & Card Games Cross Country Mindful Colouring	Spaghetti bolognaise Coconut curry with rice Jacket potato with beans/cheese/tuna Baguette with ham/cheese/tuna
Friday	BREAK THE RULES DAY! <i>See page 18</i> Finish normal time for half term		Fish fingers with chips Cheesy broccoli frittata with chips Jacket potato with beans/cheese/tuna

COMMUNITY CORNER

This week our community corner is having a village hall takeover!! Please see the posters below advertising some exciting things coming up in Norton village hall - we hope you'll sign up to some of these brilliant events!

JOIN US FOR

VILLAGE

COFFEE

Mornings

SATURDAYS

 **24/10 & 28/11**
10AM-11:30AM



EVERYONE WELCOME

COME AND TELL US WHAT ELSE YOU'D
LIKE TO SEE IN THE VILLAGE

COFFEE • TEA • CAKES
CHAT



NORTON VILLAGE HALL

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Halloween Gathering

Start your trick or treating off at
Norton Village Hall
Saturday 31st October
5-7pm

Join us for a
Children's fancy dress competition
Best trick competition
Prizes
Refreshments and cake

Free for villagers
£2 per person non villagers



Join us at Norton Village Hall
for a

WINTER SOCIAL

MUSIC - FOOD - GAMES - DRINKS - RAFFLE

NOVEMBER **21** FROM 5:30PM

Everyone welcome from 5:30 - 7pm
Adults only from 7-9:30pm

TO BOOK YOUR PLACES EMAIL
SOCIAL@NORTONVILLAGEHALL.CO.UK

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The finer details for the Halloween Gathering are:

- 5.00pm – Children and parents arrive at the Village Hall
- 5.15pm – Fancy dress competition
- 5.30pm Trick competition
- 6.00pm Commence Spooky Pumpkin Trail

NB: Free squash and cakes available for the children. No booking required, just turn up on the night.

COMMUNITY CORNER

We love screen free time at Norton - thank you for sending this over! If you have anything you'd like to share in this space then send it to fhiggins@norton.gloucs.sch.uk with the subject line 'newsletter'.



Screen free time - we mixed a powder with water, as we added the water the ingredients mixed together and started to change, the joined up to make a material that could be moulded into a ball, as we shaped it and it set it l became a bouncy ball, we learned about gravity as the ball bounced.

Jemima has enjoyed training Donnie working hard on his loose lead walking and commands like sit, stay, down, paw and leave it





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Norton PTA Events Calendar



October
23- Break the rules day



November
20- Raffle tickets on sale
27- Non-uniform day (bottle donations)



December
4- Christmas Fair
11- Raffle Draw



January
Collect unwanted gifts and sort out for Jumble sale



February
27- Jumble Sale



March
24- Spring Disco



April
Easter Holidays



May
21- Colour Run



June
TBC- Summer Fete



July
16- End of year Disco



PTA have some great events planned this year (more details nearer each event), but we need your support to be able to run them. If you are able to spare an hour of your time to help at one of these events please get in touch:

norton.sch.pta@gmail.com

BREAK THE RULES DAY!

FRIDAY
23rd
OCTOBER

BREAK UP TO 5 RULES

PAY **50p** PER RULE BROKEN

THE RULES YOU'RE ALLOWED TO BREAK

CHOOSE UP TO FIVE

1 NO TRAINERS

2 NO PAINTED NAILS

3 NO SQUASH IN WATER BOTTLES

4 NO UNHEALTHY SNACKS

5 NO COLOURED HAIR

6 NO FACEPAINT OR GLITTER

7 NO TEMPORARY TATTOOS

8 NO SOFT TOYS



Norton PTA - Easyfundraising



Get FREE donations whenever you shop online via Easyfundraising

- ✓ NO cost to you
- ✓ Over 8000 retailers
- ✓ Use the donation reminder so you never forget to claim
- ✓ Over £570 received from easyfundraising so far



Click out to where you'd like to shop

Checkout: prices are exactly the same!

The retailer sends a % of your spend to easyfundraising

They pass it on to us :)

Start at the easyfundraising website or app

Having a party?

Try our reusable party kit, rather than buying disposable.

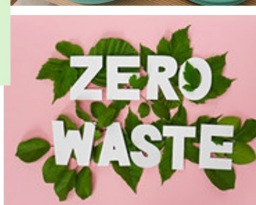
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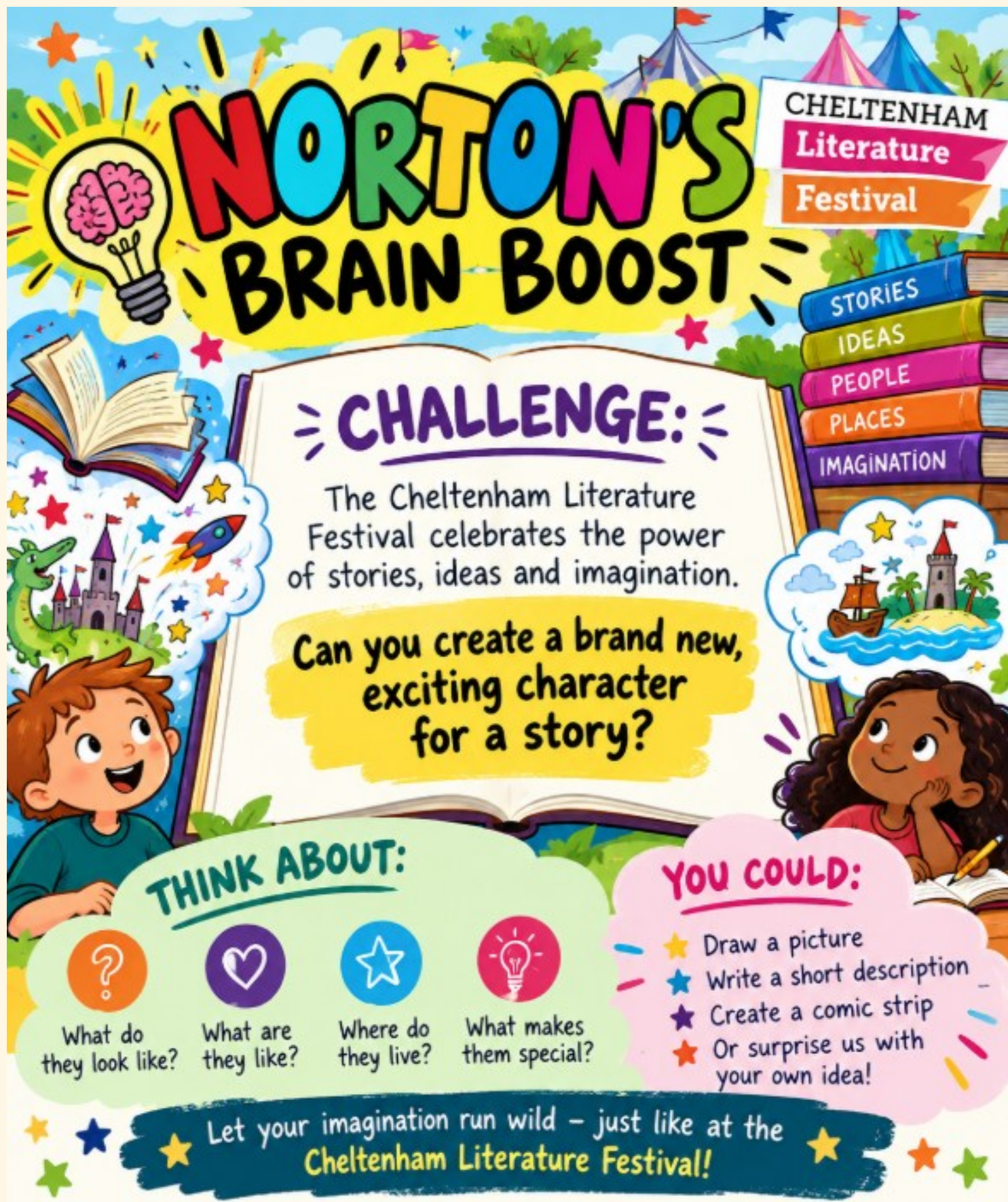


£10 per hire*

30 place settings
5 Jugs
6 Serving Platters



NORTON'S BRAIN BOOST...



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CHALLENGE:

The Cheltenham Literature Festival celebrates the power of stories, ideas and imagination.

Can you create a brand new, exciting character for a story?

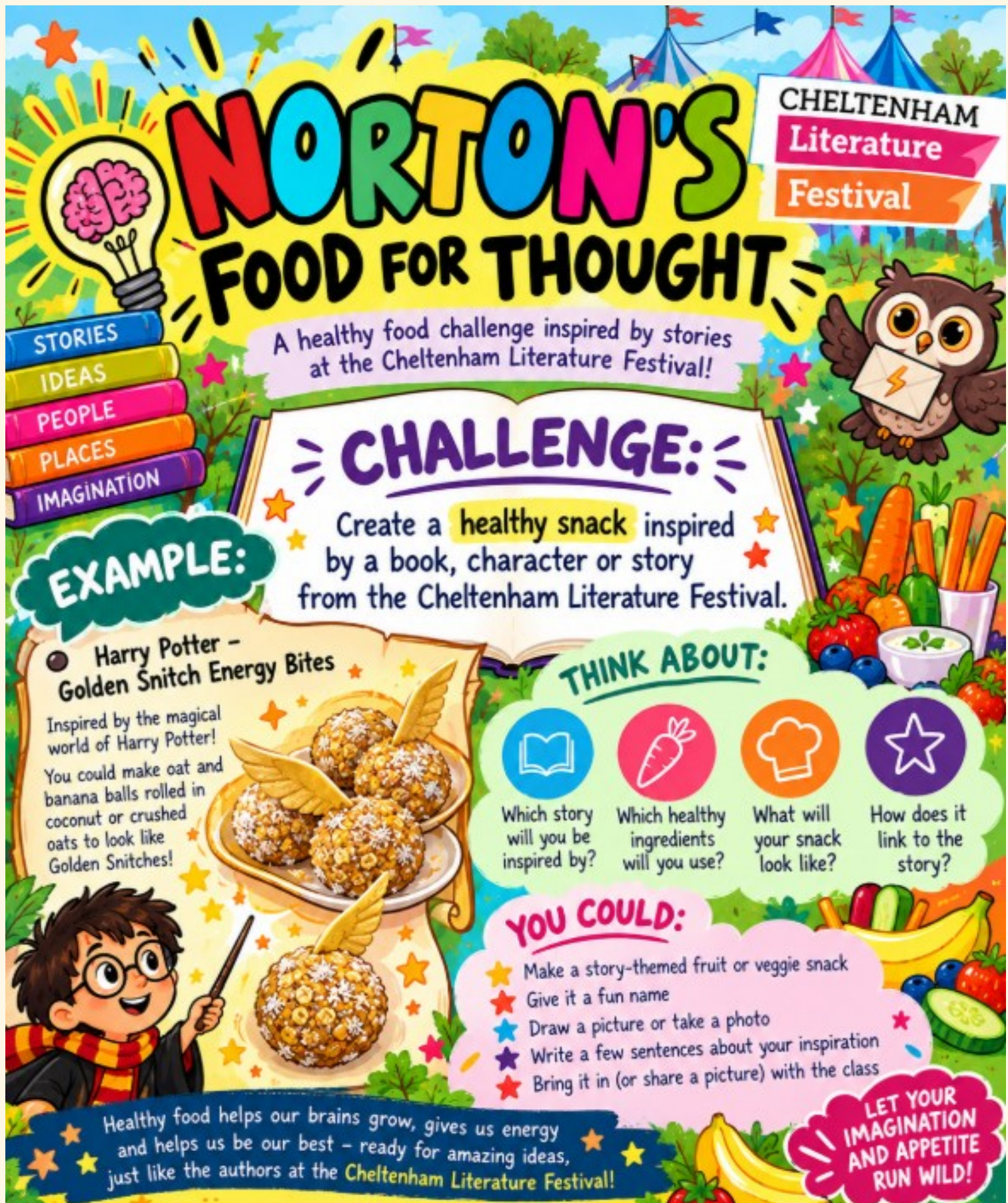
THINK ABOUT:

- What do they look like?
- What are they like?
- Where do they live?
- What makes them special?

YOU COULD:

- Draw a picture
- Write a short description
- Create a comic strip
- Or surprise us with your own idea!

Let your imagination run wild – just like at the Cheltenham Literature Festival!



NORTON'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT

CHELTENHAM Literature Festival

A healthy food challenge inspired by stories at the Cheltenham Literature Festival!

CHALLENGE:

Create a **healthy snack** inspired by a book, character or story from the Cheltenham Literature Festival.

EXAMPLE:

● **Harry Potter - Golden Snitch Energy Bites**

Inspired by the magical world of Harry Potter! You could make oat and banana balls rolled in coconut or crushed oats to look like Golden Snitches!

THINK ABOUT:

- Which story will you be inspired by?
- Which healthy ingredients will you use?
- What will your snack look like?
- How does it link to the story?

YOU COULD:

- Make a story-themed fruit or veggie snack
- Give it a fun name
- Draw a picture or take a photo
- Write a few sentences about your inspiration
- Bring it in (or share a picture) with the class

Healthy food helps our brains grow, gives us energy and helps us be our best - ready for amazing ideas, just like the authors at the **Cheltenham Literature Festival!**

LET YOUR IMAGINATION AND APPETITE RUN WILD!

Relating to our brain boost challenge... this would be a great family activity to do together before you use the conversation starter!

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Gloucestershire
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Missing: Conkers

The Great Conker Caper

Can you help Percy Pine Marten and Tabitha Tawny solve the mystery?

Across Gloucestershire, conkers from horse chestnut trees have gone missing. Follow the trail, uncover the clues and help solve the Great Conker Caper this October half term.



Join us on our quest at Robinswood Hill and Crickley Hill this October half term.

23 October to 1 November



Can you solve the mystery?



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PUMPKIN TRAIL

Complete the trail to collect your prize
Wednesday 28th October
1pm - 3pm

SPOOKY SNACK

CARVE A PUMKIN TO TAKE HOME

FREE FREAKY FUN

ARTS AND CRAFTS



Meet at :
Tewkesbury Community Hub (formerly Priors Park Neighbourhood Project) York Road, GL20 5HU
to collect your trail sheet.
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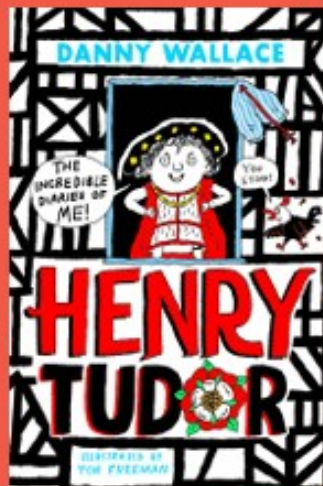
Corinium Museum

Children's Half Term Workshops 2026

New Family
Gallery Trail:
Henry Tudor:
The Incredible
Diaries of Me
Based on the
new novel by
Danny Wallace
and illustrations
by Tor Freeman.

Sat October 23,
2026 - Fri February
12, 2027

Meet Henry Tudor (the future Henry VIII)
when he was just eight and a half years old
and convinced that he is the best at absolutely
everything!



Creepy Corinium Cupcakes

Wed 28 October 10.30am -12pm

Back by popular demand, our Creepy Corinium Cupcakes workshop allows you to make art that you can eat! Create a monster cupcake and hear about some of the monsters in our collections.

Gruesome Gargoyles

Thu 29 October,
10.30am -12pm

Join us for a gruesome, glorious, gargoyle gala. We will meet at the Parish Church to investigate the gargoyles and grotesques that grace the building. Once we have our inspiration, we will head back to the museum to create our own gruesome gargoyles!



Make Your Own Curse Tablet

Fri 30 October, 10.30am -12pm

Did you know that the Romans wrote secret curses on lead tablets and threw them in springs to hex their enemies? From stolen cloaks to chariot race rivals, no grudge was too small! Come & learn how to inscribe your own spooky curse tablet just in time for Halloween.



For full details and to book
visit:
<https://coriniummuseum.org>
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A vibrant Halloween-themed poster for a 'Halloween Fete' event. The background features a large full moon, silhouettes of trees, and several black bats flying. In the foreground, there are several glowing jack-o'-lanterns and a wooden fence. The poster includes logos for 'SIMONE HOPKINS & SONS MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY' (a red and yellow shield logo), 'GL3 COMMUNITY HUB & CAFE' (a green and white logo), and 'Monroes CAFE' (a red and white logo with a 'CAFÉ OPEN' sign). The main title 'HALLOWEEN FETE' is written in large, stylized, orange and yellow letters with a jack-o'-lantern face integrated into the word 'HALLOWEEN'. Below the title, a purple banner reads 'SUPPORTING GL3 COMMUNITY HUB'. The event details are listed in three columns: 'SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2026' (with a calendar icon), '2PM - 5PM' (with a clock icon), and 'GL3 COMMUNITY HUB CHURCHDOWN' (with a location pin icon). Below these, five colorful wooden planks list the activities: 'GAMES', 'STALLS', 'RAFFLE', 'COMPETITIONS', and 'AND MORE!'. A large red banner at the bottom reads '£1 ENTRY'. Below this, it says 'POCKET MONEY PRICES | PLEASE BRING CASH' with a small red heart icon. The final line of text, 'SPOOKY FUN FOR A GREAT CAUSE!', is written in black on a yellow banner.

HALLOWEEN FETE

SUPPORTING
GL3 COMMUNITY HUB

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2026 | **2PM - 5PM** | **GL3 COMMUNITY HUB CHURCHDOWN**

GAMES **STALLS** **RAFFLE** **COMPETITIONS** **AND MORE!**

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STEP INTO IGOR'S SPOOKY INNOVATION LAB!

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Venue: Tirlebrook School, Tewks
Date: 28th October 2026
Time: 10:30am-2:30pm

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Venue: The Main Place, Coleford
Date: 26th October 2026
Time: 10:30am-2:30pm

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MONDAY 26TH – THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2026
FOUR DAYS OF SPOOKY FUN!

MONDAY PUMPKIN PARTY  MAKE Pumpkin Plate Painting TASTE Creepy Cupcakes PLAY Feed the Monster Monster Freeze	TUESDAY GHOSTLY FUN  MAKE Spooky Mobiles* TASTE Monster Biscuits PLAY Eyeball Spoon Race Wrap the Mummy
WEDNESDAY NEON MONSTERS  MAKE Neon T-Shirt Painting** TASTE Spooky Treats PLAY Spooky Relay Race Monster Corners	THURSDAY MONSTER MASH  MAKE Build a Monster TASTE Magic Mocktails PLAY Monster Freeze Spooky Walk to Hunts Grove Park

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