

## Weekly Newsletter – 24th January 2025

### *A message from Mrs Farren...*

You may associate Christingle with a Christmas celebration. However, Christingle services usually take place between December and 2nd February as it is traditionally linked to Candlemas. We are celebrating Christingle on Tuesday next week (28th January). Reverend Joe will be leading this Christian celebration. We are providing most of the items for each child's Christingle (the sticks, sweets, candles) but please could you send your child into school with an orange on Tuesday. Many thanks.



Less screen time!

Spending too much time on screens (such as phones, gaming devices and Ipads) limits our interactions with our friends and family. It also limits our creativity and our movement. We are designed to be active and we are designed to communicate with others.

A huge well done to Claudia for these wonderful Lego creations!



Have a great weekend.  
Mrs Farren and Team Norton

## Class News – 24th January 2025

Based on the **Little Leaners** interest we made vanilla ice cream! We say it's never too cold for ice cream! Plus it provided lots of great learning opportunities and it went down a treat at snack time! On World Penguin Awareness day we dived into the wonderful world of these flightless birds. We enjoyed learning about them through craft, games, stories and songs.

Also, this week, we made play dough brains! A fun sensory activity to support the children learn a little more about their brains.

In **Reception** Class we have been learning about The RSBP Big Garden Birdwatch, we have enjoyed researching the British garden birds and then made bird feeders using cheerios. These can be hung in the garden for the birds to enjoy and hopefully encourage birds into the garden habitat. Over the weekend, we will be sending home a bird watching tick list, it would be great if you can join in at home and on Monday we can share what birds we have seen. We will then use it for our Maths work.

In science recently the **Year 1** children have been learning about mammals, fish and birds.



They've done so well at knowing the differences between the groups and knowing their features. They've all loved our new 'my happy minds' lessons and have already learnt about the three different parts of the brain!

Another great week in **Year 2**! In maths we have been learning to count money in pence. We have used our knowledge of tens and ones and our addition skills to help us do this. On Thursday we took part in a fairytale work shop. We acted out the story of Little Red Riding Hood, explored the characters and got rid of the wolf!!! We all had so much fun and loved joining in with the games and activities.

This week in **Year 3**, we have reviewed our animal names in French and learnt about human geographical features in Geography. We had a great Science lesson this week looking at the different types of soil and practising our observation skills by recording what we could see in them. In art, we have been looking at the work of Picasso and used our sketchbook to practise different shapes we can use to create our own portraits next week.

In **Year 4** this week we have started using place value for division. We have discussed how when we divide each group has to be an equal amount. In science, we explored our local area and looked for what living things we have in three different locations; the playground, field and park. We found various invertebrates such as slugs, snails and woodlice.



This week **Year 5** have been learning about Judaism in RE! As well as learning lots of key terminology, we learned about some famous people who are Jewish- such as Albert Einstein!

This week, within maths, **Year 6** have started a unit that looks at the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. We are working on finding fractions with a denominator of 100 as this will tell us the value as a percentage.

**Deadline for PGL payment is 5th April**



# Head teacher's worship challenge!



New Term = New challenge!!!

We would love you to create a new logo for our Christian value this term: **PEACE**

**ANYONE CAN ENTER!** Parents/Carers/Brothers/Sisters/Aunts/Uncles/Teachers... ETC...

Entry deadline is Wednesday 12th February

Please send/give any entries to Mrs Farren or Mrs Higgins.

Please ensure your full name is on the back (so we can judge without names showing!)

The logos will be judged anonymously by the staff and a winner will be announced on Friday 14th February!

Templates are available under the office window in the junior corridor if you would like to use them!

You can see the previous two winners displayed on the office window.





## Important reminders:

### Snacks

A healthy diet is crucial for a healthy lifestyle. Only healthy snacks are allowed in school for break time. Healthy snacks include: fruit, veg, cheese, crackers, yoghurt, plain pop- corn



(NO NUTS - please check packaged food labels carefully, a lot of chocolate can be made using nuts!!!) NO sweets, crisps or chocolate!

### Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school. Jewellery such as necklaces should not be worn in school. This is because they can be dangerous when the child is being active and also because there is a high risk they will be lost!



Please ensure your child's **NAME** is in all uniform, including hats and gloves etc!

### Year 6 PGL

The deadline for PGL payment is 5th April.





## Dates for your diary for spring term:

- Tuesday 28th January** - school Christingle service with Reverend Joe.  
**Bring in your own large orange!**
- Friday 14th February** - last day before February half term. Finish at normal time.  
**Half term dates: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February**
- Friday 28th February** - **IMPORTANT** Parent/Carer information meeting for keeping children safe online - starting at 3:30. Please attend if you can.
- Tuesday 18th March** - Parent Consultation - 3:45-6:30pm
- Thursday 20th March** - Parent Consultation - 3:45-6:30pm
- Friday 21st March** - Red Nose Day
- Wednesday 9th April** - Easter open afternoon
- Thursday 10th April** - Celebration Assembly - 2:30pm
- Friday 11th April** - Easter rolling  
- Finish for the Easter holiday @ 1:30pm

**Easter holiday dates: Monday 14th - Monday 28th April - inset day.**

**Monday 28th April is an inset day. Children return to school Tuesday 29th April.**

## Next week's diary - 27th January 2025:

| Day:      | The School Day:                                                         | After School:                                                                                                                                                         | Time:                                                                                                                                                   | Lunch Menu (week 2)                                                                                    |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    |                                                                         | <a href="#">Board games</a><br><a href="#">Cross country</a><br><a href="#">Infant football</a><br><a href="#">Dance</a>                                              | <a href="#">3:30 - 4:00</a><br><a href="#">3:30 - 4:15</a><br><a href="#">3:30 - 4:15</a><br><a href="#">3:30 - 4:15</a>                                | Cheese and tomato pizza<br>Caribbean stew with rice<br>Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese /Tuna             |
| Tuesday   | Christingle assembly with Reverend Joe. Please bring in a large orange. | <a href="#">Junior football</a>                                                                                                                                       | <a href="#">3:30 - 4:15</a>                                                                                                                             | Meatballs in tomato sauce with rice<br>Cheesy pasta with garlic bread<br>Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese |
| Wednesday |                                                                         | <a href="#">Lego</a><br><a href="#">Infant games with no names</a>                                                                                                    | <a href="#">3:30 - 4:00</a><br><a href="#">3:30 - 4:15</a>                                                                                              | Roast gammon<br>Vegan sausage<br>Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese /Tuna                                   |
| Thursday  |                                                                         | <a href="#">Junior games with no names</a><br><a href="#">Arithmetic</a><br><a href="#">Craft and colouring</a><br><a href="#">Craft</a><br><a href="#">Gardening</a> | <a href="#">3:30 - 4:15</a><br><a href="#">3:30 - 4:00</a><br><a href="#">3:30 - 4:00</a><br><a href="#">3:30 - 4:15</a><br><a href="#">3:30 - 4:15</a> | Chicken tikka masala with rice<br>Mild Mexican chilli with rice<br>Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese /Tuna |
| Friday    | Sharing assembly 2:45                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                         | Fish fingers<br>Cheese and tomato quiche<br>Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese /Tuna                        |



# PTA NEWS



**Do you have unwanted  
presents or Christmas  
items that are no longer  
needed?**

**Norton PTA are collecting for  
Christmas 2025!**

**Please give to a teacher on the gate or a  
member of the PTA.**

**Happy New Year!!**

*NORTON PTA*





# Local benefice news



[www.seventowers.org.uk](http://www.seventowers.org.uk)

# WORSHIP TOGETHER

Sandhurst Church, 11am

**First Sunday  
of the month  
for all ages**

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Café Church**

Coffee, cake, community

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 'Explore'**

Songs and creative activities

**April 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Informal**

Stories, inspiration & song

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### Family Support Workshops



#### Supporting your child with emotions

*Children often express their emotions in different ways. Would you like to gain some tips and advice on how you can support your children with their emotions? Join us at this workshop to get some tips and strategies to support your children with regulating their emotions*

**Friday 31st Jan**  
10am – 12pm

Oakwood Primary  
School,  
Cotswold Road,  
Cheltenham,  
GL52 5EL

#### Routines

*Does it feel like hard work getting out of the house in the morning? Is it a struggle to get the children to bed at night and have time to yourself? This workshop could be for you!*

*Join us to gain some tips and tricks for making family routines easier for you and your children to follow.*

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
10am – 12pm

Hester's Way Children &  
Family Centre  
Dill Avenue,  
Cheltenham,  
GL51 0ES

#### Understanding your child's development

*Have you ever wondered what developmental milestones your child should reach and when? Or what behaviour at their age might be expected and look like?*

*Come along to this workshop to find out what is age appropriate development/behaviour and when to seek additional support.*

**Tuesday 18th  
March**  
10am-12pm  
0-4 years

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
12.30-2.30pm  
5-11years

Gardner's Lane  
Children & Family Centre,  
Gardners Lane,  
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### Family Support Drop In Sessions



Parenting can be overwhelming at times.  
**Do you feel you need some support to help with Family Life?**  
Come along to meet with a member of our Family Support team who can help you with issues like:  
Parenting, Managing behaviour, Finances, Routines, Ages and Stages of development, Healthy Relationships, How to get support through the graduated pathway and accessing other services

**Thursday 16th Jan**  
10am -12pm

Noahs Ark Children & Family Centre,  
York Road,  
Tewkesbury,  
GL20 5HU  
01684 276361

**Friday 7th Feb**  
12.30-2.30pm

Hester's Way Children & Family Centre  
Dill Avenue,  
Cheltenham,  
GL51 0ES  
01242 222490

**Friday 25th Feb**  
10am –12pm

Brockworth Children and Family Centre,  
Moorfield Road,  
Brockworth  
GL3  
01452 863617

**Wednesday 12th March**  
12.30-2.30pm

Oakwood Children and Family Centre,  
Clyde Crescent,  
Cheltenham,  
GL52  
01242 513010

**Tuesday 8th April**  
10am-12pm

Noahs Ark Children & Family Centre,  
York Road,  
Tewkesbury,  
GL20 5HU  
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## Brockworth Children & Family Centre Timetable January – March 2025



### Monday

**Development Checks**  
(Appt Only)  
8.30am—4.00pm

**CCP and Aspire  
Stay & Play**  
0-5yrs  
10.00am—11.30am

### Tuesday

**Speech & Language  
Therapy appts**  
(Appt Only)  
8.30am—4.00pm

**Targeted Family Time**  
(Invite Only)  
10.00pm—11.30am

**Shine PND  
Creative Therapy  
Group**  
(Invite only)  
12.15pm—2.15pm

### Wednesday

**Baby Hub Stay &  
Weigh**  
9am—11am

**Neuro Thrive  
Parent Support Group**  
8th Jan 25  
5th Feb 25  
5th March 25  
10.00am—12.00pm

**Weaning Hub**  
(Appt Only)  
(1st Wednesday of the  
month)  
1.00pm—2.30pm

### Thursday

**Development Checks**  
(Appt Only)  
8.30am—4.00pm

**Mothers in Mind**  
(Invite Only)  
10am—12pm

**Parent Carer Forum  
Listen to me Sessions**  
10.30—12.00pm  
6th Feb 25

### Friday

**Midwives Clinic**  
(Appt Only)  
8.30am—4.00pm

**Sunday  
Dad Matters  
Stay & Play (0-5yrs)**  
(1st Sunday of Month)  
10am—12pm

**Family Support  
Drop In session**  
28th Feb 10am—12pm  
Come along and speak  
to a family worker who  
could help you with any  
issues related to raising  
your family

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### CCP and Aspire Stay & Play

Stay and play sessions are for parents/carers and their children 0-5 yrs. Our groups will give you the chance to engage with your child through play with a range of activities that will promote your child's development. Staff will be on hand to give advice and support. Come along and meet new people and make friends.

### Targeted Family Time Aspire Foundation Invite Only

This session is aimed at parent/carers of children 0-5 yrs who need a smaller group to build confidence, get support and have the opportunity to play and interact with their children with a range of activities to meet their developmental needs. You may find other groups overwhelming or need more support this is the group for you  
Please speak to any children centre staff regarding the referral form.



### Mothers in Mind – Home Start Referral invite only

Mother's In Mind groups are for pregnant mums or mums with children under 2yrs and provide support with mental health challenges you maybe facing as a parent  
A supportive group, where you can meet others with similar experiences and feel connected and play with your child.

[www.homestartgloucestershire.org.uk](http://www.homestartgloucestershire.org.uk)



### Development Checks

Attend Health Visitor routine development checks by appointment here for your child at 9mths and 2yrs

### Speech and Language Appointments

Attend your Speech and Language appointment here, which will help your child's speech and communication

### Shine PND creative Therapy groups Referral invite only

Our courses offer creative therapy, support and advice in a safe, child-free space for you to work through worries and concerns, while gently creating a piece of art that you can be proud of. Mothers spend time once a week, with other mothers in the same situation, going through the same things, creating, talking, sharing.  
[www.shine-support.org.uk](http://www.shine-support.org.uk)



### Midwife appointments

Attend your routine Midwife appointments here



### Baby Hub Stay and Weigh 9am—11am

Aspire Foundation have partnered with Health Visiting Teams. Come and get your baby weighed, seek health advice and have the opportunity to stay to interact with other parents and engage in play activities with your child/ren. Community Family Workers will also be on hand to offer support and advice around parenting and raising your family.

### NeuroThrive Parent Peer Support Group

Monthly Parent Peer support group for parents/carers of children with a Neurodiversity. Group offers you the chance to meet with other parents on a similar journey, gain professional advice and build connection and community

**Bookings required**  
[www.nuerothrive.org.uk](http://www.nuerothrive.org.uk)



### Parent Carer Forum 'Listen to Me Session' For Parent carers of children with SEND

Listen to Me sessions are an opportunity to join the Parent Carer Forum and parents to share stories, experiences and knowledge to gain support in your journey as a parent with a child with SEND. Under 5's welcome.



### Dad Matters — Stay & Play 10am—12pm 1st Sunday of the month

Stay & Play offers a great safe space for dads to bring their little ones 0-5yrs! Grab a tea or a coffee and have a good chat with other dads while the little ones play, with toys, crafts, and much more. Giving dads not only quality time to bond with their children but also to meet other dads in their area.

**Booking required – <https://dadmatters.org.uk/gloucestershire>**



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## Noah's Ark Children & Family Centre Timetable January – March 2025



### Monday

**Development Checks**  
(Appt Only)

9.00am—3.00pm

**Early Start Group**

(Invite Only)

Fortnightly

9.30am—11am

**Parenting with ADHD**

**Drop In**

(1st Monday of Month)

9.30am—11.30am

**Neuro Thrive**

**Parent Support Group**

(4th Monday of month)

10.00am—12.00pm

**Booking required**

**Targeted Family Time**

(Invite Only)

1.00pm—2.30pm

### Tuesday

**Midwives Clinic**

(Appt Only)

9.00am—4.00pm

**Perinatal Pelvic  
Health Team**

(Appt Only)

(Last Tuesday of month)

12.30pm—4.30pm

**Parent Carer Forum**

**Listen to me Session**

9th January 2025

10.30am - 12.00pm

### Wednesday

**Development Checks**

(Appt Only)

8.30am—4.00pm

**Baby Stay & Weigh**

10.00am—11.30am

**Employability Drop In**

(4th Wednesday of Month)

1.30pm—3.30pm

**COMING SOON!!!!**

**Tewkesbury Abbey & Aspire Stay & Play**

(0-5yrs)

1pm—2.30pm

Follow us on facebook

to find out more and

when this is going to

start

### Thursday

**Midwives Clinic**

(Appt Only)

9.00am—4.00pm

**Weaning Hub**

9am—11am

**Baby Hub Stay & Weigh**

Bishops Cleeve Library

12.30pm—2pm

**Antenatal Group**

(First four Thursdays of each month)

3pm—4.30pm

Starting 6th March

### Friday

**Midwives Clinic**

(Appt Only)

9.00am—4.00pm

**Sunday**

**Toddle & Chat**

**Dad Matters**

**Northway Hub**

10am—12pm

(2nd Sunday of Month)

**Booking Required**

**Family Support**

**Drop In session**

16th Jan 10am—12pm

8th April 10am—12pm

Come along and speak

to a family worker who

could help you with any

issues related to raising

your family

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Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

### Perinatal Pelvic Health Team

Attend your appointment with the Peri-natal health team here.



Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust



### Antenatal Pregnancy Group

Drop in to meet the teams that will support you through your pregnancy and find out more about the children Centres services



**Sunday**

**Dad Matters Toddle and Chat 10am—12pm—Northway Hub**

**4th Sunday of the month**

Stay & Play session for the whole family. A great safe space for mums and dads to bring their little ones 0-5yrs and take part in a range of activities and outdoor space.

**Booking required –**

<https://dadmatters.org.uk/gloucestershire>



### Early Start Groups Early Years Service Invite Only

These are targeted stay and play sessions for children with additional needs not attending an setting and their parent/carer to attend.

The groups provide a gentle introduction to social interaction with peers, routines (e.g. snack, group time) and different play experiences.

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/early-years-service](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/early-years-service)



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Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

### Development Checks

Attend Health Visitor routine development



Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

### Midwife Appointments

Attend your routine midwife appointments

### ADHD Parent Peer Support Group



If you are a parent with ADHD (or not diagnosed) this group is for you! Join us to share, learn and connect with other parents who have similar experiences. Children welcome.

[www.adhdhubglos.org](http://www.adhdhubglos.org)