

Weekly Newsletter – 9th June 2025

A message from Mrs Farren...

We've had a busy and positive first week back after the half-term break. It's been lovely to see the children settle so quickly back into school life, full of energy and enthusiasm for the final term of the school year!

A huge thank you to Miss Bussey for her incredible work painting our lion sculpture, which will be part of *the Lions at Large – The Pride of Gloucestershire Trail*. This exciting public art event, running from 11th July to 14th September 2025, will see 32 large lion sculptures, each uniquely decorated by local artists, displayed across Cheltenham and Gloucester. Alongside these, 54 smaller 'cub' lions, lovingly created by local schools and community groups, will also be featured.

The trail aims to celebrate Gloucestershire's rich history, culture, and diversity, transforming streets, parks, and open spaces into a vibrant outdoor gallery. It's a fun, free, and family-friendly event that encourages community engagement and exploration. Importantly, the initiative supports the Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity, with funds raised going towards new cancer care facilities in Cheltenham, including digital consulting rooms, advanced research spaces, and therapeutic outdoor areas.

We're incredibly proud to contribute to this meaningful project and look forward to seeing our lion 'Roarton' as part of the trail this summer.

Looking ahead to next week, there's lots to look forward to. Year 6 have both their PGL residential and the special Leavers' Service at the cathedral – two memorable milestones as they prepare for the next step in their journey. Reception class will also be heading off on their trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park, which promises to be a fantastic adventure. We're excited for all the experiences ahead!

Have a fabulous weekend.

Mrs Farren and Team Norton

Class News – 9th June 2025

This week, **Little Leaners** have been busy learning all about planting and how things grow! We've been getting our hands dirty by planting beans and cress - we're excited to see them start to sprout!

To tie in with our planting theme, we've been reading two wonderful stories; Jack and the Beanstalk and Jasper's Beanstalk. These books have sparked lots of curiosity and conversation about how plants grow, what they need to survive.

In English this week the **Year 1** children have been looking at the instructions on how to make a rainbow fish. The children have had lots of fun making the rainbow fish by following the steps and are going to start writing their own version of the steps to make it in the coming week.



This week in **Year 3** we started a new Science topic: forces. We learnt about push and pull forces and looked around the classroom at things that move and the force used to move them. In English, we have started analysing the story of King Midas in preparation of creating our own and in Maths we have started looking at shape and angles.

This week **Year 5** have been learning about the 2007 floods and asking some teachers what they remember... If you have any memories of these, maybe you could share them with your child?

What a lovely first week back we have had in **Reception** class. The children have really enjoyed learning our poem, 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear' and have already been applying their phonic skills in their writing. In D&T this term we will be making fruit salads and on Tuesday we had a very yummy lesson trying lots of fruit! They all enjoyed using their senses to explore the different fruit and then they had to record if they liked or didn't like the fruit. Next week we will be designing our own fruit salad.

Cotswold wildlife park payment is now on parentpay.

In **Year 2** we have started to write our Katie Morag stories. We have been learning about fractions in maths, using the language of equal and parts. In Science we have been learning about polar habitats and how the animals who live there have adapted to their surroundings in order to survive. With this in mind we have designed our own polar animal.

We've had a great first week back in **Year 4**. In maths, we have started converting between units of time; days, months, years, weeks, seconds, minutes and hours. We also had the pleasure of Charlotte Taylor, an author, to come and do a workshop with us. We learnt about Haiku poems and the set structure they have. This is Mia's poem:

Believe in magic
This world is beautiful
Be kind and helpful

Year 6 have started to practise the play this week. We are practising dialogue and actions on stage, learning to project our voices in solos, and thinking of how to make sure it will be a hit with an audience.

Cathedral leavers trip payment is now on parentpay.

Our LAST Christian value logo challenge!

It's your last chance to design one of our Christian value logos!

We are so excited to start using our new logos in worship and on our displays from September... will yours be the last design to join the team?!

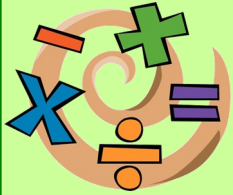
ANYONE CAN ENTER! Parents/Carers/Brothers/Sisters/Aunts/Uncles/
Teachers.... ETC...

Entry deadline is Friday 4th July.

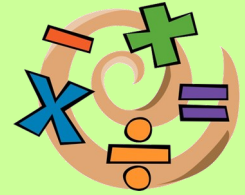
Please hand any entries in to the school office!

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





Maths challenge of the week!



The Great Garden (or Park) Maths Hunt!

Objective:

Explore your garden, local park, or even your street while solving and creating maths challenges together!

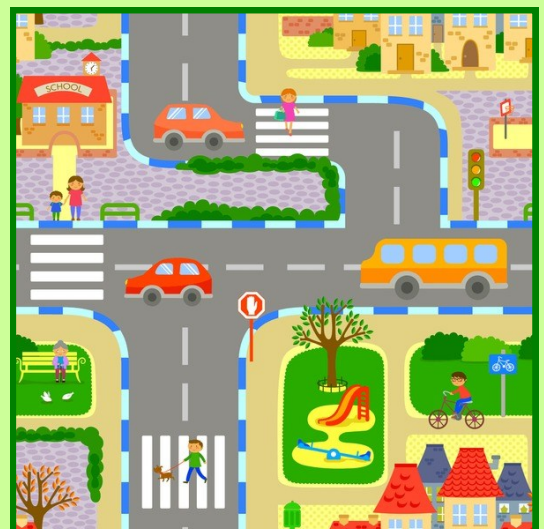
How It Works:

Create a Maths Hunt Map Choose 5–10 spots in your garden, park, or home. Mark them on a hand-drawn map (don't forget to decorate the map!). Each spot will have a maths-based task to complete. You could prepare fun tasks for each spot at each stop and place a task card of instructions to follow...

Task card ideas:

- Measure It! Find something longer than your foot and shorter than a broom. Measure it using your hands, feet, or a tape measure. How many units long is it?
- Leafy Maths! Collect 5 leaves. Group them by size or shape. What's the average number of points on the leaves?
- Rocky Patterns! Find small stones or sticks and make a repeating pattern. Can you make a symmetrical one?
- Jump & Count! Do 10 star jumps. Count in 2s, 5s, or 10s while jumping. Can someone else count with you?
- Estimation Station! Estimate how many steps it is from the tree to the bench. Then walk and count. How close were you?
- Treasure Maths! Hide a small "treasure" (snack or toy) and create a simple clue using maths (e.g., "Find the treasure 8 steps east from the tallest tree, then turn 90 degrees...").

What maths-y ideas could you put onto a task card?



Don't forget to take pictures and send them in for us to share!



**Thank You,
We have raised
over £400
FOR LIONS AT LARGE**



Lions at Large!

Scan to donate



School Council would like to say a massive thank you to all our families for donating so generously to our charity -Lions at Large. We understand the pressures on purse strings, and the response we have had is brilliant. Thank you.

Our Lion, Roarton, is now completed and has been reunited with the rest of his pride!

You'll be able to find Roarton in the window of 'sharps fitted furniture' in the Regent arcade in Gloucester.

Thank you again, your support is greatly appreciated.



Important information:

B&A invoices

B&A invoices will be out early next week. Sorry for any inconvenience.

IMPORTANT PAYMENT REMINDERS

Please check your parentpay accounts and settle any outstanding debts.

Car parking problems

We have had some reports of inconsiderate and dangerous parking. You must park in the designated parking spaces and not near or blocking the exit/entrance, please only use a disabled space if you have a blue badge. You must also **never** park on the double yellow lines at the front of the school. Please park legally; we all need to keep our children safe. Thank you.

Booking before and after school club

Remember to complete and return your B&A booking form for term 6! Due to the very high number of children using these clubs now, we need to ensure staff:child ratios are correct. You **MUST** fill out a form if you want to use before or after school club. Thank you.

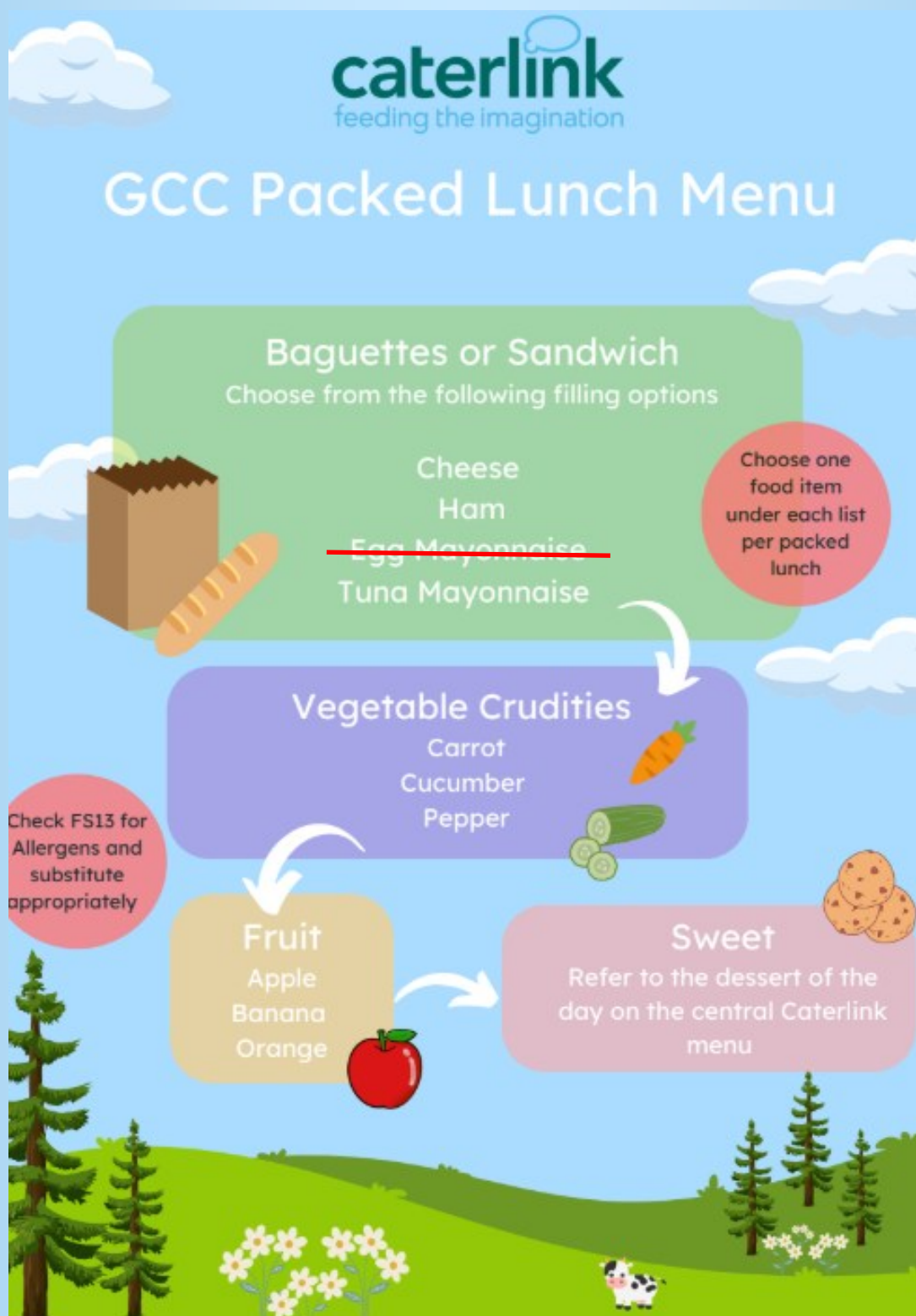
Uniform

Please ensure ALL uniform is named, anything unnamed in lost property at the end of each term will be disposed off.

Although we are in the summer term, please send in a COAT just in case! We have had a few days this week of light rain at break and lunch and we are still able to play outside if we have coats!

NEW LUNCH OPTION!

We will be trialling this new packed lunch option for the next few weeks alongside our normal hot dinners. This option will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays ONLY.





Dates for your diary for June/July:

- Tuesday 10th June - Y6 leavers service at the cathedral *Please return permission slips.*
- life education tent visiting the whole school
- Wednesday 11th June - Y6 PGL (till Friday)
- Thursday 9th June - YR trip to Cotswold wildlife park *Please return permission slips and pay via parentpay*
- Friday 13th June - EYFS/KS1 fathers day celebration (please see following pages for more info)
- Tuesday 17th June - photographer in (classes and leavers)
- Wednesday 18th June - Y4 roman day
- Friday 20th June - Sports day and summer bonanza (please see following pages for more info and competitions!)
- Monday 7th July - Junior performance dress rehearsal
- Tuesday 8th July - Junior performance @ 5:30pm (this performance is being filmed)
- Wednesday 8th July - Junior performance @ 5:30pm
- Monday 14th July - reports out
- Wednesday 16th July - Leavers assembly @ 10am (Y6 parents only)
- Thursday 17th July - Last celebration assembly of the year @2:30pm
- Friday 18th July - Finish for the summer holidays. Gates open between 1:15pm - 1:30pm

Next week's diary - 9th June 2025:

Day:	The School Day:	After School clubs:	Lunch Menu (week 3)
Monday		Infant lego Cross country Dance club Junior football	Bean burger in a bun & new potatoes Creamy curry & rice Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Tuesday	Y6 leavers service at the cathedral	Infant football	Green Thai chicken curry & rice Vegan bolognaise Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna NEW: Baguette & Ham /Cheese /Tuna
Wednesday	PGL leaving	Computing Netball Infant athletics Card & board games cancelled	Roast gammon & roast potatoes Roast quorn & roast potatoes Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Thursday	•YR trip to Cotswold wildlife park •NLL stay and play in village hall	Junior athletics Craft & prop making Gardening Craft & colouring cancelled	Greek chicken pitta & rice & Tzatziki Vegan meatballs & rice Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna NEW: Baguette & Ham /Cheese /Tuna
Friday	•EYFS/KS1 Father's day celebration 9:30-10:30 •No sharing assembly due to PGL and a planned electricity outage •PGL returning		Battered fish & chips Spinach and cheese whirl & chips Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna

Dads/Male role models of EYFS
and KS1 children, you're welcome
to our Fathers Day morning

Friday 13th June
9:30-10:30

Father's
Day





NORTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our vision is for all our children to shine like STARS

"Those who are wise will shine like the sky and those who lead others to goodness will shine like the stars forever" Daniel 12:3

Strive

Think

Act

Respect

NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL INVITES
YOU TO OUR...

NORTON COMMUNITY SUMMER BONANZA



FRIDAY 20TH ON THE PLAYING
JUNE FIELD

3:30 PM FOR FAMILY FUN
6:30PM FOR ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS
AND MORE!

FREE ENTRY

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS FUNDS FOR
SCHOOL RESOURCES.



Events

Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Bar, Tea and Coffee, Live Music, Ice Creams, Tombola, Five A side Football, Nerf Gun Range, Raffle, Tug Of War, Parents vs Rugby Club Touch Rugby and Much More!

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Norton Primary School Summer Bonanza



Art competition

Enter your artwork into either or both of the following categories:

"My Summer Dream"

Show what your perfect summer would look like.

"Under the Sea"

What would you see if you went under the sea?

Unleash your creativity and use any medium you want to...

. Paint, collage, chalk, 3D, whatever you like!

To enter, please bring your artwork and a £1 entrance fee to school on Tuesday 17th June. All creations will be displayed at the Summer Bonanza and winners will be chosen at 17:30.





PTA NEWS





Local benefice news



WORSHIP GATHERINGS ~ *benefice-wide and open to all*

Tues 3 rd June	9.00 am	Morning Prayer at Staverton Church Psalm 99, OT Deuteronomy 31: 14-29, NT 1 John 3: 1-10
Sun 8 th June	9.30 am	Holy Communion in Staverton Church
Pentecost	10.00 am	Sunday Family Group in Sandhurst Village Hall
	4.00 pm	Evening Worship in Norton Church
	6.00 pm	Evening Worship in Down Hatherley Church
Fri 13 th June	7.00 pm	Prayer Gathering in Norton Church (Psalm 29)
Sun 15 th June	9.00 am	Traditional Communion at Sandhurst Church
	10.30 am	Family Communion at The Leigh Church
	4.00 pm	Evening Worship at Staverton Church
Fri 20 th June	6.00 pm	24 hours of prayer

Rev Joe and family will be away from Friday 6th June to Monday 16th June (inclusive).



BENEFICE REPAIR CAFÉ

Are you a carpenter, an IT wizz, an electronics expert, bicycle repairer, good with a sewing machine or an all-round fixer of things?! If so, we'd love to hear from you!

Please join us for a meeting at Norton Church on **Monday 16th June** at 7.30 pm to talk about taking this initiative forward. (No obligation to be involved). If you can call/text Simon 07774 803177 or email simontrapnell@posteo.uk in advance it would help, but if you can't, just come! You'd be most welcome.

From making new connections to helping us value and build each other's skills, from saving waste to reducing our consumption of new stuff, this is a really positive thing to do, helping us value what we have. So, let's repair for the planet, for people, for the joy of it and for the community!



GLOUCESTER FOODBANK



Donations will be collected from church porches, Nature in Art and Co-op shop at Twigworth Green on **Wednesdays 11th & 25th June**. Please leave donations by 1 pm. Thank you for your continuing support.



MORE TEA, VICAR?

Every Thursday you can find a member of the clergy enjoying a cup of tea in the café in Nature in Art between 10 am and 12 pm. You are very welcome to come by for a chat – whether you've got big questions or just want to share a simple 'hello'.



THE LEIGH VILLAGE FETE

This year's village fete takes place on **Saturday 7th June** between 12 noon and 3 pm at the church. Alongside the usual stalls, Cheltenham Community Choir will be providing entertainment and there will be a Companion Dog Show.

Apply online for free school meals



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/

You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and **save yourself up to £480 per year**. Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child's school is entitled to extra funding. So even if you don't want your child to take a free meal, you should still apply to make sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled - helping them provide your child with the best education and support.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receiving an Universal Infant Free School Meal arranged by their school will still have to apply to enable their school to get any extra funding. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, speak to your child's school.

For further information, including a list of qualifying benefits, visit our website or speak to your child's school today.

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Good morning!

We know it can be difficult to find affordable, healthy, recipes that everyone in the family will eat! Our expert team are here to help.

We are Beezee Families, and our family nutritionists deliver FREE healthy lifestyles programmes to hundreds of families across Gloucestershire.

This is Parent Mail. It's a FREE resource (attached to this email) that we'll share with you twice a term to tackle the biggest challenges face in making healthy choices. Please share the attachment with parents via email / regular newsletters and on social media.

We also have FREE healthy lifestyle programmes to support families to build healthy habits around food and physical activity. You can attend in-person or online. [Visit our website for more details.](#)

If you have any questions, we'd love to hear from you.

Healthy wishes,
Hannah

Need a cheap healthy recipe to make this weekend?

At Beezee Families, we work with hundreds of families who want to eat healthier, but struggle with time AND finding something everyone will eat. Sounds familiar?

Check out our healthy pizza below for a taste of our recipe selection!



Ingredients:

- 1x8 inch tortilla wrap (or you can use pitta bread)
- Tomato passata
- 30g grated light mozzarella or cheddar

Toppings of your choice, such as:

- Peppers
- Ham
- Mushrooms
- Spinach
- Sweetcorn
- Tomatoes
- Pineapple



Method

- Place tortilla/pitta bread on a plate and spread tomato passata over it
- Add your chosen toppings
- Sprinkle with the grated cheese
- Microwave on high until the cheese is just melted (45 seconds), or place in a pre-heated oven at 200/gas mark 6 for 5-10 minutes
- Leave to cool for a few minutes and then enjoy!

Want more help with recipes?

We run FREE healthy lifestyle programmes to help families like yours make healthy habits, and have fun while doing so! Secure your spot today

But courses are for families with children aged 4+ and above their ideal weight.

Scan the code

...or click here to find out more

Sign up today!



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*Free CONNECT TO CATERING

Looking for a job that will fit around school times and school holidays?
Or do you need a foot in the door within the catering industry?

Why not join our employer approved course where you can find out more about the many opportunities in the sector, receive industry training and gain a GUARANTEED interview with Caterlink (Jobs starting in September).

If successful you will work as part of the catering team performing a variety of food production tasks, including preparing food and snacks and ensuring the kitchen and restaurant areas are clean and tidy.

Key benefits include:

- Pay: £12:21 per hour
- Work-life balance - term time only - no weekends
- Company pension
- Store discount
- Full training and development opportunities

COURSE DETAILS:



MONDAY 2ND, TUESDAY 3RD & WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE AND MONDAY 9TH, TUESDAY 10TH & WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2025



10:00AM - 1:00PM



CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRE,
THE OLD SCHOOL, 47 LEWIS LANE,
CIRENCESTER, GL7 1EB



TO BOOK A PLACE, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE PHONE NASRIN ON 07771 674411 OR EMAIL
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You will learn:

- Food safety
- Nutrition
- Awareness of medical diets
- Manual handling
- Safeguarding
- First aid basics
- Improve English, maths & ICT
- Generating your own CV
- Interview skills, including a mock interview

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COURSE DETAILS:



MONDAY 30TH JUNE, TUESDAY 1ST & WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY AND MONDAY 7TH, TUESDAY 8TH & WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY 2025



12:00PM - 3:00PM



HESTERS WAY CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRE,
DILL AVENUE, CHELTENHAM, GL51 0ES



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PEAK DAY

SATURDAY
5th July 10am - 4pm!

Petting Zoo • Forest School
Bouncy Castles • SEN Disco
Football Fun • Trampolining
Food • Stalls • Raffle
...and much more!

📍 Huntsgrove Primary School,
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£2.50
Entry Per Person
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16 Free

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GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES

£14
PER DAY

AGE RANGE
6-13

27 & 29
MAY

9AM-3PM



ALL ABILITIES WELCOME TO ATTEND (BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED)

TUESDAY 27TH MAY
ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHELTENHAM

THURSDAY 29TH MAY
ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHELTENHAM

Cheltenham Town
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MAY HALF TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES

£14
PER DAY

AGE RANGE
5-12

27-30TH
MAY

9AM-3PM



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May Half Term Holiday Courses - Tewkesbury Academy Sports Centre



May Half Term- Holiday Courses

Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th May

8th May 2025

Dear Families

We are running Multi Activity throughout May half term.

The courses run from 9am to 4pm but we are open from 8.30am onwards. All children are required to be collected at 4pm.

Please be aware that we are unable to accept any children under the age of 5 years on our courses.

<https://bookwhen.com/may-half-term-courses>

We look forward to welcoming your child to our holiday courses.

With regards

Tewkesbury Academy Sports Centre

MULTI ACTIVITY



Multi Activity is a fun packed day with lots of different fun activities from tennis to swimming and 50 up!

Multi Activity includes swimming, so please pack your children's swimming kit.

Multi Activity: Tuesday - Friday

Registration and Information:

Registration is at the Sports Centre main reception.

You may cancel your course up to 14 days before the course begins and request to receive a full refund. If a cancellation is made less than 14 days before you will receive a credit to reschedule your course at a later date.

In the event of a course not being viable to run, we will contact you and offer you an alternative date.

We are accepting childcare vouchers.

Information and Reminders:

All children require a packed lunch and refillable drinks bottle

- Suitable and weather appropriate clothing for the course
- Multi Activity: includes swimming, so please pack your children's swimming kit
- Any medication or inhalers

Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones will not be permitted to be used at break or lunchtime. We want all children to enjoy their day and to make new friends.



We encourage mobile phones to be left at home. If phones are brought on site, they will remain in your child's bag. Tewkesbury School Sports Centre will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage.

If you urgently need to contact your child, please ring the school office on 01684 292152 and they will contact the Sports Centre Duty Manager.