

Weekly Newsletter – 17th January 2025

A message from Mrs Farren...

If your child is in years 4, 5 or 6, you will be aware that each class is having violin lessons for 10 weeks in school. Please check out your child's class Dojo page as this gives you information about this tuition and about how you can hire a violin which your child can take home.

We are looking forward to our Norton Bonanza on **20th June!** This will include sports day (starting at 1.30pm) followed by community social events (including tug of war, a bar and children's activities).

On **28th February** we are holding a meeting for ALL parents carers straight after school. We have a digital intelligence officer coming to talk about how to keep your children safe online!

Whilst this is happening, and to support your attendance, there will be a film on in a separate classroom for children. Refreshments will also be provided by the PTA. There will be a lot of important information, please attend if you are able to. Let's keep our children safe online!

We have received this from the shoe box appeal. Huge thanks to everyone who provided a shoe box:

Good morning

I am contacting you to let you know the outcome of the shoebox appeal in 2024. The final number of boxes collected around the UK and sent to Eastern Europe is 60,005. I'm sure that you will agree with me that this is a magnificent result, and I wish to thank you, on behalf of T4U, for the contribution you made to this total. You have brought much joy and happiness to many children and families in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, Bosnia, Georgia and Belarus.

I look forward to contacting you again next year..

Best wishes

Mary Jones

Please ensure that you have completed a before and after school club form in advance of your child attending. We have had a lot of children attending these clubs without being booked in and this makes staffing difficult. Thank you.

Have a great weekend.
Mrs Farren and Team Norton

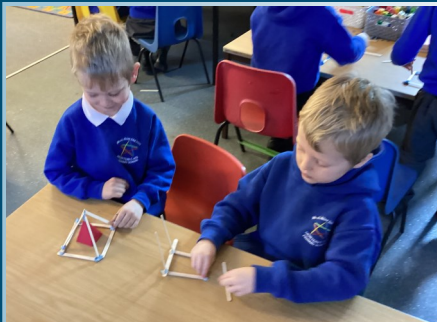
Class News – 17th January 2025

This week in **Little Leaners** started the 'My Happy Mind' programme designed to support the development of good mental habits, resilience and self esteem. We listened to a short story and met two characters - Bertie and Betty. We talked about how if we keep practicing then our brains will grow and things get a little easier. It's fantastic to hear the children talking about their brains during play!

During phonics we have been super listeners, and we went outside to see what we could hear and played listening games. At this stage the focus is primarily on developing speaking and listening skills.

We have also been practicing our cutting skills, as we made magic wands and ice creams!

We have had a very productive week in **Reception** Class and we are fully back in the swing of the class routine after the Christmas break! In Maths this week have been building on our knowledge of one more/less and then using this to help work out the missing number in a sequence. We have also been developing our understanding of the composition of 5. Fantastic Mathematicians!



This week the **Year 1** children have been learning the names and properties of 3D Shapes. The children worked hard in pairs to create their own 3D shapes.

In **Year 2** we have been reading our class text 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We have started to describe the characters and used evidence from the text to do this. In 'My Happy Mind' we have learnt about the parts of our brain and what they do. In Art we have started to explore different collage techniques.

This week in **Year 3** we have planned and started writing our own version of the "Momotaro" story. The children are working very hard to make sure it sounds like a traditional fairy tale, and are doing a great job on it! In French, we learnt the names of a few more animals: monkey, sheep, cow, duck and mouse. In computing, we constructed a branching database using yes/no questions on paper and in PSHE, we started our new "My Happy Mind" scheme of work, learning about the different parts of our brain.

In **Year 4** this week we have started learning the formal written method for multiplication. We have used our knowledge of times tables to solve related facts, for example I know $3 \times 4 = 12$, so $30 \times 4 = 120$, $300 \times 4 = 1,200$. In science, we have grouped animals based on their characteristics and played a game of 'who am I' using yes or no questions.

This week **Year 5** have learned how to pluck a violin and are looking forward to using a bow next week. We also have been learning how to multiply a 2 digit number by a 2 digit number and have been showing excellent resilience and determination.

This week, within geography, **Year 6** have started to learn about plastic and the environment. We discussed how brilliant plastic is as a material and then compared that with how detrimental it is to our health.



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.





CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK!

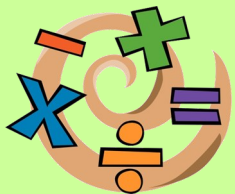
Do you know what our Christian value is this term?

PEACE

Why don't you have a go at writing a story/
poem/song/rap all about peace!

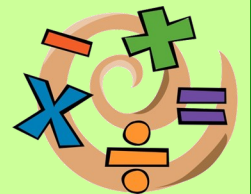
Think about the skills you've learnt in your lessons (like English or music) to help you write something.

We'd love to display anything you write on the window by the office!



Maths challenge of the week!

Lets get cooking!



Can you make a pizza that is symmetrical? So if you cut it in half, each half would look identical?

What you'll need for this challenge:

Measuring skills - symmetry skills - fraction skills - cutting skills - eating skills!

Also think about how many sections you'd need to cut your pizza into for everyone in your house to have a slice each - what's that as a fraction?

- you must ask an adult to help you with this challenge!
- you don't have to make your own pizza dough if that seems tricky, why not use a tortilla wrap as your base, or find a pre-made base at your local supermarket!

Important question: does pineapple belong on a pizza?



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!

Teacher led clubs

There are still some places to join teacher led clubs, sign up at the office!

Spaces left in clubs:

[Board games - 6] [Dance - 3] [Infant football - 6] [Arithmetic - 5] [Craft - 1]
[Junior football (years3/4) - 5] [Junior football (years5/6) - 3] [Lego - FULL]
[Infant games with no names - 5] [Junior games with no names - 4]
[Parables - 11] [Craft and Colouring - FULL] [Gardening - 5]

Junior football - due to the high demand of places for this club, it is being split into years 3/4 before half term and year 5/6 after half term.



Dates for your diary for spring term:

- Monday 20th January - new teacher led clubs starting (*dance club starts on the 27th.*)
- Tuesday 28th January - school Christingle service with Reverend Joe
- 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 - 20th January 2025:

Day:	The School Day:	After School:	Time:	Lunch Menu (week 1)
Monday		Board games Cross country Infant football Dance Club will start	3:30 - 4:00 3:30 - 4:15 3:30 - 4:15 next week	Tomato pasta Mexican fajitas with rice Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Tuesday		Parables Junior football	3:30 - 4:15 3:30 - 4:15	Sausages with mash Creamy curry with rice Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese
Wednesday		Lego Infant games with no names	3:30 - 4:00 3:30 - 4:15	Roast chicken Vegetable roast Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Thursday		Junior games with no names Arithmetic Craft and colouring Craft Gardening	3:30 - 4:15 3:30 - 4:00 3:30 - 4:00 3:30 - 4:15 3:30 - 4:15	Beef pasta bake Baked bean hot pot Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Friday	Sharing assembly 2:45			Fish fingers Mexican bean roll 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

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Sandhurst Church, 11am

First Sunday of the month for all ages

Feb 2nd ~ Café Church
Coffee, cake, community

March 2nd ~ 'Explore'
Songs and creative activities

April 6th ~ Informal
Stories, inspiration & song



Supporting Gloucester FoodBank.

If you're able to help support the local foodbank, the next collection will be:
Wednesday 22nd January.

Please leave your donations in any of the church porches. They will be collected between 1 and 2 pm and taken to the FoodBank.

Churches in our benefice: Sandhurst, Norton, The Leigh, Down Hatherley, Staverton, Boddington.

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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 27th 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 25th March
12.30-2.30pm
5-11years

Gardner's Lane Children & Family Centre,
Gardners Lane,
Cheltenham.
GL51 9JW

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T: 01242 252185 E: gardnerslane@aspirefoundation.org.uk W: aspirefoundation.org.uk

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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
01684 276361

Gardners Lane Children and Family Centre, Gardners Lane, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL51 9JW
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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

Brockworth Children and Family Centre, Moorfield Road, Brockworth, Gloucester, Gloucestershire GL3 4JL
 T: 01452 863617 E: brockworth@aspirefoundation.org.uk W: aspirefoundation.org.uk
 Company Reg. No: 08460624



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

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



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



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

Noah's Ark Children and Family Centre, York Road, Priors Park, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire GL20 5HU

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Tewkesbury Abbey and Aspire Stay & Play



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Bookings required

www.neurothrive.org.uk



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Please speak to any children centre staff regarding the referral form.



Gloucestershire Parent & Carer Forum

Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

Development Checks

Attend Health Visitor routine development

Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

Perinatal Pelvic Health Team

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

Step Into Work Drop In



Are you a parent/carers of children 0-11 wanting to find out about getting back into work? Join the Job centre team to find out about the range of support, training and job opportunities that will help you step back into work.



Sunday

Dad Matters Toddler

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/carers 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



Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

Baby Hub Stay & Weigh

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 alternate weeks to offer support and advice around parenting and raising your family.

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

Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

ADHD Parent Peer Support Group

ADHD Hub Gloucestershire

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