

Weekly Newsletter – 28th February 2025

A message from Mrs Farren...



Story Scene Competiton

Well done to everyone who has already completed their story boxes. This is Noah Light's box which is based on the story Jack and the beanstalk!

Forgiveness

Our Christian value this term is forgiveness. During our Monday worship this week, we compared holding onto anger (or not forgiving) like being weighed down. Negativity makes you feel heavy.

Jesus taught us about the importance of forgiveness in The parable of the Unforgiving Servant:

Jesus' friend Peter came up to him one day and asked him a question:

'If someone does something wrong, something that upsets me, and keeps on doing these wrong things, how many times should I forgive him? Should I forgive them as many as seven times?'

Jesus looked Peter in the eye, shook his head gently and replied:

'No, not seven times – you should forgive them seventy times seven times!'

Our thought of the week to discuss is, 'forgiveness isn't something you do for other people; it is something you do for yourself.'

Do you think this is true, sometimes true or not true?

Have a great weekend.
Mrs Farren and Team Norton

Class News – 28th February 2025

This week the **Little Leaners** have been exploring shapes. We created shapes with lego and through crafts such as cutting and printing. We were artists as we produced beautiful snails based on Henry Matisse's art and completed some pictures based on the work by Wassily Kandinsky. We have also been learning some new shape songs.

We have had a fantastic first week back in **Reception!** We have started our Once Upon a Time topic and have had a great time learning about the story of Little Red Riding Hood. In DT this week we have designed sock puppets inspired by our favourite Fairytale characters. It has been great to see the children's ideas and we are looking forward to making these in the next two weeks!



In Science this week, **Year 1** spoke about the changes in seasons and what signs of spring we've been noticing. The children shared stories of when they'd seen blossom growing on the trees, daffodils, the evenings getting lighter and they were excited about the thought of baby animals being born soon.

In **Year 2** we have been looking at non-chronological reports and their features. In History, we have been learning about how castles have changed in the way they were built over the centuries and the reasons for this. We have learnt to say different colours in French.

This week in **Year 3** we have continued our work with fractions, learning about making a whole using fractions and ordering fractions with the same numerator or same denominator. In our English we have been planning our own version of the wolves in the walls and working on our use of inverted commas for speech. In science we started a new unit - light. We discussed what is an is not a light source and we looked at artificial and natural sources of light. In Geography, we continued our understanding of the tectonic plates by looking at how they cause earthquakes and the effect earthquakes can have. Please remember to keep reading at home everyday and filling in the reading records, even if it just a couple of pages, every little bit helps!

This week in **Year 4** we have looked at different features of poetry, such as personification and similes. In science, we used classification keys to identify different plants as well as had a go at making our own classification keys. In geography, we have created fact files or posters about the Amazon rainforest. We included the location of the Amazon as well as some key facts. Did you know that the Amazon is home to 40,000 plant species!

This week **Year 5** have been discussing the challenging question: 'Is it okay to kill in times of war?'. Perhaps you could discuss this as a family and see where your thoughts lie, we love a good discussion!

This week, **Year 6** have been learning about statistics. We have been interpreting data and representing information by creating bar charts and pie charts. We have discussed how statistics are used in everyday life.

Deadline for PGL payment is 5th April

Less Screen Time Celebrations!

We hope you all had a great half term and managed to spend quality time together, being creative and enjoying the beautiful outside! We would love to hear what you got up to!

Spending too much time on screens (such as phones, gaming devices and I pads) limits our interactions with our friends and family. It limits our creativity; it limits our movement. We are designed to be active and we are designed to communicate with others. We are designed to solve problems and not to have everything immediately at the push of a button.

This week we want to celebrate:

- Thomas had great fun at forest camp during the half term break where he learnt new skills such as woodwork.
- William spent half term doing different sports (rugby, football and baseball) to keep him away from the iPad!



- Over the holidays we had Savannah up to William feed the pet lambs!





Head teacher's worship challenge!



New Term = New challenge!!!

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

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

Entry deadline is Wednesday 9th April

Please hand any entries in to the school office.

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

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





ART CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK!

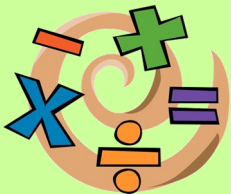
This week in preparation for next week when it's shrove Tuesday (also known as pancake day) followed by Ash Wednesday (the start of lent) we would like you to design your ultimate pancake! You can choose any toppings you like... it's your dream one!

What toppings would you include? Would they be thick or thin pancakes? Big or small? Can you make the toppings into a pattern or create a face with them?

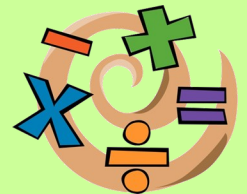
How will you create this design:

Pencil and crayons? - Collage? - Paints? - A 3D design using recycling?

The possibilities are endless...



Maths challenge of the week!



Make your pancake!

(Just make sure you brush your teeth after if you got ambitious with the unhealthy toppings - maybe swap some out for fruit instead!)

Ask your parents for a budget to spend in the shops to create your design above and can you stick to your budget?



You will need to:

- ♦ Find a recipe and work out the costs of all the ingredients you need
- ♦ Buy your ingredients at a shop, can you stick to the budget?
- ♦ Measure out and create your pancakes (ask an adult to help with cooking)
- ♦ Serve some up to your family and ask for feedback on taste and presentation (what score do you get out of 10?)
- ♦ Try them yourself - how did you do?



World book day Thursday 6th March

At home, use your imagination to create a story scene from a book of your choice. These will be displayed in our World Book Day assembly. Prizes will be given to the most

Story Scene Competition



Author visit!

We're excited to announce that B. Ware will be visiting on Tuesday 11th March with...
WARNING: May Contain Dragons! – her second children's book (suitable for all ages).

The book itself isn't due to be published until 25th March, but if parents wish to, they can pre-order a copy via linktr.ee/bwareauthor and their child can collect a free signed bookplate from B. Ware on the day (it's currently on offer on Amazon for £8.15)

B. Ware will also be taking pre-orders for signed copies at the retail price of £8.99 (via cash or card payments) at the end of the school day. Simply send your child in with cash in an envelope on the day (change will be available), or pop by the stall in the playground at home time. (All signed copies purchased on the day will be signed by B. Ware and then left at the school to be distributed to pupils on publication day - 25th March.)

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PUBLISHERS

B. WARE - AUTHOR VISIT

**WARNING:
MAY CONTAIN DRAGONS**



wordsofwarning.com

Important information:

Parent consultations

Please contact your class teacher or the office to arrange an appointment.

Parentpay debts



Check your **ParentPay** account and settle any outstanding payments.

Booking before and after school club

Remember to complete and return your B&A booking form (term 4)

We're at risk of cancelling all trips...

Although trips are an educational activity and therefore a voluntary contribution is all we ask for - due to such a high number of payments not being given for these we are in considerable deficit in trip funding as a whole school. This puts us at risk of cancelling future trips if we don't collect sufficient contributions moving forward. Please consider paying for class trips if you're able to. Thank you

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! Any unnamed uniform in lost property at the end of term will be disposed of.



Dates for your diary for spring term:

Wednesday 5th March	- Boys away game football match.
Thursday 6th March	- World book day assembly 2.30pm. All welcome!
Tuesday 11th March	- B. Ware author visit
Tuesday 18th March	- Parent Consultation - 3:45-6:30pm
Thursday 20th March	- Parent Consultation - 3:45-6:30pm
Friday 21st March	- Red Nose Day
Thursday 27th March	- YR + Y1 mothers day open afternoon
Thursday 3rd April	- Y4 + Y5 Tewkesbury museum trip
Wednesday 9th April	- Whole school 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 - 3rd March 2025:

Day:	The School Day:	After School:	Time:	Lunch Menu (week 3)
Monday		<u>Board games</u> <u>Cross country</u> <u>Infant football</u> <u>Dance</u>	<u>3:30 - 4:00</u> <u>3:30 - 4:15</u> <u>Cancelled *</u> <u>3:30 - 4:15</u>	Macaroni cheese Vegan plant balls in tomato sauce Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Tuesday 		<u>Junior football</u>	<u>Cancelled *</u>	Cowboy casserole Cheese and tomato pizza Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese
Wednesday	Boys football match - away game after school	<u>Lego</u> <u>Infant games with no names</u>	<u>3:30 - 4:00</u> <u>Cancelled *</u>	Roast Turkey Vegan quorn Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Thursday	World book day assembly 2:30pm	<u>Junior games with no names</u> <u>Arithmetic</u> <u>Craft and colouring</u> <u>Craft</u> <u>Gardening</u>	<u>Cancelled *</u> <u>3:30 - 4:00</u> <u>3:30 - 4:00</u> <u>3:30 - 4:15</u> <u>3:30 - 4:15</u>	Spaghetti bolognaise Chinese vegetable curry Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Friday	Sharing assembly cancelled due to world book day assembly on Thursday.			Breaded fish Cheese and red pepper frittata Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese /Tuna
* Due to a family emergency, Mr Spencer's clubs have been cancelled. Thank you for your understanding.				



PTA NEWS



**Silent disco pending...
watch this space for
information on date,
time and tickets!**





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

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**JUNIOR
BAKE OFF**

JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES
9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING
SERIES!

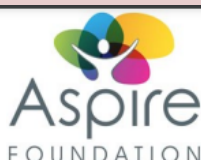
APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

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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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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,
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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
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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

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

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Perinatal Pelvic Health Team

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



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



Baby Hub Stay & Weigh

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Development Checks

Attend Health Visitor routine development



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