



Heart of the Forest Community Special School Newsletter

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Mission

Engage, Enrich and Inspire, together for now and the future

Vision

Create relevant opportunities to build skills and knowledge through an aspirational and personalised curriculum, inspiring meaningful experiences and connections with the wider world

School Value:

- Heard**
- Empowered**
- Achieving**
- Respected**
- Trusted**
- Safe**



Star of The Week goes to:

| Class | Child | Reason |
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| Little Apples | Alice | For good use of language and manners this week |
| Chestnuts | Amelia | For working really hard in swimming and turning her behaviour around to make good choices – keep it up |
| Maple | Betsy | For mature and responsible behaviour all week. Well done! |
| Cherry | Lucas | For some lovely interactions with staff and in your music session this week |
| Willow | Jake | For making good choices and encouraging his peers to also make good choices. Jake has been working really hard to complete all of his work this week. Well done Jake! |
| Hazel | Harrison | For coping well with some big changes this week |
| Osprey | Ruben | For demonstrating excellent communication and being involved in all activities during every lesson this week. Well done Ruben, we are so proud of you! |
| Osprey | Coby | For being amazing while he had his injection this week and for coping brilliantly well afterwards – well done Coby, we are so proud of you! |
| Peregrine | Harry | For brilliant engagement in Science this week! |
| Caracara | Rhys | For amazing engagement in geography this week. Great effort to locate the northern hemisphere on a map and locate its countries |
| Hobby | Fern | Well done Fern, you had a brilliant music session on Wednesday, vocalising into the microphone, initiating and persisting throughout the session |
| Goshawk | Kane | For amazing Maths and English work this week – well done |
| Kestrel | Toby | For working hard using a hockey stick to propel the Kurling stone towards the target, tracking it all the way till it stopped |

Polite Reminder to parents

If you arrive at the school gates after 9am or 3pm please do not pull up in front of the gates, please could you pull into one of our laybys and await all traffic to exit the school grounds.

Thank you. 😊



Key dates for your diary:

7th March – World Book Day

8th March - International Women's day

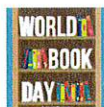
15th March - Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Friday 22nd March - term ends for Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April - return to school

Friday 24th May - Pied Piper Appeal Pyjama Day

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March



We are looking forward to celebrating World Book day with the children on Thursday 7th March.

We are inviting children to bring in their favourite teddy bear and book to share with their teacher and friends in their class. There will be lots of Reading for Pleasure to take part throughout the day



Half term Class Attendance 26th to 1st March 2024

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|---------------|---------|
| Little Apples | 88.33% |
| Chestnuts | 90.00% |
| Maple | 84.17% |
| Willow | 88.33% |
| Hazel | 100.00% |
| Cherry | 95.71% |
| Hobby | 97.50% |
| Buzzard | 95.00% |
| Osprey | 88.57% |
| Caracara | 85.83% |
| Kestrel | 83.00% |
| Goshawk | 86.25% |
| Peregrine | 86.00% |



Congratulations to **Hazel** with **100.00%** you are this weeks attendance winners!!



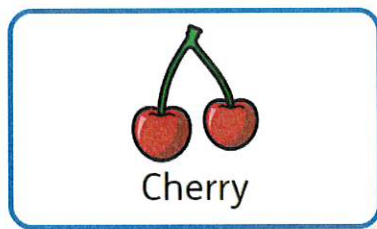
Family Liaison Workers

Reminder to our families we are available at school daily our email addresses are at the top of the newsletter. We also have a 'drop-in session' each week on a Wednesday between 9-10:30am in the Conference room within school tea/coffee will be available.

Please see the link below for Gloucestershire family information service they have updated their SEND local offer for families. There are some useful links within their page.

<https://www.glofamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glofamilies/family.page?familychannel=2>

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Everyone in Cherry class have been working hard on their physical skills this term; whether that be their physiotherapy programmes, in the hydrotherapy pool, on the trampoline for Rebound Therapy or balancing, rolling and stretching. During the whole school's maths challenge we enjoyed a game of Boccia and were the highest scorers across the school!



In Maths, we have been learning about time to the hour, half an hour, 5 minutes and 1 minute. This has been a really tricky concept but the children are beginning to understand the concept of time. Next we will be moving onto height and length. In English we have been exploring persuasive writing, they will eventually be writing a newspaper article about Hogarth and his friend The Iron Giant, from the story by Ted Hughes.

The pupils have really begun to explore our Podcast theme in our Personal development sessions, the highlight so far was a visit and workshops with a camera Assistant, Liam Morgan, who has worked on some amazing filming projects like Venom, Let there be carnage and Call the Midwife. Our first Podcast is scheduled to go out in the Summer Term.

This terms PE focusses on Street Dance and the pupils are learning the basic steps to put together their own routine.

FOD FRINGE 24

...A Forest-grown Arts Festival.

THROUGHOUT MARCH 2024

You're invited to enjoy a range of free and low cost events by local and national artists and performers across the Forest of Dean.

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...AND MORE!

See our website for more details:
www.wyldwoodarts.co.uk

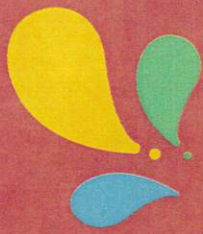
or, scan here!



#FODFRINGE24



We want to make the Fringe as welcoming and inclusive as possible. Accessibility information at the Fringe events will be available at www.wyldwoodarts.co.uk and in the FOD Fringe 24 brochure. For specific access questions/needs get in touch sarah@wyldwoodarts.co.uk or call 07598 854887



THE FARMER & THE CLOWN



...presented by Flibbertigibbet Theatre.

You're invited to a family friendly performance of 'The Farmer and The Clown', a story of an unexpected friendship told through music, dance and comedy.



Free event with donations accepted, book ahead or turn up on the day.

This is a non verbal show so is particularly suitable for deaf audiences and speakers of other languages.

Both events are in town centre locations so there is a range of parking and public transport nearby.

Accessible parking spaces at both venues. Coleford performance is upstairs but a lift is available.

**Wednesday 20th March
4-5pm**

**VENUE:
The Main Place, Old Station
Way, COLEFORD GL16 8RH**



**Scan the event
code to reserve
your FREE space or
book via our
website!**

**Supported by Coleford
Town Council**

**Thursday 21st March
4-5pm**

**VENUE:
The Wesley, 7 Belle Vue Rd,
CINDERFORD GL14 2AA**



WYLDWOOD

ARTS

Join us at our Spring Fayre

Saturday 23 March

10am–5pm

Leckhampton Court Hospice grounds

BBQ, pop-up bar and tasty treats

Live music and entertainment

Leckhampton Court Tea Rooms

Lots of family friendly activities

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For more information

visit: sueryder.org/springfayre

email: leckhampton.fundraising@sueryder.org

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for children
under 12



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Information for Families

All parents, carers and young people can make use of this section. Here you will find a wide range of resources, information, advice and guidance on issues affecting family life.

- **Early Help** – access to a range of services that can offer support and advice to children, families and practitioner as soon as difficulties begin to emerge.
- **Childcare** - Free to access details on Ofsted registered childcare providers, their contact details and funding information.
- **Things to do** - Upcoming events and ongoing local activities such as baby groups, sports clubs and school holiday play schemes.



Support for Families With SEND

Gloucestershire's Local Offer



If your child has special educational needs (SEN) or a disability, you can find out about the further support available using 'Support for Families with SEND'.

Part of the Glosfamilies directory, these webpages hold information about the support and services available for your child with additional needs in Gloucestershire.

The content is co-produced with parents and carers and aims to be accessible and inclusive for you and your family.

Give feedback by email: localoffer@gloucestershire.gov.uk

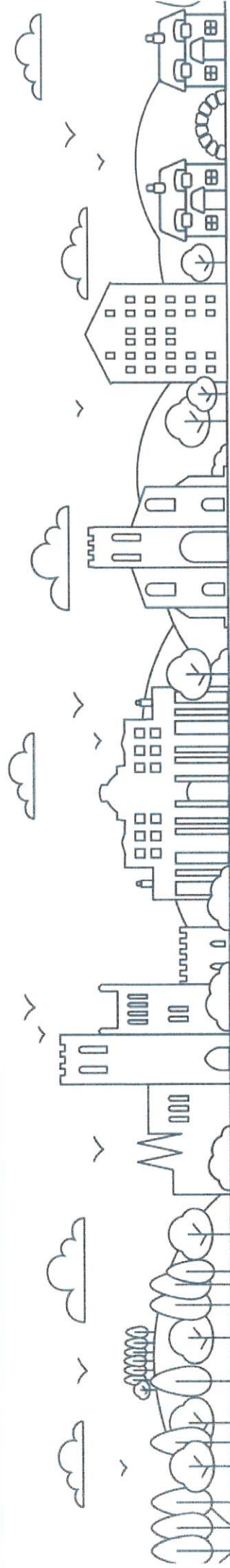


Future Me, also known as the Young People's Local Offer, puts together information for young people with additional needs about preparing for adulthood. Use this part of the directory to find out about:

- Support in your school or college
- Work and training
- Health, wellbeing and care
- Transport and things to do.

Future Me also helps 13-25 year-olds to share views and feedback about growing up in Gloucestershire.

Give feedback by email: futureme@gloucestershire.gov.uk





Information for Practitioners

This section has been designed to support work with children and families to ensure you and they have the most up to date information, resources and contacts.

Practitioners can also register and log in for centralised access to restricted service details and referral forms.



Parent Workshops and Practitioner Training

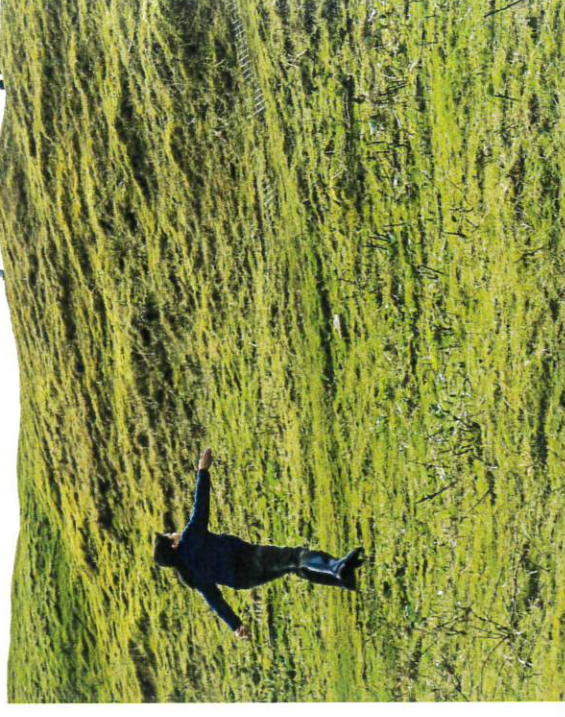
Parent/Carer - Free courses for parents and carers around the county such as 'You & Me, Mum', Webster Stratton, Solihull and Triple P courses

Practitioner - A range of multi-disciplinary training and workshops, including the Early Help Graduated Pathway, for practitioners working with children and families.

glosfamilies directory

Welcome to Glosfamilies, an online directory which brings together information, services, resources and things to do in Gloucestershire.

If you are a young person aged 0 - 19 years (or up to 25 with SEND), parent, prospective parent, carer, or work with children and families then read on to see what Gloucestershire has to offer you!



We welcome your feedback on services you've used and about the directory itself.

Get in touch with us by emailing:

familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Or phone: 01452 427362.



www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk

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2. How Schools Play a Part

Schools will be able to sign families up who receive free school meals, then inform the Community Connector and we will do the rest.

<https://gloucestershirecounty.co.uk/ordinate.cloud/account/register>

3. Community Connectors

Our Community Connectors are Sarah and Mel.

We offer additional elements of support and guidance around transport, signposting and referring to other agencies and community support.

BarnardosHAF@barnardos.org.uk

Telephone: 01594 806876.

HAF INFORMATION

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

Believe in
children
Barnardo's

4. How to book activities

- 🇬🇧 Get in touch with us

<https://gloucestershirecounty.coordinate.cloud/account/register>

- 🇬🇧 Come to one of our Children & Family Centres where staff can support at Hilltop, Latimer road, Cinderford, GL14 2QA or River, Naas Lane, Lydney, GL15 5AU

Sports Club Camps

5. What are the benefits of HAF

HAF providers offer a safe environment for vulnerable children to be:

- 🇬🇧 Fed
- 🇬🇧 Active
- 🇬🇧 Entertained
- 🇬🇧 Included
- 🇬🇧 Gain new experiences

Cookery

Cinema

Arts & Crafts

Family Fun
Engineering



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