



WEEKLY REMINDER: 8TH DECEMBER

Our Christian value this term is **Trust**.

DAY	WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
MONDAY 8th December	9am Music Lessons 4Front Theatre Christmas Show (AM) ASC Christmas Choir
TUESDAY 9th December	Sports Breakfast Club PE Morning - Children to wear uniform and change into PE kit. Pets as therapy
WEDNESDAY 10th December	Dodgeball- Children to wear uniform and change into PE kit. ASC Dance All ASC's finish at 4pm
THURSDAY 11th December	PM Nativity Dress Rehearsal- Please can any costumes from home be sent in for the rehearsal.
FRIDAY 12th December	PE Afternoon - Children to wear uniform and change into PE kit. ASC Sports

ADVANCED DIARY DATES	
15 th December	School Nativity (2PM & 6PM) - Village Hall
15 th December	Interim Reports
17 th December	Christmas Lunch
19 th December	9.00am Carol Service at North Cerney Church

ATTENDANCE

Attendance in school is key to our children's learning. Since the beginning of term there have been 196 morning or afternoon sessions missed. This is equivalent to 98 days of education. Please ensure that your child attends school. We have 43 children in school so the average per child is 2.27 days lost learning. For more information regarding Term Time absence, please visit our Pupil Attendance and Absence Policy on our website:

<https://www.northcerney.gloucs.sch.uk/web/attendance/664001>

We will update this announcement every week.

LETTERS SENT HOME OVER THE LAST WEEK

Sent to YR - Y6 - Nativity - 15th December.

Sent to YR - Y6 - After School Club Booking

Sent to YR - Y6 - Wednesday 10th December - Dodgeball

Sent to YR - Y6 - NCSA Raffle

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday and congratulations to Eve in Kingfisher class, who will celebrate their birthday on 6th December.

Happy Birthday and congratulations to Vienna in Wren class, who will celebrate their birthday on 8th December.

Happy Birthday and congratulations to Daniel in Kingfisher class, who will celebrate their birthday on 9th December

GIRL'S RUGBY

A Big Thank you to all those who were ready to go and represent North Cerney in the Girl's Rugby. Unfortunately, it was cancelled due to flooding, we hope it will be rescheduled.

VILLAGE HALL DECORATION

Pupils have been making baubles to decorate the village hall. Wren, Kingfisher and Owl have been working hard making these. They will be bringing them on the 11th When we have our Nativity dress rehearsal. They all look amazing; we definitely have some very talented pupils!



DGAT ADVENT CALENDER – THE GIFT OF GIVING

Mrs Livermore and our Pupils have made a short video with a message of goodwill. It was chance to spread a bit of joy and inspiration along the way. These videos have been made by schools in our Trust and have been added to an online Advent Calendar.

A Big well done to those that participated and a thanks you to Mrs Livermore for organising.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The lovely Mrs Buse has been working hard in the After School Club with the children to decorate our wonderful Christmas tree.



NCSA

This is now live so please vote!



The NCSA are delighted to have been accepted on the **Tesco charity scheme**. We will be one of three charities that can be voted for with the blue tokens in Cirencester big Tesco from the first week in October 2025 until mid-January 2026. We would encourage everyone to vote for us, as the winning charity receives £1500!

HOLIDAY FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHER SCHEME

We would like to make you aware of the holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families in Gloucestershire. We hope that you will be able to pass these messages on to families within your schools.

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the Winter holiday 2025 will be open from midday 25 November until midday on 9 December. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 15 December.

If parents have not received their vouchers by 22 December, please encourage them to submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#)

This Winter Holiday, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.**

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of **£15 per child for one week.**

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, those wishing to find out more about eligibility and the scheme can do so by visiting our holiday free school meal voucher webpage here: [Holiday free school meal vouchers | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for the Winter holiday vouchers - they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

Using vouchers - vouchers will only be awarded once the parent has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired, they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers not received should be queried via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) by the end of the holiday period.

EXTERNAL NOTICES

Brilliant Book Events Before Christmas at:

Octavia's Bookshop
24 Black Jack Street
Cirencester
GL7 2AA



Saturday 22nd November 11:30am- Storytime & Signing with Katy Birchall, author of A Dog Called Hero

Calling all animal lovers! Join author Katy Birchall to find out all about her new book, A Dog Called Hero, for 8-13 years. A cosy mystery story about the gorgeous bond between a girl and a former police dog. Join Katy for a reading from the book and to get signed copies of A Dog Called Hero. (No tickets needed)



Saturday 6th December from 11am- Helen Peters will be here for a book signing and reading of her new book A Reindeer Called Joy

We will be promoting her new book, a perfect Christmas book for 6-8 years, and many of her other brilliant books for 8-12 years. These include The Secret Hen House Theatre and the gripping WW2 adventure story, Friends and Traitors. (No tickets needed)



Saturday 13th December 11am- A book signing for The Girl Who Raced the World. A fantastic debut adventure story for 8-14 years and the perfect personalised present for Christmas. A really gorgeous looking gift book.

A page turning adventure, bringing Jules Verne's classic Around the World in Eighty Days to life for young readers with a thrilling new twist. (No tickets needed)



Could you be a Home-Start Volunteer?

Our trained volunteers are matched with a family that they support for 2-3 hours per week. During a visit a volunteer might provide an extra pair of hands in the home, help the family to get out and about, provide support with appointments or paperwork, declutter or help plan for the week ahead. No matter what they get involved with, they always provide a listening ear and compassionate support.

We are looking for new volunteers to join us who have parenting experience, time to spare each week and the desire to support a local family with young children. Our next FREE training course will run in Cirencester on Thursday mornings, 22nd January - 19th March, 9.30am - 1pm (term time only). If you'd like to find out more, we'd love to hear from you!



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Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools and Colleges

This qualification has been designed to provide learners with an understanding of the knowledge and skills needed when working directly with children and young people in school or college environments. It covers a wide range of areas including children and young people's development, supporting children and young people's positive behaviour and communication and professional relationships.

If you have considered a full or part time support role within a school or college, this course could be for you.

Day(s): Tuesday and Wednesday

Time: 09.30am - 14.00pm

Start Date: Tuesday 13th January End Date: Wednesday 25th March

Venue: UBC, Cirencester Office Pk, Tetbury Rd, Cirencester GL7 6JJ



You may be eligible for a fully funded place on this course. To find out more please contact us at: adult.education@cirencester.ac.uk or 01285 640994

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Are you ready for Winter HAF?



Winter HAF returns this winter holidays
with bookings open on 1 December

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Scan the QR code and keep your details up to date.
Visit <https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf>



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