



## WEEKLY REMINDER: 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

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

DAY	WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
<b>MONDAY</b> 15th December	9am Music Lessons School Nativity (2PM & 6PM) - Village Hall Interim Reports <b>No ASC Christmas Choir</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 16th December	Sports Breakfast Club <b>PE Morning - Children to wear uniform and change into PE kit.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 17th December	Christmas Lunch ASC Dance All ASCs finish at 4pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> 18th December	Cheltenham Festival - Christmas Workshop (Y2-Y6)
<b>FRIDAY</b> 19th December	9.00am Carol Service at North Cerney Church <b>PE Afternoon - Children to wear uniform and change into PE kit.</b> <b>No ASC Sports</b> <b>END OF TERM 2</b>

ADVANCED DIARY DATES	
5 <sup>th</sup> January	START OF TERM 3
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Yrs 3,4,5 & 6- Corinium Museum Visit
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Winter Olympics
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Cookery Day
5 <sup>th</sup> February	NCSA - Disco

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance in school is key to our children's learning. Since the beginning of term there have been 211 morning or afternoon sessions missed. This is equivalent to 105.5 days of education. Please ensure that your child attends school. We have 43 children in school so the average per child is 2.45 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 - After School Club Activities 2025/2026 Term 3 - Booking now open

Sent to YR - Y6 - Medication Policy

Sent to YR - Y6 - 15th December - Nativity

## BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday and congratulations to Poppy in Owl class, who will celebrate their birthday on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Happy Birthday and congratulations to Emilia in Kingfisher class, who will celebrate their birthday on 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## 4 FRONT THEATRE

KS2 visited the Baptist Church on 8<sup>th</sup> December to enjoy a pantomime put on by 4 Front Theatre.

Thank you so much to Sam Wilkinson for kindly paying for our coach so that the children could enjoy the show! Everyone had a lovely time.



## MUSIC

Kingfishers and Owls have been enjoying our new African instruments in music today. A huge thank you to the NCSA for helping us get these!



## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

In Outdoor Education we made good use of the last crisp leaves that we could forage. The children chose a mixture of leaves and made the most gorgeous leaf crowns. Very happy Kings and Queens.





## NCSA CHRISTMAS CARDS

Professionally printed cards featuring the pupils snowmen, across the front and back. Even features Mrs De Carles snowman! Last few remaining, now 50p a card, pack of 5 for £2.50. message [NCSA@northcerney.dgat.org.uk](mailto:NCSA@northcerney.dgat.org.uk)



## REMINDER- NCSA TESCO CHARITY SCHEME



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!

## COMMUNICATION FROM CIRENCESTER KINGSHILL SCHOOL

### Make a Difference – Join Our Board of Trustees

Cirencester Kingshill School is seeking an enthusiastic and committed individual to join our Board of Trustees on a voluntary basis. This is your chance to help shape the future of our students and ensure they receive the very best in education and well-being. As a Trustee, you will play a key role in guiding our vision and supporting our school community. This is a voluntary position, but the rewards are immeasurable – the opportunity to give back, influence positive change, and make a lasting impact on young lives. If you are passionate about education and want to make a real difference, we would love to hear from you.

For more details, click on the following link: [Trustee Vacancy](#). Closing date for applications: **9:00am on 19 December 2025**.

## 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.

## Are you ready for Winter HAF?



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

Make sure you're ready to book!  
Scan the QR code and keep your details up to date.  
Visit <https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf>



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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 maybe eligible for a fully funded place on this course. To find out more please contact us at: [adult.education@cirencester.ac.uk](mailto:adult.education@cirencester.ac.uk) or 01285 640994

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### 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> January - 19<sup>th</sup> 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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