



WEEKLY REMINDER: 17TH NOVEMBER

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

DAY	WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
MONDAY 17th November	9am Music Lessons ASC Christmas Choir
TUESDAY 18th November	Sports Breakfast Club PE Morning - Children to wear uniform and change into PE kit. Pets as therapy
WEDNESDAY 19th November	Coram Life education talks School Photographs (PM) ASC Dance All ASC's finish at 4pm
THURSDAY 20th November	Dodgeball Competition (3.45pm-5:15pm)
FRIDAY 21st November	PE Afternoon - Children to wear uniform and change into PE kit. Drumba Fit ASC Sports

ADVANCED DIARY DATES	
27 th November	School Nurse (Reception and Y6 - checks)
28 th November	Pyjama Day - Raising money for ASC
7 th December	NCSA Christmas Fete
8 th December	4Front Theatre Christmas Show (AM)
15 th December	School Nativity (PM)
17 th December	Christmas Lunch

ATTENDANCE

Attendance in school is key to our children's learning. Since the beginning of term there have been 142 morning or afternoon sessions missed. This is equivalent to 71 days of education. Please ensure that your child attends school. We have 43 children in school so the average per child is 1.65 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 Kingfisher class - Dodgeball 20th November

Sent to YR - Y6 Reminder - Tombola prizes and Non school Uniform day 13th November

Sent to YR - Y6 - Attendance H.E.R.O.

Sent to YR - Y6 - Reminder- Coats

Sent to YR - Y6 - Forest School

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday and congratulations to Sofia in Wren class, who will celebrate their birthday on 18th November.

Happy Birthday and congratulations to Ted in Owl class, who will celebrate their birthday on 20th November.

BE A SUPERHERO AND COME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY!



Be a superhero and come to school every day!

At North Cerney CE Primary Academy we encourage every pupil to be an attendance hero and be Here, Every day, Ready and On time.

If you miss school, you miss out.

Arrival at School



The school gates will open at 8.20 am for a 'soft start'. Your child should be in school by 8:30 am for the start of the school day.

The school gates will close at 8:30 am and if you arrive after 8:30 am you must enter the school via the school office. If your child comes into school after at 8:35 am onward, you will be asked to provide the reason.

If your child arrives between 8:35 am - 8:40 am they will be marked late.

If your child arrives after 8:45 am they will receive an unauthorised absence mark. Remember that persistent lateness can be legally counted as unauthorised absence.



Why it is important to attend school regularly?



School attendance is central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential. The government has set a target of 95% attendance for all pupils. This rate allows for periods of illness or particular circumstances when absence from school is unavoidable. We want your child to attend school regularly as this supports their learning. If your child is not well or if you have a planned reason why your child cannot attend school, please inform the school at the earliest opportunity.

Children of compulsory school age must, by law, receive a full-time education.

Each person with day-to-day parental responsibility could be taken to court and fined for each child who is not attending school regularly or who is persistently late.

The Education Act 1996 states that all pupils should attend school regularly and punctually. 'If a child of compulsory school age, who is a registered pupil at a school fails to attend regularly at the school, his parent is guilty of an offence.'

Some key attendance facts:

Attending 90% of the time or less will have a serious effect on learning.

One day's absence every two weeks will give 90% attendance.

Up to the age of 16, 90% attendance will mean losing over a year of school



Lateness



The school will contact families where children have failed to attend school in time for morning registration.



The school can authorise any absences in the following circumstances:

- Genuine illness
- Dental/medical appointments (these should be made out of school hours where possible)
- Close Family bereavement
- Recognised religious observance
- Examination



What is **NOT** acceptable?

- Caring for a parent or sibling
- Going shopping
- Day trips
- Birthdays
- Bad weather
- Family holidays will not be authorised

This is not a conclusive list.



Exceptional Circumstances

If you wish your child to be absent from school for any exceptional circumstances, please complete a request for absence form (also, available from the office) which will be reviewed by the Head Teacher.

This should be done at the earliest possible opportunity and with at least 2 weeks' notice. Please note that the Head Teacher will take into consideration your child's age, the time of year and the overall attendance pattern of your child and has the right to refuse your request for a leave of absence.



Religious Observance

If you wish to take your child out of school for a religious observance, please inform the school.



Family Holidays

Family holidays must not be taken during the school term. The guidelines from the Local Education Authority state that under no circumstances should schools authorise absence for holidays or other circumstances on the grounds of cost.

Please read the school's Attendance Policy, which has more information on procedures.

Planned absences

Where possible, organise authorised absences well in advance.

Please try to arrange medical appointments during holiday times or out of school hours. If you cannot make doctor or dentist appointments outside of school hours, wherever possible the child should come to school before the appointment and return to school afterwards.

Please provide an appointment letter or a written explanation beforehand.



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!

The annual NCSA Christmas Fete will be held in the Village Hall **Sunday 7th December 12-2pm**. We appreciate that it's only November, but please put it in the diary of all of your friends and family now!

It is going to be a fantastic event, featuring:

- Delicious refreshments
- Christmas raffle with loads of great prizes to be won
- Tombola and other games
- Fun Christmassy activities

We hope to feature the talents of all of our wonderful North Cerney pupils for a mini Christmas carol concert as the fete finale. The talented Ms Livermore will be practicing songs with the children next term in preparation.

As always, donations to the raffle / tombola / cake stall gratefully accepted, or volunteers to run a stall on the day. Please reach out to anyone in the NCSA.



Thanks for the support!

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The children have been reflecting on what Remembrance Day means in class & during our worships. We were very lucky to have Rev Louise join us on 11th November for a thoughtful and heartwarming remembrance worship. The children from Owl did some wonderful artwork. Thank you to all the children for their respect and wonderful artwork.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

In outdoor education this week Reception made some autumn wands.

They used small pieces of leaves and grass to decorate the star and of course the added magic of glitter! The children walked to the big oak tree and casted a wish.



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)

