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*We are focusing on all our
School Values this term*

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Our Values in Action

Year 6 Leavers' Week – A Celebration to Remember!

What a fantastic week it has been celebrating our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they prepare to take their next big step!

The week began with a bang on Monday evening, as Year 6 wowed us all with their spectacular performance of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies. With energetic song singing, impressive duets, complex choreography, and jokes that had the whole hall laughing, the children truly exceeded our expectations. Their confidence, talent, and teamwork were on full display – a performance to remember! [Year 6 Play 2025 - "Robin Hood" - The Rosary Catholic Primary](#) (Year 6 parents can access the password on Seesaw and Studybugs)

On Wednesday afternoon, we welcomed parents and family into school for a special leavers' assembly. The children shared highlights from their time at The Rosary, cherished memories, and their hopes for the future. From future pilots to palaeontologists, artists to athletes – the range of aspirations was both moving and inspiring.

On Thursday morning, we came together for our Leavers' Mass at church, a beautiful and reflective service led by Father Gary. Year 6 pupils took the lead with readings and prayers, creating a truly special and heartfelt celebration. We are incredibly proud of everything our Year 6 children have achieved – not just this week, but throughout their journey at The Rosary. We will miss them dearly, but we are excited to see all that they go on to do.



A moment with Mr Batchelor and Mrs Hill..

Goodbye and Good Luck to Mr. Batchelor and Mrs. Hill

As we reach the end of term, we're sadly saying goodbye to two much-loved members of our team—Mr. Batchelor and Mrs. Hill.

Mr. Batchelor has been such an important part of school life, especially during a time of big changes in leadership. He's always been there to support his colleagues and help things run smoothly. When the chance came up to teach Year 5, he jumped straight in—he loves our school that much! He's now heading off to be an interim headteacher at another primary school in Gloucestershire. They're very lucky to have him, and we'll all miss him hugely.

Mrs. Hill first joined us to cover a maternity leave more than three years ago—and we were lucky enough to keep her! She's taken on a variety of roles during her time here and even led a key subject during our Ofsted inspection. She's warm, kind, and always puts the children first. She'll be teaching at another local school in Stroud, and we know she'll be just as loved there as she is here.

We wish them both all the very best in their new adventures and thank them for everything they've brought to our school.

Forest School

Friday 5th September – Year 4 & Year 6
Friday 12th September – Year 3 & Year 5

A quick reminder...

Don't forget –

Monday 1st and
Tuesday 2nd September
are both School INSET days, when staff will be working hard on the development of priorities across the school, updates to Safeguarding and other required changes. We look forward to seeing pupils back on Wednesday 3rd SEPTEMBER!

Good to know...

A huge congratulations to Mrs Nation, who has been appointed as our *Inclusion and Achievement Lead* from 1st September. In addition to this important role, she will also be supporting the leadership of the school in my absence—very much like an Assistant Headteacher.

So, what does an Inclusion and Achievement Lead do?

Mrs Nation will be working closely with staff, children and families to ensure that every child feels supported, valued and able to succeed. She'll be helping to identify and remove any barriers to learning, making sure all pupils—whatever their needs or background—are fully included in school life. Inclusion is a big priority for us as a school and as a Trust, and we're so pleased to have Mrs Nation leading this work.

We're also really pleased to let you know that we've successfully appointed **Mrs Smith** to cover *Mrs Spring's maternity leave*. Mrs Smith will be joining us from October through to February, working Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Fridays. She has taught in several local schools and is really looking forward to becoming part of our school community next term.

A Moment with... Year 3 & 6

Last Thursday, 10 July, our Year 3 and Year 6 classes had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Cheltenham Music Festival at the Town Hall—part of the festival's dedicated Schools Programme for Key Stage 2 pupils.

The morning began with a live orchestral concert, where children travelled musically from urban environments to rainforest soundscapes. They heard storytelling through sounds, exploring themes inspired by nature and city life in a fun and engaging way.

Following the concert, the children joined the "Music Explorers" workshops, getting hands-on with instruments. Highlights included learning to bow the violin, experimenting with brass instruments, and creating rainforest percussion ensembles. The interactive sessions allowed the children to try the instruments they had just heard—bringing the music to life under expert guidance.

The festival marked its 80th anniversary this year, celebrating a tradition of championing new music and world-class classical performance's.

Adding to the excitement, several of our Year 6 pupils were interviewed by BBC One's Points West for a regional news segment covering the festival—what a brilliant moment to see them shine on camera!

This visit offered a perfect blend of inspiring performances, creative workshops, and local media experience—a truly memorable cultural day for our Key Stage 2 pupils!



A Spotlight on...our ISingPop concert!

Last Wednesday evening, our whole school came together to perform in a truly uplifting ISingPop concert at the church. The children sang beautifully, filling the space with energy, joy and meaning. It was wonderful to see so many families and friends there to support them. Through the songs they had learnt, the children shared powerful messages that reflect our school values of Love, Aspiration, Respect, Inclusivity and Curiosity. Thank you to everyone who made the evening so special!



Community Links

Go green and get free rewards for The Library Challenge 2025

Families in Gloucestershire are being encouraged to sign up for this year's Library Challenge, to explore everything the library has to offer for free.

Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, cabinet member for libraries at Gloucestershire County Council, said: "This year's Library Challenge is a wonderful way for children to explore nature while discovering the magic of books. It's free, fun and filled with activities the whole family can enjoy so I would encourage people to take part. Libraries are such important community spaces and I'm pleased to see so many families getting involved in this across Gloucestershire."

Further information can be found here:

<https://gloslibraries.uk/welcome-library-challenge>

The Library Challenge



**Everywhere kids can eat free or
for £1 during the summer
holidays**

- Angus Steakhouse
- ASDA Cafes
- Bella Italia
 - Bill's
- Brewdog
- Burger King
- Dobbies Garden Centres
- Farmhouse Inns
- Franco Manca
- Gordon Ramsay Restaurants
- Hungry Horse
- Heathrow Airport
- Las Iguanas
- Morrisons Cafes
 - OK Diners
 - Preto
 - Purezza
- S.A. Brains Pubs
- Sizzling Pubs
- TGI Fridays
- The Coconut Tree
- The Real Greek
 - Zizzi



VoucherCodes

Little acts, great love, big difference



St Catharine's
Chipping Campden



St Joseph's
Nympsfield



Catholic School of St Gregory The
Great, Cheltenham



St Peter's Primary
Gloucester



The Rosary
Stroud



St Thomas More
Cheltenham

At the end of our first full year as a Trust.....Thank You!

As we approach the end of our first full academic year as a multi academy trust, I wanted to thank you all for the support you give to the staff within our schools as they go about their vocation to form the hearts and minds of each and every child and to help them be the best they can be. Our staff work tirelessly to care for and teach your children—it is so much more than a job to them and I feel privileged to work alongside them to improve outcomes not only in their own school but across our wider Trust. We are so very lucky that they choose to work with us and I wish them all a restful, well-earned break over the Summer.



It is clear to see the difference in a child's engagement and progress when their family work hand in hand with their school—thank you for the part you play in that as parents and carers. Getting your children to school on time, with the correct equipment and ready to learn is not always easy. Neither is sitting down to do reading and spelling practise after a long day at work or helping at a school fundraiser. Please know that your efforts do not go unnoticed—we really appreciate it.

The end of an academic year is always a reason for celebration—celebrating all that we have achieved throughout the year as individuals, classes, teams, schools and the whole Trust community. It is also a time for reflection and goodbyes. At the end of this week, our Year 6 children will be leaving us to move onto their many secondary schools. As they do so, we wish them well as they embark on the next stage of their learning journey and we simply ask that they take all they have learnt during their time with us and do wonderful things with it: aiming high and working hard. May God

bless each and every one of them always.



Have a wonderful Summer break and I look forward to working alongside you again in the new academic year 2025-26. I have attached some celebrations from each of our schools as well as a Y6 picture for you to keep our young people in your prayers as they leave our schools.

Mrs Charlotte Blanch (CEO Little Way Catholic Educational Trust)

God of wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of our school.

We ask that you bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace. We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

Little Acts, Great Love, Big Difference

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The Catholic School of St Gregory the Great



What a summer term we have had at The Catholic School of St Gregory the Great! It has been jam-packed with events, including our 3-night run of our Year 6 production: *The Jungle Book*. We've also been busy with our Make Money Grow project, trips to Berkeley Castle and Copsegrove Farm, ice-creams for all staff on National Thank a Teacher Day 2025, the Year 6 Leavers' Mass, celebrating lots of wins in The Cotswold Athletic Championships and thirty-seven children making their First Holy Communion. We cannot believe the school year is almost over; it has been full of fun and challenge, where all children have pushed themselves to be the best they can be and encapsulate all the qualities we cherish and champion in a St Gregory's learner. Believe and Achieve!

St Thomas More



We have had a brilliant Summer Term! Our Year 6 pupils had a great time at Morfa Bay Adventure for their residential trip, whilst the children staying at school had a fun packed activity week, including a survival skills day: building dens, making fires and eating mealworms and dung beetles! Year 1 and 2 have had a fantastic day at All Things Wild and the whole school thoroughly enjoyed our Sports Day, where we celebrated teamwork, resilience and perseverance!

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St Joseph's



Well, talk about giving it everything that you have got and being the best that you can be! Mrs Howell would like to congratulate the Year 6 children for their excellent performance of *Beauty and the Beast* last week. And of course to Sarah for Dazzle Dance, Mrs Knight and Mrs Hamlin, who worked exceptionally hard with the children, guiding and supporting them to produce such a special show. It was so lovely to see so many other parents and children from different year groups, who came to watch again after the children had seen the dress rehearsal in school. Mrs Howell would like to thank those families for supporting the show. The Year 6 performance is a unique learning experience that the Year 6 children are offered enabling them to build their confidence and work collaboratively on something that they can feel proud of. My goodness, Year 6 have a lot to be proud of, resulting in a standing ovation on the final performance. Being part of something great and the perfect place for the children to leave us, full of confidence.

The Rosary



Last Monday's Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, resilience and school spirit. Children competed in a range of skilled events in the morning, working in mixed-age house groups, and parents joined us in the afternoon for the races.

Despite the heat, the children gave it their all, and we're grateful to the PTFA for providing ice lollies to keep everyone cool. Huge thanks to Mr Barnes and the staff team for organising such a smooth and successful day — and congratulations to *Glastonbury*, this year's trophy winners!



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St Catharine's



The final few weeks of term have been incredibly busy for the whole school community but especially for upper key stage 2. Year 5 and 6 enjoyed their residential and really rose to the challenge of building resilience through trying new activities, pushing themselves to have a go and show determination. Year 6 have also been busy learning their parts for their Year 6 production and doing lots of transition activities ready for secondary school.

St Peter's



Term 6 has been an incredibly busy one with sporting events, Y6 residential and a wonderful celebration of the diversity of our school at our Summer fayre. It was great to try traditional food from around the world and especially the countries that our school families come from. We learnt a lot! We wish our Y6s well as they move onto the next stage in their journey—we'll miss them lots.



JULY 2025

SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN STROUD

**FIND
SUMMER
HOLIDAY
FUN**

ON STROUD ROCKS



Visit Stroud Rocks this summer for the ultimate what's on guide. Find summer events, places to visit, kids eat free, local parks, walks, and so much more.

**CLICK HERE TO
TAKE A LOOK**

PLACES TO VISIT



PARKS AND WALKS



LOCAL EVENTS



FREE THINGS TO DO

MINCHINHAMPTON RFC
Hollybush Farm GL6 9BD



RUGBY TASTER SESSIONS

**U5-U12
BOYS & GIRLS**

Reception to Year 7

**SUNDAY
10TH & 24TH AUGUST**

10-11.30am

New players of all ages welcome
Free hotdog for players!

No need to book — just turn up and bring your friends!



SUMMER Holiday Drop-in fun At Kids Stuff Stroud

Kids Stuff will be hosting themed **craft tables and activities** throughout the summer holidays, from **22nd July - 30th August** Tuesday - Saturday 10am-12:30pm



Every Tuesday: Craft and Make | 10am-12:30pm

22nd July: Beaded suncatcher, 29th July: Dreamcatcher, 5th August: Hammer flower art, 12th August: Balloon-cup shooter, 19th August: Oobleck stress ball, 26th August: Bath bombs.



Every Wednesday: Animal Day | 10am-12:30pm

23rd July: Fork painted bird, 30th July: Owl-painting with pompoms, 6th August: Silver foil fish, 13th August: Clay turtle, 20th August: Jumping bird, 27th August: Peg pig craft.



Every Thursday: Adventure Day | 10am-12:30pm

24th July: Little cork boats, 31st July: Police badge, 7th August: Surfing dude, 14th August: Make a pirate map, 21st August: Hiking stick diy, 28th August: Moon and stars craft.



Every Friday: Cinema Day | 10am-12:30pm

25th July: Make a forky, 1st August: Troll craft, 8th August: Up house, 15th August: Junk modelling, 22nd August: Magic wands, 29th August: Junk modelling.



Every Saturday: Food Day | 10am-12:30pm

26 Julyth: Pasta picture, 2nd August: Cardboard donuts, 9th August: Adorable Pickle craft, 16th August: S'mores craft, 23rd August: Ice cream potato printing, 30th August: Mosaic bean art.



Wednesday 30th July: SoHootiful Owls | 10:30-11:30am

SoHootiful returns with her beautiful Owls- come and meet them.



Thursday 31st July: Police Meet and Greet | 10am -12:30pm

Come meet and greet your local PC, see a police car, try on uniform.



Thursday 27th August: Chloe's Mobile Farm | 10am -12:30pm

Chloe's Mobile Farm will join us with a host of farm animals to meet and pet-ponies, donkeys, and other furry friends!

No booking required. Activities subject to change. Children must be supervised.

The Long Table will be provide **pay-as-you-can Jacket Potatoes** throughout the Summer Holidays. Lunchtimes daily, 12-2pm

All event details here: www.stroudistrictkidsstuff.org.uk

Find us at: Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN



What's On This Summer!

BOOK NOW!



Sat 12 Jul

Behind The Scenes Tour

Join us for a unique tour of the museum galleries and storage areas.

Sat 19 Jul-

Sun 31 Aug

Museum in a Cube - Family Trail

Museum in a Cube is a hands-on, make-it-yourself adventure through the museum — designed for families to enjoy together! Ages 3+

Sat 19 Jul

Moominmamma Jam of Kindness : Story & Craft Adventure

A Moomin-inspired session celebrating kindness through storytelling and creative sharing. Ages 3+

Sat 19 Jul

Roman Soldier Tour of Eastgate Chamber

Join auxiliary Roman Soldier, Luolus, for a visit underground to the Eastgate Chamber. Ages 5+.

Tue 22 Jul &

Fri 20 Aug

Moomin Tales & Adventure: Storytelling with Exhibition Visit

Enjoy magical tales, then explore the enchanting world of the Moomin ABC exhibition! Ages 3+.

Thu 24 Jul &

Sat 16 Aug

LEGO Moominvalley: Moomitroll's Maker Time

A creative adventure to design and construct your own piece of Moominvalley. Ages 5+.

Sat 26 Jul &

Wed 27 Aug

Doc Saurus: Fossil Hunter

Dig for fossils, uncover hidden treasures, and learn fascinating facts about ancient civilisations.

Wed 30 Jul

Glorious Glevum Tour

A guided introduction to Roman Glevum and treasures hidden in the museum.

Tue 5 Aug

LEGO Moominvalley: Snufkins Quiet Corner

Enjoy building in a quiet environment with soft lighting, calming sounds. Ages 5+.

Wed 6 Aug &

Wed 13 Aug

Ghosts & Ancestors: A Moomin Story & Craft Adventure

A magical storytelling journey with Moomintroll, then craft your dreams into paper stars and collect in a wish-filled jar. Ages 3+.

Sat 9 Aug &

Sat 13 Sep

Comet Wishes: A Moomin Story & Craft Adventure

A magical storytelling journey with Moomintroll, then craft your dreams into paper stars and collect in a wish-filled jar. Ages 3+.

Tue 19 Aug

LEGO Moominvalley: Little My's Fidgety Fun

Explore, create, and play your way! Ages 5+.



Looking for free rainy day activities?

The summer holidays are just around the corner and while we're hoping for more sunshine, you never know.

Looking for ways to get the kids moving more and using screens less? We're here to help!

Check out our rainy day activities.



Our **FREE** healthy lifestyle programme, **Beezee Families**, can help you get moving, find tasty recipes, and have fun no matter the weather!

Scan the code
to sign up today

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to get started



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Get a **FREE** summer activity pack



Find out more on our website

Make an indoor obstacle course



Have a dance party



Host an indoor picnic



Play sink or float



Find a see-through container, fill with water and get experimenting!

Try a new healthy recipe



Write a play and perform it



Go on a puddle walk



Don't forget the wellies!

