



# Rosary Catholic Primary School Stroud

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*Our School Value this term is INCLUSIVITY*

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## Our Values in Action

As we reach the end of this busy and joyful term, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for being such a wonderful part of our Rosary Catholic Primary School community. It is truly a privilege to lead a school where the values of **love, faith, respect, curiosity and inclusivity** are lived out every day.

This term has been full of special moments. From the excitement of our Christmas events organised by our wonderful PTFA and dedicated staff to the daily smiles, laughter, and learning in classrooms, it's been a joy to see your children grow and thrive. Their kindness, curiosity, and enthusiasm are a true testament to the love and support they receive at home and here at school.

With the celebration of Christmas upon us, we are reminded of the incredible gift of Jesus' birth and the hope, light, peace, and love to all that He brought into the world. Through our nativity plays, carol services, and Advent reflections, the children had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of this joyous event and have beautifully embraced the true meaning of Christmas, sharing messages of love and peace in their own unique ways.

I hope that the holidays bring you the chance to slow down, spend time with loved ones, and create wonderful memories together. May it also be a time of joy and renewal for you and your family.

On behalf of all the staff, I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you back in January for another exciting term of learning and growth.

With warmest wishes and prayers,

*Mrs Knighton*

## A moment with... Reception and Barbary

Children and staff from Barbary have joined us for a number of occasions over the last few weeks, including a visit from Father Christmas, attending our Carol service in church and watching the nativity in school. A highlight though had to be joining our Reception class for Christmas lunch last Wednesday. It was lovely to see all the children enjoying roast turkey and veggies followed by a Christmas cookie – Yum yum!

## Community Links

**Christmas Mass Times:** Christmas Masses at the Immaculate Conception, Stroud, will begin on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December with Mass at 5:30pm (rather than 6:30pm as in previous years) and continue with Mass at Midnight (with carols from 11:30pm). On Christmas morning there will be Mass in Painswick at 8:30am and in Stroud at 10:00am.

## House point winners

Last week: **Glastonbury**

This week: **Walsingham**

## PE Days Next Term

Monday & Friday: Year 3 & 6

Tuesday: Year 5 swimming

Tuesday & Friday: Year 2

Wednesday & Friday: Reception, Year 1

Thursday & Friday: Year 4

Friday: Year 5

## Important Dates

### INSET DAY

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Term begins

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Beginning of term Mass

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

KS2 Inclusive multi-skills competition (Y3/Y4) @ Archway School

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

**Check out the full list of Calendar Dates for spring term at the bottom of this newsletter**

## Good To Know...

Our Admissions consultation period has been extended to **Monday 27 January 2025**. Please use this link to read the consultation information in full.

### Spotlight On...our wonderful PTFA

As we approach the end of term, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our incredible PTFA for all the amazing events they have organised this term. Your hard work and dedication have brought so much joy and community spirit to our school! From the excitement of the school disco and the magic of Movie Magic to the festive fun of the Christmas fair, each event has created special memories for our children and families. The Bedtime Stories evening was a cosy treat, and the refreshments provided after the Harvest Celebration, the Carol Service, and the Nativity Play added an extra touch of warmth to these occasions and brought our community closer together.

Thank you for everything you do to support our school and make these events so memorable. We truly appreciate your time, energy, and enthusiasm.

And through the money raised at these events, the PTFA have been able to support and enrich the lives and experiences of every child in our school. Here's just a glimpse of what they've achieved:

🎵 Fully funding clarinet lessons for our Year 4 pupils, opening the door to the joy of music!

👨‍👩‍👧 Contributing half the funds for the whole school to attend the pantomime, ensuring every child could enjoy this magical trip.

🎄 Providing Christmas table activities for everyone to enjoy during our Christmas dinner, making it even more festive.

📖 Gifting each Key Stage One child a book to encourage their love of reading. And that's just this term alone! Their hard work and dedication make such a difference to the school community.

Thank you, PTFA, for everything you do to support our children and enhance their school experience. We are so lucky to have you!

Here's to another successful term ahead!

### LWCET update

This has been a momentous year as we became part of the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust.

On behalf of your Local Governing Committee may I wish you a Joyous Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Paul Kehoe  
Chair of our Local Governing Committee.



### Community Links

#### Think Pharmacy First

Boots pharmacy is offering the NHS Pharmacy First service which allows pharmacists to provide advice and where appropriate, supply NHS medicines for the following conditions for:

- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles (aged 18 years and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)
- Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)

If you or your child has symptoms that suggest you or they may have one of these conditions, you can walk into a pharmacy and be offered a consultation with a pharmacist in a private consultation room. Your GP surgery may also refer your child (or you) to the service if you contact them but they believe it is appropriate for you to be seen by a pharmacist. If your child or you have symptoms that suggest one of the above conditions, why not give the Pharmacy First service a try?

Watch the animation on Pharmacy First For more information, visit [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst)

**LONGFIELD**  
Community Hospice

## Recycle your Tree!

In partnership with  
**JUST HELPING**

We will be collecting and recycling trees  
11th - 14th January 2025

To book scan  
here  
or visit

[www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](https://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree)

Registration closes  
7th January 2025

After costs, 90% of money raised will go to Longfield Community Hospice. The remaining 10% will be distributed to charities in the local community.

Longfield Community Hospice, Longfield Lane, Hockley, Essex, S.S.17 9JG. Registered Charity No. 1040000. Registered Charity No. 1040000. Registered Charity No. 1040000.



\*Crib and Christingle services\*

**24 December 4pm**

Holy Trinity, The Church next to the hospital

St Matthew's The Church in Cainscross

**24 December 5.30pm**

St John's, The Church in Randwick

**7 January 9.30am**

Holy Trinity, The Church in Uplands

## LCS CHEERLEADING CAMP 2024/25

**BOOK NOW**

DATES: 23rd December and 3rd January  
PRICING: £25 a day, £15 for half day. Discount Available for Block or Sibling bookings. @Brimscombe Primary School

**Ages 4-14 9am-3pm**

To book please contact 07462464246 / email [bethsweetland2002@gmail.com](mailto:bethsweetland2002@gmail.com)

**LCS CHEERLEADING**

### Good To Know...

Our **School Closure Procedures** have been updated. Please use this link to read the procedures in full. A paper copy has also been sent home, for your convenience.



# Merry Christmas



KS1 Nativity



Choir Singing at the Church Fair & St Roses



PTFA Christmas Fair



KS2  
Carol  
Concert





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## Spring Term- Important Dates

| <b>Calendar Dates for Spring Term 2025</b><br><b>After School Clubs will begin w/c 13<sup>th</sup> January through to w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b> |                  |                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date</b>                                                                                                                                           | <b>Time</b>      | <b>Event</b>                                                    |
| 06.01.2025                                                                                                                                            |                  | Inset Day                                                       |
| 07.01.2025                                                                                                                                            | 8:40am           | Back to School                                                  |
| 09.01.2025                                                                                                                                            | 10am             | Start of term mass in the Church – whole school                 |
| 10.01.2025                                                                                                                                            | 11:30am – 1:30pm | KS2 Inclusive multi-skills competition (Y3/Y4) @ Archway School |
| 13.01.2025                                                                                                                                            | 9am – 12pm       | Art Workshops for Y4 & Y5                                       |
| 16.01.2025                                                                                                                                            | 9am – 10am       | Y4 Clarinet Lessons start                                       |
| 17.01.2025                                                                                                                                            |                  | Y3 trip to Corinium Museum                                      |
| 24.01.2025                                                                                                                                            | 9am – 11:30am    | KS1 multi-skills festival (Y1/Y2) @ Archway School              |
| 30.01.2025                                                                                                                                            | 2:30pm           | Y4 Class Mass in school                                         |
| 03.02.2025                                                                                                                                            |                  | Children's Mental Health and wellbeing week                     |
| 06.02.2025                                                                                                                                            |                  | Flat Stan – First Aid training for KS2                          |
| 10.02.2025                                                                                                                                            |                  | Interhouse Art Competition Week                                 |
| 11.02.2025                                                                                                                                            |                  | Lourdes Feast Day – children in Lourdes to wear Blue            |
| 11.02.2025 & 12.02.2025                                                                                                                               | 3:30pm – 6:30pm  | Parents Evening                                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                       |                  | <b>HALF TERM</b>                                                |
| 04.03.2025                                                                                                                                            | 10am             | Ash Wednesday – KS2 Mass in Church                              |
| 05.03.2025                                                                                                                                            | 11:20am          | Ash Wednesday – KS1 Liturgy                                     |
| 06.03.2025                                                                                                                                            |                  | World Book Day                                                  |
| 10.03.2025                                                                                                                                            |                  | Science Week including life education bus                       |
| 12.03.2025                                                                                                                                            | 9am – 1pm        | KS2 Quick-sticks Hockey @ Stratford Park Astro                  |
| 18.03.2025                                                                                                                                            |                  | Y5 trip to Cadbury World                                        |
| 03.04.2025                                                                                                                                            |                  | Y2 trip to Robinswood Hill                                      |
| 03.04.2025                                                                                                                                            |                  | Interhouse Choir                                                |
| 07.04.2025                                                                                                                                            |                  | Holy Week                                                       |
| 07.04.2025                                                                                                                                            |                  | Y6 Mock SATs                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                       |                  | <b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>                                          |