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Our School Value this term is Love

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Our Values in Action

Last week, our school community joyfully celebrated **Little Way Week**, inspired by the life and teachings of **St Thérèse of Lisieux**. St Thérèse is famous for her "Little Way"—the beautiful reminder that we do not need to do extraordinary things to make a difference. Instead, we can show God's love through small, everyday acts of kindness, service, and love.

Throughout the week, the children reflected on how small actions can have a big impact. From holding doors open and welcoming new friends at lunchtime, to helping clean up classrooms, our pupils discovered that great love can be found in the littlest moments. We hope you noticed some of these wonderful "little ways" blooming at home over the weekend! Each child also made a card to share with people in our community, including residents of local care homes and pupils at St Rose's School. The children also crafted and decorated flowers to brighten areas of our school, bringing colour and joy to our surroundings. We are proud of the care and thought our pupils put into these activities - a lovely reminder that even the smallest act of love can brighten someone's day.

Check out the Little Way Newsletter to see what the other schools in our Trust have been up to.

[LWCET Little Way Week Newsletter](#)



Geometry Puzzle Workshops

Fantastic Problem-Solving in our 3D Shape Workshop!

This week, all our children took part in an exciting and immersive 3D shape puzzle workshop. They were challenged by a wide range of intricate, hands-on puzzles specially created and designed by Mr Ede to stretch their spatial awareness and reasoning skills.

The children showed fantastic problem-solving skills, using their mathematical thinking, perseverance and creativity to find solutions. It was wonderful to see them rise to the challenge, try different approaches and keep going when the puzzles proved tricky!

"I really enjoyed all the puzzles" – **Lara**

"I thought the workshop was fun" – **Gracie**

"It's not too hard that it will take you forever but it's not too easy that it doesn't make you think" – **Ophelia**

"I liked the cube puzzles because they were interesting and fun" **Dawid**

"When it confuses your mind, you think harder and then you solve it and get a whizz of brain knowledge" - **Brian**



Year 6 trip to The Steam Museum

Last week, our Year 6 students embarked on an exciting educational visit to the **STEAM Museum**, bringing their history and science topics to life. The children spent the day exploring the fascinating history of the Great Western Railway. They got up close to **magnificent steam locomotives**, stood on a reconstructed station platform, and even experienced what it was like to be a railway worker in the interactive workshops. A major highlight of the day was the hands-on learning sessions. Students took on the roles of engineers and evacuees, using their **critical thinking and teamwork skills** to solve historical challenges. From exploring the vast machinery to learning about the social impact of the railways, the pupils fully immersed themselves in the experience.

Dressing as evacuees brought the event to life and really helped us to empathise with the hardships faced by children during wartime. Personally, our favourite activity was entering the highly realistic air-raid shelter; it was an excellent opportunity to realise the enormity of the horrors faced by people at that time. We also enjoyed the World-War 2 themed items in the gift shop, which included: games, sweets and propaganda posters available from the time. Overall, the trip was an enlightening occasion to further and enhance our knowledge of World War 2, and we assure the current Year 5s that they are in for a treat when their time comes! The museum staff highly praised our Year 6 cohort for their **excellent behaviour, curiosity, and insightful questions** throughout the day. It was a fantastic trip that has left everyone inspired for our upcoming classroom projects!



KS1 Interhouse Sports

Today, our Key Stage One children enjoyed a fantastic morning showcasing their athletic talents and earning valuable points for their respective houses. The playground was buzzing with energy as the pupils took part in a vibrant variety of sporting activities.

The children pushed themselves across four distinct stations, showing off their agility in the hockey dribbling, precision during the bean bag target throw, focus in the football penalty shootout, and incredible stamina during a challenging mini triathlon.

Throughout the entire event, the children demonstrated impressive physical skills and most importantly, fantastic sportsmanship, cheering on their teammates and celebrating each other's successes. After adding up the scores, it was incredibly close at the top, but **Glastonbury** managed to edge ahead to secure the overall victory. A massive well done to Glastonbury, and a huge congratulations to every single child who participated with such energy and enthusiasm!



House point winners

Last Week: **Walsingham**

This week: **Glastonbury**

PE Days

Reception - Tuesday & Friday

Y1 & Y2 - Wednesday & Friday

Y3 & Y4 - Tuesday & Friday

Y5 – Tuesday & Friday

Y6 – Thursday & Friday

Forest School

Friday 16th October – Y5 & Y6

Friday 23rd October – YR & Y1/Y2

Upcoming Dates

13th October

Harvest Service in Church

Parents/Carers welcome at 2:30pm

16th October

Y1 / Y2 Trip to Westonbirt

16th October

Singo Bingo at School

[Click here to Book Tickets](#)

23rd October

KS2 Interhouse Sports

23rd – 26th October

Half Term

3rd November

Y3/Y4 Swimming Lessons start

4th November

Y5 & Y6 Class Mass in school

Parents/Carers welcome at 2:30pm

16th November

INSET DAY

A time for prayer & reflection

October arrives as the Autumn term is well underway, and routines of school and family life are becoming more firmly established. In these weeks, our resources aim to bring opportunities to pause, notice what is important and make time for God and one another.

Click on this link to find out more:

[TenTen Prayers for home](#)

Good to Know

Family Maths Morning – You're Invited!

We are excited to be taking part in the National Numeracy Schools & Families Programme with our Year 3 and Year 6 children on Friday 6th November at **9:00–9:30am** in the School Hall

Parents and carers are invited to join their child for a short session to find out more about the programme and the Family Maths Toolkit scrapbook that children will be using at home.

Discover how everyday activities such as shopping, cooking, travelling and playing games can provide fun opportunities to explore maths together.

No maths expertise needed – just come along and find out how you can support your child's maths confidence at home! We hope to see you there!

Parents Evening Meetings

It is time for you to book your appointment slots for our upcoming Parents' Evening for the week commencing 19th October. Slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Why attend Parents' Evening?

Attending this meeting is a vital opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress, social development, and overall well-being. It allows us to work together to support their learning, celebrate their achievements, and address any areas where they may need extra encouragement. Your involvement makes a massive difference in your child's success at school.

Please use the link below to select a convenient time to meet with your child's teacher: 🖱️ [Book your space here](#)

Phenomenal Fundraising

This year's Macmillan Coffee and Cake afternoon raised a wonderful **£275**, with online donations still to be added. Thank you to everyone who baked, donated, volunteered or joined us to support this important cause. A very special thank you goes to **Mrs Humphery**, who organised and ran the event this year, as she has done for the past **29 years**. During that time, she has raised a staggering **£5,942.87**, making her one of our area's top fundraisers! We are so proud of Mrs Humphery and deeply grateful to all our volunteers and contributors. Your kindness and generosity help Macmillan support people living with cancer and their families.

Phonics Information Talk - Reception and Year 1 Parents and Carers

We would like to invite you to a meeting on Thursday 19th November at 3:30pm. The meeting will provide an opportunity to find out more about how phonics is taught in our school, how we support your children in developing their reading and how you can help your child at home. There will be additional information about the Year 1 phonics screening check that takes place later in the summer term. It will be in the school hall right after school.

We hope you will be able to join me, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Join Us for Our Harvest Service! (Note date change from previous newsletter)

We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for our annual **Harvest Service** on **Tuesday 13th October**. The service will take place at the **Church**, starting promptly at **2:30pm**. As part of our celebrations, we are collecting donations to support those in need within our local community. If you are able to contribute, we would be incredibly grateful for donations of **tinned goods, dried food (like pasta or rice), and toiletries**. Please send these into school with your child by the morning of the service. We look forward to coming together to celebrate this special time of year with you!

In a Catholic school, the Harvest celebration is a deeply meaningful tradition that goes beyond just giving thanks for food. It provides a beautiful opportunity for the community to pause and express **gratitude to God for the abundance of Creation**, recognizing that all we have is a divine gift. By gathering donations for those in need, students put **Catholic Social Teaching into action**, directly living out the Gospel values of charity, solidarity, and caring for the vulnerable. Ultimately, the service strengthens the bond between **school, family, and parish**, uniting everyone in shared prayer and a collective commitment to love and serve their neighbours.

PTFA News

Following on from the AGM earlier this week, we said thank you to Angela Price who stood down as Secretary and Sarah Amor who stood down as Treasurer. These roles were then filled by Miriam Simova and Kassidy Lombard as Secretary job share and Sylwia Drozdowska as Treasurer. We would like to say a massive thank you to our incredible school community—together, we raised a phenomenal **£4,503.65** last school year! 🎉🍰 We started to elect our class reps so if you have any PTFA related queries, you can speak to your class rep as well as the rest of the committee. Reception – TBC, Year 1 – Mim & Kassidy, Year 2 – TBC, Year 3 – Sylwia, Year 4 – Sarah, Year 5 – Micaela and Year 6 – Vicky. If you have a child in YR or Y2 and would like to be your class rep, please let us know.

Every single raffle ticket bought, cake eaten, and event attended added up to this fantastic total. Our **Parent, Teacher, and Friends Association (PTFA)** is driven entirely by volunteers, and this achievement simply wouldn't be possible without your constant generosity, time, and enthusiasm. Every penny raised goes directly back into the school to enrich our children's learning, fund exciting resources, and create unforgettable school memories.

What Your Support Helps Fund - Our PTFA fundraising helps provide vital extras for our pupils, including:

- **Subsidised school trips** and workshops to bring learning to life.
- **Brand-new books** and reading resources for our library.
- **Outdoor play equipment** to make break times even more active and fun.
- **Memorable community events** like our upcoming School Disco and Movie Magic Evening!

Get Involved This Year!

We have a whole calendar of exciting events planned for this year, and we are always looking for new faces to join our friendly team. Whether you can bake a cake, help tidy up after an event, or attend our casual termly meetings, **every bit of help makes a huge difference**. Keep an eye out for our upcoming meetings and thank you once again for making our school such a vibrant and supported community! ✨

School Disco

Get ready to glow, dance, and celebrate at our School Disco! 🎉🌟

We are thrilled to invite all pupils to an evening of music, dancing, and fun on Friday 13th November from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. It's time to dress up, bring your best dance moves, and enjoy a fantastic night out with friends!

Ticket Price: £4.50. This includes: A refreshing drink to keep you dancing, a bag of delicious sweets & a neon glow stick to light up the dance floor!

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please secure your child's spot via **ParentPay** no later than Wednesday 11th November.



Singo Bingo

Drop the beat, Cross the Sheet! Join us for Singo Bingo! Dust off your music trivia and get your dabbers ready! The PTFA are hosting a Singo Bingo evening - the ultimate musical twist on the classic game of Bingo.

Tickets cost just £3.00. Burger and Chips will be available on the night for **£5.00** along with an alcohol bar.

Adults only. Bring your friends, neighbours, family – everyone is welcome!

Book tickets here: [Click here to book tickets](#)



Christmas Movie Magic

Get ready for a festive and cosy afternoon at our school's Movie Magic Evening! 🎬🍿

We are delighted to invite all children to join us for a special screening of the holiday favourite, The Grinch (2018), on Friday 11th December from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. **Tickets cost just £4.50 and include a snack and drink.**

It's the perfect way to kick off the festive season with friends! Children are welcome to bring along a cushion or a small blanket to make themselves extra comfortable while they watch.

Please ensure you book your child's place by Wednesday 9th December via **ParentPay**.



Breakfast with the Christmas Grump!

Get ready for the most mischievous morning of the Christmas season! The Christmas Grump is sneaking out of Whooville and heading straight to The Rosary School for a morning packed with festive fun, laughter and just a little bit of chaos! Join us on Saturday 12th December from 9:30am - 11:30am for an unforgettable festive experience the whole family will love. Will he steal your breakfast or steal your heart? Come along to find out!

Child tickets are £8.50 and adult tickets cost £4.00

Book tickets here: [Click here to book tickets](#)

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM?



PTFA FUNDRAISING EVENT
at The Rosary Primary School

SINGO BINGO

Friday 16th October

Doors and Bar open at 7pm
Bingo starts at 7:30pm

Adults only

£3 per ticket includes entry and 1 game card

Burger & Chips available for £5 (pre-booked)

Alcohol bar available

Everyone welcome!

Book tickets in advance

Book tickets in advance through the school office or by email to ptfa@rosary.gloucs.sch.uk



Sparkle & Shine
SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 13TH
NOVEMBER

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

£4.50 PER TICKET
to be paid through ParentPay

Includes: entry, 1 drink, 1 bag of sweets & 1 glow stick



MOVIE MAGIC

Friday 11th December
3:20pm - 5:00pm

£4.50 PER CHILD

Payment to be made through ParentPay by Wednesday 9th December
Price includes a drink and a snack



Breakfast with the Christmas Grump!

at The Rosary School, Stroud

Saturday 12th December
09:30am - 11:30am

£8.50 per child
includes breakfast, table crafts and a small gift

£4.00 per adult
includes breakfast bag and hot drink

Tickets to be purchased in advance by emailing ptfa@rosary.gloucs.sch.uk or scan the QR code



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Autumn Term- Important Dates

**After School Clubs will run: Monday 7th September for 6 weeks and
Monday 2nd November for 4 weeks**

12 th October		Y5 Class Saint Feast Day – Y5 children can wear non-uniform
13 th October	2:30pm	Harvest Service in Church – Parents/Carers Welcome
16 th October		Y1 & Y2 Trip to Westonbirt Arboretum
16 th October	7pm	Singo Bingo in the school hall
19 th – 23 rd October		Awe & Wonder Week
20 th & 21 st October		Parents Evening Meetings
21 st October		Rocksteady Workshops
23 rd October		KS2 Interhouse Sports Competition
23 rd October		Whole school flu immunisations
26 th – 30 th October		Half Term
3 rd November	1pm – 3pm	Y4 Swimming Lessons begin
4 th November	2:30pm	Y5 & Y6 Class Mass in School - Parents/Carers Welcome
11 th November	10am – 11:30am	Open Morning for prospective parents
13 th November	5pm – 6:30pm	School Disco £4.50 per child
16 th November		Inset Day
17 th – 20 th November		Anti-bullying Week
24 th November		Y5 Trip to The John Moore Museum
26 th November		Y6 Bike-ability
2 nd December	11am	Reconciliation Service in school
10 th December	10am – 11:30am	Open Morning for prospective parents – Stay & Play session
12 th December	9:30am – 11:30am	Breakfast with 'The Grinch' in school hall – child tickets £8.50 adult tickets £4.00
14 th December	2pm	KS1 Nativity in school - Parents/Carers Welcome
15 th December	2pm	KS2 Carol Concert in Church - Parents/Carers Welcome
16 th December	9:30am	Whole school trip to Stroud Pantomime
16 th December	7pm	St. Peters High School Carols by Candlelight service in Church – (cost tbc)
18 th December	1pm	End of Term – School returns Monday 4th January



Tennis Taster Day 18th October 2026

Date Sunday 18th October
Time 2.00 - 4.00
Venue Oxstalls Indoor Tennis
Centre, Plock Court, Tewkesbury
Road, Gloucester GL2 9DW



Register today via the QR code or contact CP Sport for more information by emailing rio.booth@cpsport.org



TRAIN TO TEACH

IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE
INFORMATION EVENING



Tuesday
3rd November 2026



5pm - 7pm



Pate's Grammar School
Cheltenham, GL51 0HG



Book your place now by scanning here or
email admin@odysseytsh.org

Teach in Gloucestershire



OCTOBER HALF-TERM



Kids Stuff Fancy Dress Corner All Week! 9.30am-5pm
Kids Stuff will be hosting a fancy dress up corner all week leading up to Halloween. Come down and pick up a Halloween outfit, from Moana to Spiderman what will you find at Kids Stuff?
*While stocks last

CRAFT TABLES 10am - 12pm



Monday 26th October
Autumn Wreath



Tuesday 27th October
Pumpkin Carving

Kids Stuff craft table hosts the annual family Pumpkin Carving.



Wednesday 28th October
Spooky Snake



Thursday 29th October
Pinecone Bats



Friday 30th October
Spider Crown



Saturday 31st October
Toilet Roll Mummies

No booking required, just drop-in and join-in.
Offered Pay-as-you-can. Aimed at 3-11 years.

Please check full schedule at www.brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays and www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk/activities *Activities subject to change. *Children must be supervised.
All School holiday events here: www.brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays
Find us at: Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN



Cotswold Canals Trust

Be prepared for spooks, scares and Halloween treats along the way!

HALLOWEEN BOAT TRIPS

Friday 30th & Saturday 31st October

20-minute return boat trips, travelling from Bowbridge to Capels Mill and back
Trip Times: 11:30am | 12:00pm | 12:30pm | 1:00pm | 2:00pm | 2:30pm | 3:00pm | 3:30pm

£5 Tickets Adults & Children

Book Online at www.cotswoldcanals.org