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Parent WhatsApp Groups

Over the past few weeks, some of our school families have independently shared their thoughts and concerns about the use of WhatsApp for parent communication. We're incredibly grateful for this open dialogue and wanted to take a moment to gently revisit the school's position on this matter.

While the school itself does not use WhatsApp as an official communication channel, we do appreciate how parent groups can be a lifeline — offering support, sharing reminders and helping each other navigate the busy rhythm of school and family life. We know how helpful a quick "don't forget the wellies" or "house colour day tomorrow" message can be in the morning rush!

However, it has come to our attention that some conversations within these groups have included comments that name individual members of staff. A few families have expressed that these messages can sometimes feel quite personal, and they worry how it might feel if a staff member were to read them.

We understand that everyone wants the best for their children, and we greatly value the engagement, encouragement and support that parents bring to our school community. That's why we kindly ask that any discussions about school matters or staff members remain respectful and thoughtful. Our team is wholeheartedly committed to creating a safe, nurturing and inspiring environment for every child — and we hope you would agree that they deserve to be treated with the same kindness and respect they strive to show each day.

If you ever have concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us directly. We are always here to listen, to support and to work together in the best interests of our pupils.



End of year transition

At this special time of year, we begin to consider transitions for pupils across the school. Year six pupils are in the process of meeting with key staff from their new secondary schools and hearing more about the exciting opportunities which lie ahead.

We are also planning visits to our local pre-school settings as part of our Reception transition liaison work. 90 children will be joining us in June for their Reception taster visits and we can't wait to meet them!

Each year, our staff receive clear guidance on key information which must be shared in order to facilitate an effective and smooth transition for the children. For pupils with additional needs, further enhanced transitions may be organised, where we feel this would be beneficial to individuals. Class transition mornings have been arranged for **Wednesday 9th July 2025**, when pupils will spend quality time with their new teacher. After school on this day, parents are warmly invited to our Informal Open Evening which is an opportunity to meet new teachers and to celebrate the work across the year. More information to follow.

<u>Preventing & Tackling Bullying Policy – Review Working Party</u>

In March 2025, we asked parents to complete a survey sharing their thoughts and opinions about how we prevent, and tackle, bullying. We would like to thank all parents who completed this survey. The next stage for us is to gain 'pupil voice' and 'staff voice' on this matter. Finally, we would like to share our renewed policy with a group of parents, representative of each year group if possible. This small working party will support us in finalising this crucial policy and share any ideas about how we can make the policy as effective as possible. If you would like to be part of this working party, we will meet on Thursday 19th June 1.30pm – 3.00pm. Please contact Mrs East via email at admin@leckhampton.gloucs.sch.uk if you would like your name to be added to the list.

<u>Upcoming Dates</u>: *Sporting fixtures and festivals will be communicated to selected pupils separately.

| Week 1 | | | | | |
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| Week beginning 2 nd June | | | | | |
| Monday 2 nd June | Inset Day for staff – school closed to pupils | | | | |
| Thursday 5 th June | Y4 Multiplication Tables Checks begin | | | | |
| | Reception to Cogges Manor Farm (Elm) | | | | |
| Friday 6 th June | Reception Sports Morning 9.30am – 10.50am* | | | | |
| | (further information to follow) *slight change to timings | | | | |
| | FoLPS will be selling drinks and pastries from 8.35am to 11.00am | | | | |
| Week 2 | | | | | |
| Week beginning 9 th June – Wellbeing Week | | | | | |
| Monday 9 th June | Y1 Phonics Screening Checks begin | | | | |
| Tuesday 10 th June | Reception to Cogges Manor Farm (Oak) | | | | |
| | Y2 to Holst Museum | | | | |
| | Y4 to Skill Zone (Hornbeam) | | | | |
| Wednesday 11 th June | Reception to Cogges Manor Farm (Ash) | | | | |
| Thursday 12 th June | Elm Class Collective Worship 9am | | | | |
| | Y4 to Skill Zone (Hawthorn) | | | | |

| Week 3 | | | | | | |
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| Week beginning 16 th June – Active Journeys Week | | | | | | |
| Monday 16 th June | Agents of Change Awards closing date | | | | | |
| | Y2 SATs begin | | | | | |
| Thursday 19 th June | Ash Class Collective Worship 9am | | | | | |
| | Preventing & Tackling Bullying Policy – Working party of parents (1.30pm – | | | | | |
| | 3.00pm) | | | | | |
| Friday 20 th June | KS2 Sports Day 9.15am – 3.00pm (further information to follow) | | | | | |

Weekly Pollution Report from Molly the Monitor on Hall Road

High of the week: 62.3µg at 16:15 on Monday. Low of the week: 0.00µg at 10.45 on Wednesday.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Average |
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| 08:45 | 11.4 | 4.86 | 26.7 | 13.4 | 13.2 | 13.91 |
| 15:15 | 9.23 | 0.41 | 1.62 | 3.17 | 7.42 | 4.37 |

Molly the monitor has now been relocated to another school in Cheltenham. There are only two monitors available for all Cheltenham schools, so they need to be moved fairly frequently. We do now have a significant amount of data from the Leckhampton area, and the Environmental Protection Team is currently analysing it. They should have some useful findings to share with us soon.

FoLPS Update

Thank you for all your support this half term the Lido Splash raised £1,123 and the disco raised £1,441 which will all go towards additional funding of our children's education.

Next half term is a busy one for FoLPS with Sports day refreshments and our Summer Fair on 4th July!

Sports day - Warm Croissants/Pain au Chocolate and a drink:

FoLPS will be providing warm freshly baked croissants with tea, coffee or hot chocolate at the following times to help keep spectators hydrated. Please remember your reusable cup for a discount. Card and cash accepted.

Refreshments will be served at the back of the conference room on the upper playground from 8.45 to 11 on each of the Sports Days.



Kind regards Rich and Clara Joint Chair of FoLPS PTA





Half Term Fun at The Museum of Gloucester!

Moomin 80: Moomin ABC Exhibition

Open until Sunday 5 October | Tickets from £5

Family Trail: Mysteries of May

Saturday 24 May - Sunday 1 June | £2 per trail

Doc Saurus: Fossil Hunter

Wednesday 28 May, Sessions 10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm | £2.50 per person

Moomin Tales & Adventure: Storytelling Session with Exhibition Visit

Wednesday 28 May, 11am - 12:30 & 2pm - 3:30pm | £12.50 per child - Adults go free!

Recycled Moomin Magic: Create your Own Blue House

Thursday 29 May, sessions running 11am - 2pm | £6.50 per child - Adults go free!

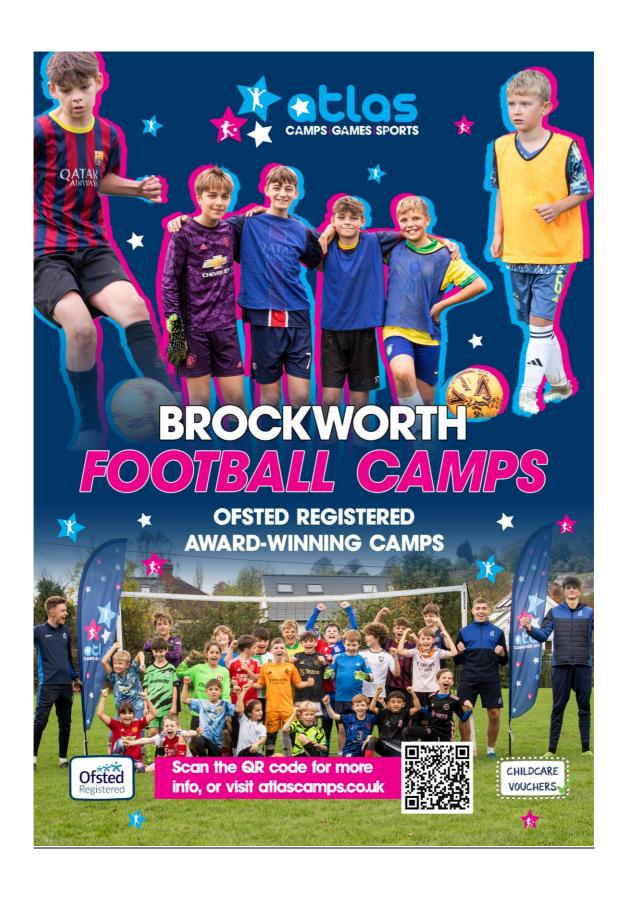
Glorious Glevum Tour

Saturday 31 May, 2pm - 3pm | Tickets from £5











ALL TICKETS







Let's All Dance Ballet: Puss in Boots **Sunday 1**st **June at 1pm & 3pm**



Get your children into cricket this summer at The Burrows, Leckhampton.

Cheltenham Cricket Club is running the ECB's Dynamo Cricket programme on Wednesday nights (6pm-7.15pm through its partnership with Leckhampton Rovers FC.

The sessions - which are aimed at 8-11-year-olds - will be run by qualified coaches from Cheltenham CC Dynamos Cricket. No prior experience is necessary, children will be given support learning all the basic skills as well as playing games. It is a soft ball programme and suitable for youngsters who are new to the game or taking the next steps after All Stars.

It costs £50 booking fee includes a personalised t-shirt.

Dynamos sessions will run from June 4 for 8 weeks with sessions taking place from 6.15pm-7.15pm.

To book go to https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/7179a1dd-9f6c-4d75-bfb7-72e56c51933b?venue=LeckhamptonRoversCC

(please note that the dates on the webpage may not be accurate due to a system error - the ones stated above are correct)

If you have any questions about the programme please contact Cheltenham CC director of cricket Luke Sellers at lukesellers@hotmail or on 07866882601.