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Dear All,

Attendance Highlight

Thank you for your help this week. We have had our attendance percentage up this week especially on Wednesday and Thursday with an overall percentage of nearly 70%. Although we are aiming for 90% and above, it is the small steps with the Big Wins! Please continue to support us by making sure your child attends school and be entered for the 19 Day Attendance Challenge.

Uniform

Thank you for your support with uniforms this term. Please continue to make sure they have the appropriate uniform as we continue to embrace the warm weather. Where possible please also make sure they have a sun cream on.

Swimming-New Group 7A

Class 7A had their first swimming session on Monday. Please make sure they come to school on the dates with their swimming kit for the activity.

-Monday 28th April-Done

-Monday 12th May

-Monday 2nd June

-Monday 16th June

-Monday 30th June

Assessment/Exams in Term 5

Assessments have gone well this week with all year groups successfully completing their individual assessments. This will continue next week and for the rest of the term. Please make sure they attend school every day.

Term 5 Dates for your Diary

Monday 28th April 2025 - Friday 23rd May 2025

Bank Holidays-Monday 5th May 2025 School Closed

School is open on Tuesday 6th May 2025 as normal.

Concerns/Social Media

Thank you for sharing all the information from the holidays with us. We have spoken to every child this week to check in with them and it has been great to know what they all got up to.



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Teacher/TA Adverts/Update

Thank you again for your help. I am pleased to say that we have had the interviews in the last 2 days and will be making appointments to add to capacity as we grow as an Academy and Trust.

Food Bank

Food Bank is open, and we will encourage you to contact us if you need any support. Below is also information from the Local Authority about Food Vouchers.

Title: Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers

As you may be aware, Free School Meals are arranged directly with Gloucestershire County Council. Please find detailed below an email from GCC advising that they are offering a voucher for the May half term to all students entitled to free school meals and providing details regarding eligibility and the application process.

Unfortunately, we are unable to process a claim or application on your behalf, but we did want to bring it to your attention for you to make a claim.

Email from Gloucester County Council

We would like to make you aware of the holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families in Gloucestershire. We hope that you will be able to pass these messages on to families within your schools.

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the May Half Term 2025 will be open from midday 29 April until midday on 13 May. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 19 May. Please encourage families to check their junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there.

If parents have not received their vouchers by 26 May, please encourage them to submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#)

This May Half Term, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.**

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Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of **£15 per child for one week**.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our [FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for the May Half Term holiday vouchers - they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure parents are registered beforehand. They can register by visiting the [apply for free school meals](#) page. If your school is one of the five that do not use this method, we will require confirmation from yourselves on the child's eligibility. You can find more information on what schools these are on the link above.

Using vouchers – vouchers need to be used will only be awarded once the parent has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers are valid for 6 months, although should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired, they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers not received should be queried via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) by the end of the holiday period.

For any parents wishing to update details of an existing application, please ask them to submit an update existing details request via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) so we can update their account, as details are not automatically updated.

Enjoy your Bank Holiday weekend and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely,



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