



End of Term

On behalf of everyone at Forest View we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. School re-opens on Monday 8th January 2024 for the Spring term.



Christmas Performances

Thank you to everyone that attended our Christmas performances, we hope you agree the children were absolutely fantastic and put on an excellent show. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in putting the productions together in such a short space of time.



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Christmas Lunch

It was an exceptionally busy two days for our Treetops catering staff to deliver a fabulous Christmas dinner to all of our children and staff. The children were treated to an excellent meal of turkey, pigs in blankets, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, cauliflower and broccoli cheese, roast potatoes, sprouts, carrots and peas! All for just £2.50!

The children loved pulling their crackers, telling jokes, making hats and singing along to the Christmas songs. It made for a lovely atmosphere in our school hall for each of the 4 sittings. Thank you to all the staff who supported the delivery of our meals.



EYFS Christingle Service

St. Stephen's Church treated our children, staff and parents to a wonderful Christingle Service. It was great to see so many parents attend this event which put everyone in the Christmas Spirit!

Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas jumper day this year raised money for Pets as Therapy (PAT). This is one of the charities that supports our school. Our PAT dog, Cherry, and her owner, Barbara are an important part of our school community, supporting pupils with their emotional well-being.

We raised just over £240 for Pets as Therapy. Thank you everyone!



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KS1 Library Visits

Our year 1 and 2 children have been visiting Cinderford library. At the library children listened to stories and shared books with each other. Reading for pleasure can quite simply change a child's life and we encourage all children to join the library with their parents and to visit it regularly.



Book Fair

Our £1 book fair was a huge success. All the children were able to choose a book which the school paid for and many of you took the opportunity to purchase some high quality books at a very good price.

Reading is so important, the more you can read with your children at home, the more access your child has to books, the better their educational outcomes will be.

Autumn Showcase

What a fabulous turnout for our Autumn Showcase! It was so great to see so many of you come into school to see your child's work.



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Singing Club

Our school choir has been singing around the town this December. They sang exceptionally well at the annual Christmas Tree festival which is held at St. Stephen's Church, visited Forest Sensory Services and sang in the Triangle. They have been simply amazing! Thank you to Miss Wilkins for organising this years choir.



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Romanian Celebration Day

The children have enjoyed a wonderfully colourful day to celebrate Romania. Some of our Romanian children came to school in traditional dress and lots of our children took part in the celebration by wearing colours of the Romanian flag.

During the day children took part in traditional dances, learnt some key Romanian phrases, learnt songs and cooked some traditional Romanian food.

Students from Forest High also visited this afternoon to teach children about Romanian customs, teach some Romanian words and take part in some Romanian themed activities.



Pantomime

Our children were exceptionally excited to watch this year's visiting pantomime of Snow White. This year there was a lot of audience participation with many children taking roles in the performance. They all did brilliantly and the whole performance was simply amazing!



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KS1 - Great Fire of London

Mr Lyons went with our KS1 children to set up a model of the Great Fire of London. In groups the children built houses for the model and we built 'London' on the back playground.

Mr Lyons then talked about the Fire of London and how it was spread because the houses were so close together. Mr Lyons got the children to think about what those families must have felt when they had lost everything.

To the children's surprise, Mr Lyons then set fire to the houses. The children were able to watch how quickly the fire spread and destroyed their models.



November Attendance

School attendance for December was: 93.9% (since September 94.75%)

Classes with the highest attendance were: Eagles (99.6%), Squirrels (96.7%), Dragonflies (96.7%)

Classes with the lowest attendance were: Hedgehogs (90.2%), Grasshoppers (91.3%), Harriers (91.5%),

It all adds up!

Attending school everyday gives your child the best chance of success.	100%
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Attending 4.5 days every week = 4 weeks missed learning per year	90%
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Attending 4 days a week = 8 weeks missed learning per year.	80%
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Attending 3.5 days a week = 12 weeks missed learning per year.	70%
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80% attendance adds up to missing 2 full years of education over their school life!

Can they afford to keep missing out?

Every Day Counts



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Pupil Premium and School Funding

Did you know that if your child is registered for benefits led Free School Meals they are eligible for the following:

- A free school meal everyday in school until they leave primary school.
- Free entry to breakfast club (bookable through ParentMail)
- A £15 supermarket voucher for every eligible child for each week of the school holidays (provided by Gloucestershire County Council through the holiday voucher scheme).
- Free holiday activities (provided through Gloucestershire's HAF/HAP scheme).
- Subsidised after school clubs.

The school also receives extra funding for every child who is eligible for benefits led Free School Meals (also known as the pupil premium) which allows us to provide extra support to our pupils.

If you think you children are eligible, or are unsure then go to:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

2023/24 Key Dates


8/1/24 - Start of Term 3	20/3/24 - Parents Consultation Meetings
19/1/24 - Visiting Author—Ian Young	21/3/24 - Parents Consultation Meetings
5/2/24 - Y5/6 Police talks—Online Relationships	22/3/24 - End of Term 4 (1.30pm)
9/2/24 - End of Term 3	8/4/24 - Start of Term 5
19/2/24 - Start of Term 4	9/5/24 - Y3 Residential Begins
27/2/23 - Rabbits class trip to Robinswood	10/5/23- Y3 Residential Ends
28/2/23 - Squirrels class trip to Robinswood	24/5/24 - Reports Out
29/2/23 - Hedgehogs class trip to Robinswood	24/5/24 - End of Term 5
1/3/23 - Otters class trip to Robinswood	3/6/24 - Start of Term 6
4/3/23 - Visiting Author—John Dougherty	3/6/24 - 14/6/24 - Parents Consultations (to discuss reports)
11/3/23 - Super Sewers Workshops and Assembly	17/7/24 - Y6 Leavers Afternoon
12/3/23 - Y5/6 Police Drug Workshops	12/7/24 - Summer Showcase
14/3/24 - Spring Showcase	19/7/24 - End of Term 6
15/3/24 - Y5 Residential Begins	4/9/24 - Start of Term 1 (2024/25 academic year)
18/3/23 - Y5 Residential Ends	
18/3/24 - Parents Consultation Meetings	
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WITH CONFIDENCE WITH THE FOREST OF DEAN'S

Youth Theatre Saturday Classes

Term time and holiday projects

The Wesley Centre, Cinderford

Juniors 8-12 yrs 10am-12pm

Seniors 13-18 yrs 1pm-3pm



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