



WEEKLY REMINDER: 1ST DECEMBER

Our Christian value this term is **Trust**.

DAY	WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
MONDAY 1st December	9am Music Lessons ASC Christmas Choir
TUESDAY 2 nd December	Sports Breakfast Club PE Morning - Children to wear uniform and change into PE kit. Pets as therapy
WEDNESDAY 3 rd December	ASC Dance All ASC's finish at 4pm Girl's Rugby - Cirencester Kingshill 3.30pm-5.30pm
THURSDAY 4 th December	
FRIDAY 5 th December	PE Afternoon - Children to wear uniform and change into PE kit. ASC Sports

ADVANCED DIARY DATES	
7 th December	NCSA Christmas Fete
8 th December	4Front Theatre Christmas Show (AM)
11 th December	Dodgeball
15 th December	School Nativity (PM)
17 th December	Christmas Lunch

ATTENDANCE

Attendance in school is key to our children's learning. Since the beginning of term there have been 183 morning or afternoon sessions missed. This is equivalent to 91.5 days of education. Please ensure that your child attends school. We have 43 children in school so the average per child is 2.12 days lost learning. For more information regarding Term Time absence, please visit our Pupil Attendance and Absence Policy on our website:

<https://www.northcerney.gloucs.sch.uk/web/attendance/664001>

We will update this announcement every week.

LETTERS SENT HOME OVER THE LAST WEEK

Sent to YR - Y6 - NCSA Raffle and Auction

Sent to YR - Y6 - Christmas Present Appeal letter

Sent to YR - Y6 - Pyjama Day Friday 28th November

Sent to Yr3-Y6 - KS2 - Christmas show 8th December.

Sent to YR - Y6 - School Photos.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL

Thank you to all of you who have already brought in donations for the Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal. We will continue collecting until next Friday 5th December.



Suggested Gift List for Children and Young People:

- **0-3 years:** dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, puzzles
- **3-5:** dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- **5-9:** educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
- **9-12:** games and toys, stationery, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- **13-16:** books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

HOLIDAY FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHER SCHEME

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 Winter holiday 2025 will be open from midday 25 November until midday on 9 December. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 15 December.

If parents have not received their vouchers by 22 December, please encourage them to submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#)

This Winter Holiday, 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.**

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, those wishing to find out more about eligibility and the scheme can do so by visiting our holiday free school meal voucher webpage here: [Holiday free school meal vouchers | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for the Winter 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.

Using vouchers - vouchers will only be awarded once the parent has registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers 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.

NCSA

This is now live so please vote!



The NCSA are delighted to have been accepted on the **Tesco charity scheme**. We will be one of three charities that can be voted for with the blue tokens in Cirencester big Tesco from the first week in October 2025 until mid-January 2026. We would encourage everyone to vote for us, as the winning charity receives £1500!

The annual NCSA Christmas Fete will be held in the Village Hall **Sunday 7th December 12-2pm**.

It is going to be a fantastic event, featuring:

- Delicious refreshments
- Christmas raffle with loads of great prizes to be won
- Tombola and other games
- Fun Christmassy activities

We hope to feature the talents of all of our wonderful North Cerney pupils for a mini Christmas carol concert as the fete finale. The talented Ms Livermore will be practicing songs with the children next term in preparation.

As always, donations to the raffle / tombola / cake stall gratefully accepted, or volunteers to run a stall on the day. Please reach out to anyone in the NCSA.

Thanks for the support!



DODGEBALL

Our team at the dodgeball competition represented the school proudly and with great effort! There were lots of schools at the competition, and they were tough opponents. The whole team were eager to play and cheer each other on. Lots of smiles throughout the games. We are looking forward to the next competition!



EXTERNAL NOTICES

Brilliant Book Events Before Christmas at:

Octavia's Bookshop
24 **Black Jack Street**
Cirencester
GL7 2AA



Saturday 22nd November 11:30am- Storytime & Signing with Katy Birchall, author of A Dog Called Hero

Calling all animal lovers! Join author Katy Birchall to find out all about her new book, A Dog Called Hero, for 8-13 years. A cosy mystery story about the gorgeous bond between a girl and a former police dog. Join Katy for a reading from the book and to get signed copies of A Dog Called Hero. (No tickets needed)



Saturday 6th December from 11am- Helen Peters will be here for a book signing and reading of her new book A Reindeer Called Joy

We will be promoting her new book, a perfect Christmas book for 6-8 years, and many of her other brilliant books for 8-12 years. These include The Secret Hen House Theatre and the gripping WW2 adventure story, Friends and Traitors. (No tickets needed)



Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools and Colleges

This qualification has been designed to provide learners with an understanding of the knowledge and skills needed when working directly with children and young people in school or college environments. It covers a wide range of areas including children and young people's development, supporting children and young people's positive behaviour and communication and professional relationships.

If you have considered a full or part time support role within a school or college, this course could be for you.

Day(s): Tuesday and Wednesday

Time: 09.30am – 14.00pm

Start Date: Tuesday 13th January End Date: Wednesday 25th March

Venue: UBC, Cirencester Office Pk, Tetbury Rd, Cirencester GL7 6JJ



You may be eligible for a fully funded place on this course. To find out more please contact us at: adult.education@cirencester.ac.uk or 01285 640994

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Be a Star and donate a gift

Could you help us make Christmas special for those who may have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning?

At The Salvation Army in Cirencester, we have the privilege to provide Christmas presents for children in Cirencester and the surrounding areas.

This is only possible through the kindness of those who either give a gift or donate money towards our Christmas Present Appeal.

On behalf of those who will benefit from your kindness, Thank you.



Should you want to make a financial contribution, please use the QR code



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Are you ready for Winter HAF?



Winter HAF returns this winter holidays with bookings open on 1 December

Make sure you're ready to book!
Scan the QR code and keep your details up to date.
Visit <https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf>



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