



WEEKLY REMINDER: 20TH OCTOBER

Our Christian value this term is Thankfulness.

DAY	WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
MONDAY 20th October	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm
TUESDAY 21th October	Sports Breakfast Club PE Morning - Children to wear uniform and change into PE kit. Kingfisher class only - may come in wearing PE kit. Pets as therapy Parents Evening 3pm-5pm
WEDNESDAY 22nd October	ASC Netball All ASC's finish at 4pm
THURSDAY 23rd October	Kitchen Club Kingfisher and Owl Last Day of Term 1
FRIDAY 24th October	Inset Day

ADVANCED DIARY DATES	
3 rd November	Inset Day
4 th November	Start of Term 2
10 th November (week commencing)	Bikeability (for Owl Class - dates tbc)
13 th November	Kingfisher and Owl - Explorer Dome (am only)
19 th November (pm)	School Photographs
27 th November	School Nurse (Reception and Y6 - checks)
7 th December	NCSA Christmas Fete
8 th December	4Front Theatre Christmas Show (am)
17 th December	Christmas Lunch

ATTENDANCE

Attendance in school is key to our children's learning. Since the beginning of term there have been 113 morning or afternoon sessions missed. This is equivalent to 56.5 days of education. Please ensure that your child attends school. We have 43 children in school so the average per child is 1.3 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 - Social Media

Sent to YR - Y6 - Parents Evening

Sent to Y5 and Y6 - Science this week

Sent to YR and Y6 - NCMP & Vision Check - 27th November

Sent to Y5 and Y6 - Kingshill School - Final Open Morning

Sent to Y3 and Y4 - Kingfisher Class PE Tuesday mornings

Sent to Y5 and Y6 - Wilderness Centre Residential - Owl Class

HEAD'S UPDATE FROM THE PARENT FORUM

Parent Forum Feedback

Arbor

Discussed issues with transition to the new system.

Parents wanted to know how to cancel bookings and how credit could be viewed.

- Admin will supply a statement to parents if requested.

Key Stage 2

Concerns that some homework is not related to work in class. Some confusion around spelling tests and practice routines.

- Mrs Pascoe to follow up with class teacher

Some concerns around behaviour

- Mrs Pascoe reassured parents that this was now under control

Religious visits

Discussion around what religious trips the school have done, normally based on the rolling curriculum. Visits have included Mosque, Rabbi, and Divali dance day.

Trips

Parents would like more cultural clubs such as pantomimes and circus.

- Mrs Pascoe said that a 'passport' of activities we would like our children to experience had been created. This will be shared with NCSA to see how they could support.

A cultural event on the weekend for the school community led by the NCSA was recommended.

ASC and Clubs

Desire for more after school opportunities and lunch time clubs

- SBM confirmed we were planning more from next term.
- Mrs Pascoe explained that staffing clubs can be difficult and expensive.

Parents raised concerns about Friday ASC as there are issues around spaces, with children not getting in and it being the only afterschool childcare on Fridays.

It was agreed that Friday Sports club should be chargeable to make it accessible for parents who need childcare.

Reminders:

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. We appreciate that it's only October, but please put it in the diary of all of your friends and family now!

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!



EXTERNAL NOTICES

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

Cirencester RFC

MONDAY 27 October
WAY OF THE VIKING: VIKING CRAFT, GAMES & CHALLENGES!
Live the Viking way for a day! Join your clan, take a Viking name, create your own Viking pottery, learn how to build an effective shield wall, & then switch from craftsman to warrior as you rise to the challenge with ancient Viking games Kubbe & Jomsvallikent

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER
BUSHCRAFT ADVENTURE: SURVIVAL SKILLS & CAMPFIRE TREATS
A bushcraft adventure all about fire - how to make it, cook on it & respect its wild power. Discover ancient fire making techniques, learn how to spark & build your own campfire, cook up tasty seasonal treats, build a shelter & take on survival challenges just like wilderness explorers. A full day of hands-on bushcraft, outdoor skills & discovery - perfect for curious kids who love nature & adventure.

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER
WIZARDS OF THE WILD: A HARRY POTTER ADVENTURE
Bringing the magic of Harry Potter to life! Join this adventure where imagination runs wild. Brew bubbling potions in Potions Class, whistle & enchant your very own wand & join the Quidditch tournament for the house cup. A spellbinding day of fun, creativity, & adventure.

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER
ULTIMATE HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE: TRICKS, TREATS & CAMPFIRE FUN!
Get ready for the spookiest, silliest & slimmest day of the holidays! Make goopy slime, decorate Day of the Dead sugar skulls, brew Mayan hot chocolate over the campfire & join a zombie scavenger hunt. All topped off by a visit to the Witch, Goblin, & Bog Troll to solve a riddle, crack the Halloween mystery... & earn sweet rewards. A mix of hands-on fun, laughter & imagination!

Book for 1 day or multiple days. Find out more at www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

October Half Term fun

Kids Stuff Cirencester will be hosting craft tables and activities throughout the October Half Term holidays: 27th October - 31st October

Monday 27th October
Crafts with Janet - Autumn Themed | 10:30am-12:30pm
This is a relaxed session held in our play area, aimed at pre-school children to try their hand at colouring and painting, led by the lovely Janet. No booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Offered Pay-as-you-can.

Meet Bluey - 11am-12pm
Bluey is coming to Town this half term! We have a very special visitor arriving at 11am Monday to meet & greet our little friends in our open play area. don't miss out on the opportunity to meet Bluey the Mascot from Lauren's Fairy Characters.

Tuesday 28th October
Kids Stuff Craft - Minecraft & Creepers | 10:30am-12:30pm
Kids Stuff morning craft table. Make and create Minecraft and creeper characters. No booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 5-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.

Drama Tots - Halloween themed | 2-2:40pm
Drama Tots are back with a high energy, interactive and fun Halloween themed session aimed at children age 18 months to 5 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.

Wednesday 29th October
Kids Stuff Craft - Pumpkin Craft | 10:30am-12:30pm
Kids Stuff morning craft table. Make and create a Pumpkin Craft. No booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 5-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.

Thursday 30th October
Kids Stuff Craft - Autumn Wreath | 10am-12:30pm
Kids Stuff morning craft table. Make and create a Autumn Wreath. No booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 5-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.

Active Tots by Sportily | 10:30am-12:30pm
Active Tots by Sportily will be hosting a session in our play area. Get ready for fun and adventure at this active session for 1-4 year old children. Pre-Book at www.bookwhen.com/sportily

Friday 31st October
Kids Stuff Messy Play - Halloween Themed | 10am-12pm
Join this Messy sensory session with our activities lead Rosie. Aimed at 3-8 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.

Halloween Colouring Competition | Deadline 31st October
Join in our October Halloween Colouring Competition. Simply drop off your spooky A4 drawing to the Kids Stuff Shop by 31st October. Please include Name, Age and Parent/Carer contact details on the back. For a chance to win a £5 Kids Stuff Gift Card to use in our circular shop.

Offered: Pay-As-You-Can
Which means if you have enjoyed being with us and you can, please pop a donation in the pot, at the till or online on our donation page. This means we can provide more sessions to support local families. Thank you!

Some events booking required/limited places. Full details in www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk
*Notices subject to change. Children must be supervised.

The Long Table will be providing Pay-as-you-can Kids Packed Lunches throughout the October Half Term Holidays.
Lunchtimes daily, 12-2:30pm
All event details here: www.cirencester-kidsstuff.org.uk
Find us at: 29-35 Market Pl, Cirencester GL7 2NX

CARVING TIME OUT FOR SOME PUMPKIN PICKING AT BIBURY TROUT FARM

Join us at Bibury Trout Farm for some SPOOK-tacular pumpkin picking!
Kids activities included, with each booking providing maximum of 8 guests each. Simply pay for the pumpkins you pick on the day.
To book the day & time you would like to come, scan the code below or visit our website for more details.

18th, 19th, & 24th to 31st of October
10am - 4pm. GL7 5NL. 01285 740215

www.biburytroutfarm.co.uk/pumpkin-picking/

CRAFT WORKSHOPS

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Beginners Machine Sewing (9 - 13 years)
Tue 28th Oct, 10am - 3:30pm, £55

Ink from Plants (12 - 17 years)
Thu 30th Oct, 10am - 4pm, £65

FREE CRAFT DROP-INS

Weave the Past: Corn Dolly Making
Wed 29th Oct, 10:00 am 3:30 pm

Make Your Own Flower Collage
Sat 1st Nov, 11am - 3pm

Cirencester History Festival
Cirencester History Festival Events

New Brewery Arts | CIRENCESTER
www.newbreweryarts.org.uk

Balcarras
Teaching School Hub

Odyssey
Teaching School Hub

TRAIN TO TEACH

IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Thursday
November 6th 2025

5pm - 7pm

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