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Dear Parents,

**Welcome back** to the start of another school year. I hope you all had a great summer break and that the children feel rested and ready for the challenges of the new school year. We are now two weeks into our Autumn term and our new reception children are settling in very well and will be joining us full time from next week.

We have got off to a great start with the year 6 residential trip to Morfa Bay, the children had a fantastic time and are now back to tell everyone about their adventures!

**Mrs Woolley**  
**Head Teacher**

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### Thank You to Coventry Building Society

We would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the Coventry Building Society for their recent donation of £2,236. Each year the Coventry Building Society in Tetbury donates 1% of the total balances held in their Supporters Accounts (School PTA), this is separate to the interest given to the account holders. This year this resulted in a donation to the school of £2,236 which we will use to improve the school resources for the benefit of all our children.

Thank you to all the parents and local residents who hold a Supporters Account.

Details of the Supporter Account which is offered by The Coventry Building Society can be found on their website [www.thecoventry.co.uk](http://www.thecoventry.co.uk) or by phoning their Tetbury branch on 01666 502692.

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### Secondary School Transfer

#### Year 6

The Secondary School Transfer Letter went out last week to all year 6 children regarding the secondary school transfer, please be aware that applications, whether made electronically or on paper, must be made no later than the closing date of **31st October 2021**. This is extremely important as any applications received after this date may not be considered until after all the allocations have been made.

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## Elm and Ash Class

In Elm and Ash class, we have settled happily and confident. We have already written a persuasive letter explaining why cities should plant more trees. In the afternoons, we have produced some beautiful artwork from our school book 'The Promise' which is displayed in our corridor. Miss Browning, Mrs Withers and Mrs Wheeler have been so impressed with our caring children who have shown curiosity in their learning. We are looking forward to the year ahead.



## Year 2 walk – Litter Watch!

Yesterday year 2 went for a walk at the rec. We were looking for litter and bins. There were lots of bins but sadly loads more litter on the ground NOT in the bins. So when we got back we wrote letters to the council asking them to help us make the environment nicer. Josh & Riley, Holly class

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## Newly Refurbished Courtyard

The children have enjoyed playing in the newly refurbished courtyard. They balanced, crawled and ran and fully explored the area.



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## Milk

Reception Children whose parents/carers have registered them for Free school milk (under 5's), are receiving milk in class at the moment, it is not an automatic registration. If you would like to take advantage of the free school milk scheme (for under 5's), please register your child at [www.CoolMilk.co.uk](http://www.CoolMilk.co.uk).

As your children turn five this will become chargeable and an invoice will be sent to the parent/carer from Coolmilk.

If you do not want your child to receive milk in school, the parent/carer will need to cancel it. This should be done via Coolmilk. We are unable to do this in the school office. For further information please look at the coolmilk website or contact the school office.

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## Free school meals – apply now

### It is worth checking if your child is eligible for FSM..

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, our school will receive extra funding if your child is eligible.

The free school meals policy is as follows-

Children might be able to get free school meals if they or their parents get any of the following:

- \* Income Support
- \* income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- \* income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- \* support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- \* the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- \* Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- \* Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- \* Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Parents can apply for free school meals via the following link- <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

We receive extra funding for each eligible child registered. So even if you don't want your child to have school lunches, you still need to apply to make sure our school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled – helping us provide your child with the best education and support. If you need any help please contact the school office.



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)  
You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and save yourself up to £437 per year.  
Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

Gloucestershire  
County Council

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## Club News

Bookings open tonight at 7pm for the following clubs – limited spaces, please book early to avoid disappointment;

Please book on-line via the parentsevening website <https://stmarystetbury.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Yr 1 Multisports with Mr Knight – starting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 3.15pm – 4.00pm

Yr 2/3 Eco-club with Mrs Pocket and Miss Beckett – starting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 3.15pm -4.00pm

Yr 4 club not open for bookings - details to follow next week

Yr 5/6 Young Voices with Mrs Pike and Miss Beckett - starting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby Club with Mr Knight – starting Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 3.15pm – 4.00pm

Yr 6 High Five Netball with Mr Towers – starting Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 3.15pm – 4.00pm

**FRENCH CLUBS**  
Learn a language  
whilst having fun!

**FRENCH CLUBS TO INSPIRE  
CHILDREN'S LOVE OF LANGUAGES  
AND BUILD THEIR CONFIDENCE  
THROUGH STORY-TELLING, GAMES,  
SONGS, COOKING, CRAFT &  
FUN ACTIVITIES**

**ST MARY'S TETBURY KS1  
FRENCH CLUB**  
Thursday  
lunchtime club  
£5.50/term + club  
membership

**Book a taster session  
or for more information  
contact Anna-Kate on  
07375306881  
admin@clubs4kids.com**

**Clubs 4Kids**

KS1 (Yr1/2) - French club with Madame Fuller (this club has a weekly charge please see details) starting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

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## School Photos

We have a school individual pupil photos on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

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## Raising Funds for our school

Post lockdown excitement continues for Liz Maisey (outgoing Chair of Governors) and Chris Higgs (Teaching Assistant) at St Mary's school on their final leg of their walk!! In celebration of being allowed out and their 50th year, the ladies are walking the Thames Path. 184 miles from Kemble to London and in doing so are raising funds for school;

"We are on to our final leg on 25th September. 173miles completed and 11 miles to the Thames Barrier. It has been a walk from green fields to industrial landscapes, from the quiet of morning walks along a small bubbling river to the chaos and hub-bub of the South Bank, and met some lovely people along the way.

That has been the beauty of the river! Thank you to everyone who joined us and those that couldn't, and thank you for all the donations so far!"

If you are new to the school go and have a look at our pics on @chrisandlizwalk. You will find our donate button on the social media and here too - it is all for a good cause - your school!

<https://donatemy school.com/campaign-page/chris-liz-challenge-the-thames-2>



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## Textile Recycler

The bin is located in the carpark by the Yr3/4 playground and all your donations are gratefully received. Please keep filling it up. The items are collected every week, but if you find the bin full when you use it please let us know in the School Office so that we can arrange for it to be emptied.



## Community

COME AND JOIN US FOR AN ACTION-PACKED  
HALF-TERM, FROM ONLY £24 A DAY



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**OCTOBER 2021**

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[info@atlascamps.co.uk](mailto:info@atlascamps.co.uk)  
0800 772 0743



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**TETBURY RUGBY CLUB**  
**MINIS & YOUTH RUGBY**  
Where Rugby Begins

**LEARN  
& PLAY  
RUGBY**

**For Boys  
& Girls  
5-15 years**

**SEASON STARTS**  
Sunday 5th September 2021 until end of April

[www.tetburyrfc.com](http://www.tetburyrfc.com) • [clubsecretary.tetburyrfc@gmail.com](mailto:clubsecretary.tetburyrfc@gmail.com)

Sir William Romney School, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8AE  
Training from 10.30am – 12pm • x2 Introductory Free Sessions  
Beginners to experienced players, all welcome.



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Tetbury's Great Big Green Week which is happening from the 18th-26th of September

**THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK** 

## NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY & POETRY COMPETITION

There is a prize for the best photo and the best poem!

- **Open to all ages**
- **The subject is 'nature' and can be as broad or specific as you would like**
- **Submissions close at 6pm on Sunday 26th of September**
- **Submissions will be compiled into an online showcase once the competition has closed**

**EMAIL US YOUR SUBMISSIONS AT GREENINGTETBURY@GMAIL.COM OR ON INSTAGRAM: @GREENINGTETBURY**

NOT THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK CO. UK FOR MORE INFORMATION



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## TETBURY GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

**FORAGING AND NATURE WALKS**  
SATURDAY 18TH: 2PM AT THE TOWN HALL

**COMMUNITY GREENING MORNING**  
SUNDAY 19TH: 10-2 AT THE PICNIC BOX (THE REC)

**SUSTAINABLE & ORGANIC FARMING TALK**  
WEDNESDAY 22ND: 7-30PM AT THE GOODS SHED

**APPLE PRESSING AND CROP SWAP**  
SUNDAY 26TH: 11-3 BY THE GOODS SHED

**POETRY & PHOTO COMPETITION**  
SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN: ONLINE

<b>FRUIT AND VEG WITH ROS AT THE GOODS SHED</b> SATURDAY: 11-3	<b>FRUIT AND VEG WITH MEN IN SHEDS</b> WEDNESDAY: 10-12 ON HERD LANE
<b>PICK-YOUR-OWN AT CLOSE FARM</b> WED & SAT: 10-12	<b>REFILLS AND MORE AT THE GROCER ON CHURCH STREET</b> OPEN MON - SAT

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## Families Digital Magazine Sep/Oct 2021

Families Digital Magazine is here, please follow the [link](#) to the current issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine Sep/Oct 2021](#) for your school to share with parents.

**Local family events and activities** are finally back! Our **What's On Guide** and **Activities and Days Out** have loads of options for families wanting to get out and about in September and October.

For those staying close to home we have activities including **Autumn Crafts**, **Growing oak trees from acorns**, **DIY Halloween costumes**, **Halloween decorations** and **Black History Month 'Who's Who' Quiz**.

The magazine is also full of great advice and tips for parents including **Tips for a positive parents' evening**, **Dealing with back to school anxiety**, **Ride to school safely** and **Teacher Talk**.

