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Dear Parent/Carers

We are having a busy Autumn term with the children working hard within school. We are delighted to see a large number of children attending the various afterschool clubs on offer.

The year 6 children have had a brilliant week at Morfa Bay, this week. They have worked together, supported each other, overcome challenges and conquered fears. They really have been an amazing team!

We will be putting a presentation together to share with the year 6 parents in a couple of weeks time.

**Mrs Woolley**  
Head Teacher

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## Photo Day is Coming!

Your child will have their individual photo taken next week on

**Wednesday 5th October**

This year we are able to cater for family siblings - therefore if you would like pre-school or secondary school children's photos taken with their sibling/s - please come to the school office for 8.15am on Wednesday 5th October and the photos will be taken on a first come first served basis with priority of secondary school siblings - so they are not late for their registration.

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All family preschool and secondary school sibling photos will have to be completed by 9am, so please come early so you are not disappointed.

Siblings within our school will have their photos taken during the school day so you do not need to come early – usual start time.

On the day your child will be given a card from colorfoto - please use this card to register your email address as soon as possible - By registering, this ensures you will receive an email from colorfoto to let you know when you can view the proof photo (the proof will usually be available to view approx. 3 weeks after the photo is taken).

Once you have the email from Colorfoto telling you the proof is ready to view, you will have a week to order your photos to school for free, the deadline for ordering to school will be on your email from colorfoto.

Once ordered - Photos should be delivered to school from Monday 28th November.

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## School Census day Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - calling all EYFS and KS1/KS2

On Census Day we encourage all children to have a hot school lunch . The school receives much needed extra funding for all EYFS and KS1 children that take up lunches on this day. It's a good day to try school lunches if your child doesn't normally have them. **Please book asap, so we can have an idea of numbers for the day, however bookings can be made up to 7.55am on the day of the school meal.**

Beef Lasagne with Garlic bread

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Southern Style Vegan Burger

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Tuna Jacket

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Cheese Jacket

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### Year 6

All year 6 parents/carers should have received the Secondary School Transfer Letter. Please be aware that applications must be made no later than the closing date of **31st October 2022**. 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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## 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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## Open Morning 19<sup>th</sup> October – Prospective Reception 2023 Children

Open Morning for prospective Reception Parents will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2023, we would like to invite you to our Open Morning on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

If you would like to join us that morning please click on this link to book a place.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/S9T2BV3>

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## Forest Green Rovers Ambassador 2022-2023



We are excited to be recruiting a new set of FGR ambassadors for the 2022-23 season! This opportunity is for all children in KS2.

By taking on an ambassador role, pupils are able to play an active role within the greenest football club in the world, while developing as people and gaining important life experiences. From assisting the club with matchday roles to spreading news of what we do to schoolmates and their local communities, our ambassadors play an important role as part of FGR community and we are very proud of our ambassadors and the programme. There are also other benefits such as a complimentary FGR Shirt and season ticket, with options to invite their class, school or team to games and potentially have players visit their schools.

If your child would like to be considered to be St Marys FGR ambassador then please could they send in a letter to Miss Browning and Mr knight explaining why they would be a great ambassador!

Mr Knight and Miss Browning

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**If you are not receiving Free school meals - apply for Free school meals now** - instant decision [Apply for free school meals - Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Please apply now – there is still time to apply and benefit from the £15 per child food voucher available for the October half term holiday. (please note Universal Free school meals for Reception to year 2, does not entitle you to the £15 per child voucher- please see below;

Gloucestershire County Council is providing £15 food vouchers, for the October half term holiday week, for all children that are eligible for Free School Meals (different to Universal Infant Free School Meals which all children in R, Yr 1 and Yr 2 receive).

- If your child is eligible for benefits related Free School Meals please read the message below the regarding these vouchers and how to register for them. You will need to make sure you have registered for these vouchers before 11th October. If your child is not currently registered for Free School Meals but you think you might be eligible for them please go to this link to get an instant decision [Apply for free school meals - Gloucestershire County Council](#) . Please do this even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 as benefits related Free School Meals entitle you to other benefits including support in the school holidays. You will need your National Insurance Number and you will get an instant response confirming if you are eligible or not. If this system confirms that you are eligible for Free School Meals please let the School Office know by replying to this email or emailing [admin@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk)

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### Information Provided by Gloucestershire County Council - £15 Food Vouchers

This October half term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

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The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. We are unable to consider college and sixth form students as well as children who receive universal free school meals, as they are not eligible for this scheme

Families signed up to the scheme will receive £15 per child, for the week half term.

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**Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register**, they will already have been included. 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.

If you have a child who started Reception this year and you would like to add to your existing application of the scheme, please get in contact by emailing [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk) so that we may update your details, as this is not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the October half term period are now open until the 11 October. Voucher emails will be sent out on 19 October. Please check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by the 19 October please email [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already, please visit our website - [Holiday School Meal vouchers](#).

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## Clubs

### Lego Club



In Lego Club, Ben G won a chocolate prize for making a yummy slice of pizza. He has been chosen as the builder of the week. We'll done

Ben!

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## Arti Club

In Arti Club, Bella B won a chocolate prize for making a bright, colourful jellyfish. Well done Bella!



## Yr 5/6 Young Voices

There are still places available in the Young Voices club – this is still available to book ready for next weeks afterschool club.

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

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## Asante Sana

Thank you for all your  
generosity buying our giraffes  
last term

You have helped  
raise

!!! £302 !!!!



Every £1 provides 3 hot meals  
You have provided

906 meals !!!



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## Ice Cream Fridays are back!!

We will be selling ice creams after school every Friday in front of main reception.

- Cones, rocket lollies and Fabs are £1.
- Mini milks are 50p.
- We accept cash or card.
- We start selling at 3pm so please consider buying before you collect your child/ children.

If you are ever able to help sell ice-cream's, please contact us on [ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk), it only takes half an hour of your time.

## Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile is an easy way to support your child's school at no cost to you!

When using the Amazon app or website to make purchases, select our school as your chosen charity and **Amazon will donate 0.5%** of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases at **no cost to you!**

Please be careful to select: St. Mary's Primary School Parents Teachers and Friends Association (Tetbury)

For information on how to set up AmazonSmile please visit:

<https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonsmile>

**Friends and family can also use AmazonSmile as an easy way to support your children's school.**

## Easyfundraising.com

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When you are doing any online shopping, click via [Easyfundraising.com](http://Easyfundraising.com) to support St Mary's school without it costing you a penny.

Do your online shopping via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarystetbury/> and the retailer pays a percentage of your total without any charge to you.

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## Textile Recycler

The bin is located in the carpark by the Yr3/4 playground.

All funds raised by St. Mary's PTFA go directly towards benefiting each and every child that attends our school.



## Community

You are invited to join us on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October in St Mary's School Hall for a fun filled hour of chatting, crafting, songs, prayers and a Bible story followed by tea." 4-5.30pm. Please note all children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

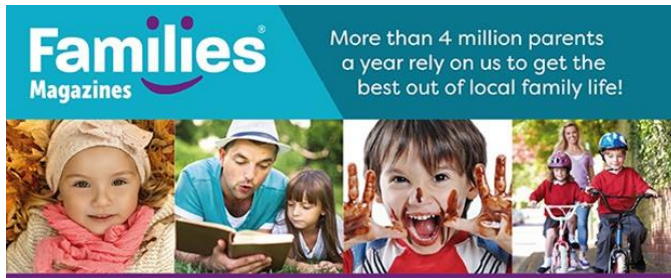
Tetbury Area Churches together ISingPOP team



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Here is the [link](#) to the next issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine](#) for you to **share with your parents**. Our **'Back to School'** issue is loaded with really useful information and articles for parents including:

- Getting school support for a child with SEN
- Why education begins at home
- Road safety for children
- Chapter books that encourage kindness
- New term teething problems
- Brilliant first chapter books for early readers
- Screen free rainy day activities
- Enjoying Autumn outside
- Family friendly walks for Autumn
- DIY Halloween costumes

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## The cost of living crisis

Here at Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts we are seeing an increase in demand for our services as a result of the cost of living crisis.

Over the last three months we have seen a 92% increase in requests for charitable help from the same period last year, with people seeking help with food, fuel or hardship fund payments. Whilst the Energy Price Guarantee announced on the 8<sup>th</sup> September comes as a huge relief to households, energy bills are still very high. In winter 2021, the energy price cap was set at £1,277 for typical use. The new Price Guarantee starting on 1 October for households on typical use will be £2,500 a year.

We are very concerned about how vulnerable residents will cope this autumn and winter when temperatures drop and they need to turn their heating on. Many of our clients have been unable to afford their essential costs during the summer months. We have already had clients on prepayment meters who do not have enough credit to run medical equipment that relies on electricity; clients who cannot afford to heat their water; parents who are skipping meals to feed their children and pensioners unable to afford their fuel bills. In our largely rural districts, many residents rely on oil for heating and hot water and we have been contacted by people who cannot afford the cost of the minimum order.

### **What to do if you are worrying about money**

If you are worried about paying your bills there are a few simple things you can do:

1. Work out your budget. Find out exactly how much you have coming in, and what's going out, and think about where you may be able to make savings. There is a useful budgeting tool on the national Citizens Advice website (<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>) to help you.
2. If you don't think you can pay your energy bills, contact your supplier. There are schemes to help customers but if you don't tell them you are struggling then they can't help you.
3. If you have debts, look at the guidance on debt on the national Citizens Advice website.
4. Check if you might be entitled to any benefits. If you have internet access you can use Turn2Us, Entitledto or Policy in Practice benefit calculators to check what you might get.

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5. Make sure you have received any cost of living payments that you are entitled to. If you are in council tax Band A-D property you should have received a rebate on your council tax and if you are a pensioner, on benefits or disabled there are various payments that you should be receiving.

If you cannot access the internet please call us on our freephone number 0808 800 0510 to access advice.

If you are really struggling and don't have enough food to eat you can call the Trussell Trust Help through Hardship Helpline on **08082 082138**.

Please do ask for help – we understand that these are worrying times.

You can get advice by calling us on our freephone number (**0808 800 0510**) and email advice through our local website (<https://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/>) under the Get Help section. We are also seeing clients by appointment in our Stroud and Cirencester offices and in the community at various venues across both districts – currently Dursley, Paganhill Community Hub, Stonehouse APT, Wotton under Edge and Moreton in Marsh and Tetbury. We are also looking for new volunteers to train as admin assistants in both our Cirencester and Stroud offices – if you are interested please email [info@ca-scd.org.uk](mailto:info@ca-scd.org.uk). We also welcome donations to support our service – find out more on our website <https://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/>).

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 **01666 502336**  
8.30am-5pm  
Monday to Friday  
(closed on public holidays)



To keep our patients and visitors safe we are wearing masks again.  
If you are visiting the hospital for an appointment or treatment please wear a mask.  
If you don't have one we can provide one at the entrance.



**We are here for you and your families**  
**We can now treat illnesses as well as minor injuries in our**  
**Minor Injuries and Illness Unit**

## Minor Injuries and Illness Unit (MIIU)

**8.30am - 4pm Monday to Friday**  
(closed on public holidays)

Minor cuts and lacerations, including infected wounds  
Dog and cat bites  
Bruises  
Sprains and sprains  
Simple fractures and dislocations  
Minor burns and scalds  
Head injuries (if the person has not been unconscious or intoxicated)  
Minor eye injuries  
Splinters and other foreign bodies in the skin, eye, ear or nose  
Insect bites and stings  
Minor illnesses including earache and sore throat

**Unsure if we can help— Call us on 01666 502336 (during opening hours) or 111 (24-hour service)**

## Other Services at Tetbury Hospital

- **X-ray Department**
- **Outpatient Clinics**
- **Procedure Room** (outpatient procedures)
- **Day Surgery Unit**

Read about our treatments and consultants at [www.tetburyhospital.co.uk](http://www.tetburyhospital.co.uk)  
NHS patients - Ask your GP for a referral to Tetbury Hospital  
Private patients - Contact us on 01666 501773

Find us: GL8 8XB



**Free parking available**

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## ATTENTION PARENTS

**BACK TO SCHOOL CLASSES STARTING NOW**  
St Mary's Primary School

**IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO:**

- ✓ Have **CONFIDENCE** to overcome the anxiety of a new school year / setting
- ✓ Build **COMMUNICATION SKILLS** to make new friends
- ✓ **FOCUS** to be able to listen and learn from their teacher and achieve better grades

**OUR MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES CAN HELP!**



## WHAT DO PARENTS SAY?

**96.3%** of parents said they saw an improvement in **FOCUS**  
**97.7%** of parents said they saw an improvement in **CONFIDENCE**  
**92.3%** of parents said they saw an improvement in **SELF-DISCIPLINE**  
**99.2%** of parents said they saw an improvement in **RESPECT**

### MIGHTY MATT'S 3-6 YEARS



Our award winning Mighty Matt programme is designed specifically to aid children's development between the ages of 3 - 6 years old. Our instructors are highly trained on how to bring the best out of your child and help to lay the foundations for them to lead a successful life.

### JUNIOR & FAMILY 7 YEARS +



Our Junior & Family classes are for everybody aged 7 years and above. Suitable for children or adults training by themselves and for any adults who wish to train with their child. We've noticed that it can be increasingly difficult to find positive enhancement activities where you can progress & share the experience with your child and our family class provides this.

Claim your place by visiting  
**[www.mattfiddes.com](http://www.mattfiddes.com)**  
DON'T WAIT, OUR CLASSES ARE FILLING UP FAST!