



Weekly Newsletter – 7th March 2025

A message from Mrs Farren...

World Book Day

We hope all of your children enjoyed world book day yesterday – they all looked brilliant! Overall, we had 54 story scenes! This is a great achievement. Well done to everyone who created a scene! A video of these scenes is available on Dojo.

Parking!!!

Please park responsibly, using the parking spaces provided and not in disabled parking or dangerously close to the exit on the road. We are lucky to have a car park to use. Let's ensure our children's safety at this busy time of day.

Digital Safety

The digital safety talk (last week) was incredibly informative. Simon Williams will be in school again in October 3rd. Here are some useful links:

Online Safety

www.internetmatters.org

www.getsafeonline.org

www.ineqe.com

www.reportharmfulcontent.com

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/

Action Fraud

www.actionfraud.police.uk

Cyber Career Framework

www.cybersecuritycouncil.org.uk/careers-and-learning/cyber-career-framework

National Cyber Security Centre

www.ncsc.gov.uk

Have a great weekend.
Mrs Farren and Team Norton

Class News – 7th March 2025

The **Little Leaners** have been buzzing with excitement this week as we celebrated Shrove Tuesday and World book day.

We enjoyed preparing and then tasting the different textures and tastes of toppings for our pancakes, as well as exploring our own playdough pancake station! We even had a go at flipping!

We had lots of fun on World Book Day, the children all looked fantastic dressed up and they enjoyed lots of stories and book related activities.

Books are a firm favourite in Little learners and they provide significant benefits for children.

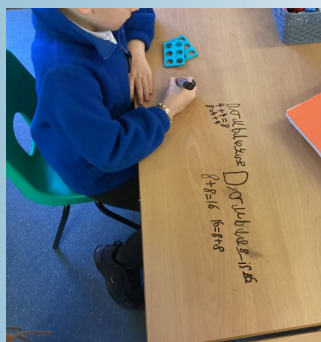
We have been exploring 3D shapes through a variety of activities.

We have enjoyed celebrating world book day in

Reception, it was lovely to see everyone's wonderful costumes! We focused on the story we're going on a bear hunt by Micheal Rosen. The

children learned actions to go alongside the story which they performed to the school in our world book day assembly.

They also created some wonderful artwork to go with some parts of the story.



In Maths this week **Year 1** have been doubling amounts. They've used a range of resources to do this, said out loud the sentences 'Double X is X' and written it as a calculation. Linked to our Science lessons about Spring, the children have been monitoring the weather and as a class, have filled out a table showing what the weather is each day. It's been nice to see lots of sunshine on it!

In **Year 2** this week we have looked at the role of a Monarch in History and thought about what rules we might make if we were King or Queen. We had a fantastic World Book Day and enjoyed writing about our favourite characters as well as writing postcards from the Little Polar Bear.

This week in **Year 3** we have been flexing our story writing muscles, writing our own version of "The Wolves in the walls". In Science, the children were looking at different materials and which would be suitable for making sunglasses. Our Geography lesson had us looking at the written language used in the Japan and how different this is from our own. We also had a fantastic world book day! Well done to everyone who made a story scene, they were fantastic and everyone's costumes were brilliant! What a fun week!

In **Year 4** this week, we have trialled different methods of attaching cardboard in preparation for making our cardboard sculptures. In maths, we have been converting fractions from mixed numbers to improper fractions and in science we have started to learn about food chains.



This week **Year 5** have been very busy! In science we conducted our experiments which tested different insulators, to see which one was the most effective in retaining the heat of hot water. We also had a fantastic maths workshop which got our brains thinking !



Year 6 have been doing some drama this week in their RE lesson. They have been creating their own scripts based on Luke's gospel, which will help them gather evidence on why Christians believe in the resurrection.

Deadline for PGL payment is 5th April



Head teacher's worship challenge!



New Term = New challenge!!!

We would love you to create a new logo for our Christian value this term: **FORGIVENESS**

ANYONE CAN ENTER! Parents/Carers/Brothers/Sisters/Aunts/Uncles/Teachers.... ETC...

Entry deadline is Wednesday 9th April

Please hand any entries in to the school office.

Templates are available under the office window in the junior corridor if you would like to use them!

You can see the previous three winners displayed on the office window.



SCIENCE CHALLENGES OF THE WEEK!

March 7th - 16th is national science week... so let's get science-y!

If you have even just some of the items we've listed, there is plenty that you can do with them! So go ahead and gather up what you can before diving in to the experiments we've compiled below.



Bicarb and Vinegar Volcano

Mix together bicarbonate of soda and vinegar in a container and watch as they react and create a fizzy eruption. Why not go the extra mile and add a few drops of red or orange food colouring to make it look like lava, or green to make it look like slime?

Dancing Raisins

Drop a few raisins into a clear glass of sparkling water or lemonade and watch them dance up and down as the bubbles attach to them and pop over and over again.

Homemade Butter

Fill an empty jam jar with double cream and shake it until it begins to separate and turns into butter. This experiment teaches children about the process of emulsion, plus, all their hard work will result in something yummy that they can have on toast or give as a homemade gift! You will also be left with buttermilk, which can be used to make pancakes with.

Cloud Dough

To make a play dough that's as soft as clouds, it really is as simple as mixing two basic ingredients together! Combining equal parts Hair Conditioner (or baby lotion if you'd prefer) with Cornflour creates the softest playdough you'll have ever felt! You can mix food colouring in if you'd like, and keep it in an air-tight container to use again and again.

More experiments on the next page...

Rainbow Milk

Add a few drops of food colouring to a shallow dish of milk, then dip a cotton bud coated in washing-up liquid into the milk and watch as the colours swirl and mix together.

Magnetic Cereal

Crush up a cereal like Cheerios, Shreddies or Special K and use a magnet to attract the iron in the cereal. This experiment teaches about magnetic properties, and also how Iron is included in foods like cereal to help us maintain healthy blood.

Oobleck Fun

To make oobleck, start by mixing 130g of cornflour with 120ml of water in a large mixing bowl. Mix everything together until it forms a thick, gooey consistency. If the mixture is too dry, add a bit more water. If it's too runny, add more cornflour. Once you've achieved the desired consistency, let children play with the oobleck using their hands, spoons, or other utensils. Oobleck is a fun sensory activity that will keep children entertained due to it being neither solid nor liquid (non-Newtonian is the scientific term!)

Grow your own Crystals

Pour warm water into a glass until it's about half full. Add a few spoonfuls of table salt to the water and stir until the salt dissolves. Cut a piece of string that is long enough to reach from the bottom of the glass to the top, and tie one end to a pencil or stick. Dip the free end of the string into the salt water, making sure it is completely submerged, resting the pencil or stick across the top of the glass so that the string hangs down into the water. Leave the glass in a warm, dry place and watch over the next few days as the water evaporates and salt crystals start to form on the string.

Don't forget to send us some photos of your experiments - we love to share anything you send in!



Less Screen Time Celebrations!

Spending too much time on screens (such as phones, gaming devices and Ipad) limits our interactions with our friends and family. It limits our creativity; it limits our movement. We are designed to be active and we are designed to communicate with others. We are designed to solve problems and not to have everything immediately at the push of a button.



This week we want to celebrate:

- Seren has been riding her bike this weekend for less screen time!
- Maisie has been helping her mum with the washing up and has been out for nature walks and fishing with her uncle!



Why don't you try one of our science challenges on the previous pages this weekend? Don't forget to send us some pictures if you doing them for less screen time!

Parent consultations

Reminder to contact your child's teacher to book a parent consultation appointment.

Children are able to use after school club for free during your meeting time only.

This is available until 5pm on Tuesday and 5:30pm on Thursday. After these times there will be no childcare provision. If you wish your child to use this service between 3:45 - 5:00/5:30 please make sure you sign them in/out the room with the adult in charge. Any children who aren't collected at 3:30 will automatically be signed into after school club and be charged as normal.

Author visit!

We're excited to announce that B. Ware will be visiting on Tuesday 11th March with...
WARNING: May Contain Dragons! – her second children's book (suitable for all ages).

The book itself isn't due to be published until 25th March, but if parents wish to, they can pre-order a copy via linktr.ee/bwareauthor and their child can collect a free signed bookplate from B. Ware on the day (it's currently on offer on Amazon for £8.15)

B. Ware will also be taking pre-orders for signed copies at the retail price of £8.99 (via cash or card payments) at the end of the school day. Simply send your child in with cash in an envelope on the day (change will be available), or pop by the stall in the playground at home time. (All signed copies purchased on the day will be signed by B. Ware and then left at the school to be distributed to pupils on publication day - 25th March.)

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PUBLISHERS

B. WARE - AUTHOR VISIT

**WARNING:
MAY CONTAIN DRAGONS**



wordsofwarning.com



Important information:



Parentpay debts

Check your **ParentPay** account and settle any outstanding payments.

Booking before and after school club

Remember to complete and return your B&A booking form (term 4)

Due to the very high number of children using these clubs now, we need to ensure staff:child ratios are correct. You **MUST** fill out a form if you want to use before or after school club. Thank you.

Thank you for your support with trips!

Due to recent payments we have been able to go ahead with one trip already and have confirmed another for later on this term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Uniform

School trends have a March promotion for parents offering £5 off each fleece, the promotion code is FIVEOFF to be inputted at checkout.

Please **name** all uniform. Any unnamed uniform in lost property at the end of term will be disposed of. Lost property is located in the junior corridor - please check here if you have lost anything!



Dates for your diary for spring term:

Tuesday 11th March	- B. Ware author visit
Tuesday 18th March	- Parent Consultation - 3:45-6:30pm. <i>Book your appointment!</i>
Thursday 20th March	- Parent Consultation - 3:45-6:30pm. <i>Book your appointment!</i>
Friday 21st March	- Red Nose Day
Thursday 27th March	- YR + Y1 mothers day open afternoon
Friday 28th March	- Silent disco (see PTA news page for full info)
Thursday 3rd April	- Y4 + Y5 Tewkesbury museum trip
Monday 7th April	- Y5 make do and mend day
Wednesday 9th April	- Whole school Easter themed open afternoon
Thursday 10th April	- Celebration Assembly - 2:30pm
Friday 11th April	- Easter rolling
	- Finish for the Easter holiday @ 1:30pm

Easter holiday dates: Monday 14th - Monday 28th April - inset day.

Monday 28th April is an inset day. Children return to school Tuesday 29th April.

Next week's diary - 10th March 2025:

Day:	The School Day:	After School:	Time:	Lunch Menu (week 1)
Monday		Board games Cross country Infant football Dance	3:30 - 4:00 3:30 - 4:15 3:30 - 4:15 3:30 - 4:15	Tomato pasta Mexican fajitas with rice Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Tuesday	B. Ware author visit	Junior football	3:30 - 4:15	Sausages with mash and gravy Creamy curry with rice Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese
Wednesday		Lego Infant games with no names	3:30 - 4:00 3:30 - 4:15	Roast chicken Vegetable roast Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Thursday		Junior games with no names Arithmetic Craft and colouring Craft Gardening	3:30 - 4:15 3:30 - 4:00 3:30 - 4:00 3:30 - 4:15 3:30 - 4:15	Beef pasta bake Baked bean hot pot Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Friday	Sharing assembly 2:45			Fish fingers Mexican bean roll Jacket potato + Beans /Cheese /Tuna



PTA NEWS



In the playground...

At school pickup...

THIS FRIDAY

Hot Chocolates are
back!

£1.50



NORTON FAMILY SPRING DISCO

GLITTER TATTOOS

GLO STICKS

SWEETS

POCKET MONEY
TOYS

PIZZA & HOTDOGS

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

5:30-7PM

NORTON VILLAGE HALL

TICKET £4 – ONE HEADSET

TICKET ORDER FORMS IN BAGS
ON FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

AND

TICKETS ON SALE
AFTER SCHOOL FRIDAY
14TH MARCH

PLAYLISTS FOR ALL THE FAMILY
PARENTS AND OLDER SIBLINGS WELCOME!

INFANT PARENTS MUST STAY
JUNIORS MUST BE SIGNED IN/OUT

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE
GET IN EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!



Local benefice news



www.seventowers.org.uk

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Sandhurst Church, 11am

**First Sunday
of the month
for all ages**

Feb 2nd ~ Café Church

Coffee, cake, community

March 2nd ~ 'Explore'

Songs and creative activities

April 6th ~ Informal

Stories, inspiration & song

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THE JOHN MOORE MUSEUM
NATURAL HISTORY HERITAGE LIVING VOICES

Join us for
EASTER
HALF TERM HOLIDAY CRAFTS
For children 3-12

£1 per child. Drop in. Old Baptist Chapel, Tewkesbury.



PAPER PLATE WREATHS
16TH AND 17TH APRIL
10AM - 12PM



EASTER SUNCATCHERS
23RD AND 24TH APRIL
10AM - 12PM

Call 01684 247174 or email
education@johnmooremuseum.org



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Family Support Workshops



Supporting your child with emotions

Children often express their emotions in different ways. Would you like to gain some tips and advice on how you can support your children with their emotions? Join us at this workshop to get some tips and strategies to support your children with regulating their emotions

Friday 31st Jan
10am – 12pm

Oakwood Primary School,
Cotswold Road,
Cheltenham,
GL52 5EL

Routines

Does it feel like hard work getting out of the house in the morning? Is it a struggle to get the children to bed at night and have time to yourself? This workshop could be for you!

Join us to gain some tips and tricks for making family routines easier for you and your children to follow.

Thurs 27th Feb
10am – 12pm

Hester's Way Children & Family Centre
Dill Avenue,
Cheltenham,
GL51 0ES

Understanding your child's development

Have you ever wondered what developmental milestones your child should reach and when? Or what behaviour at their age might be expected and look like?

Come along to this workshop to find out what is age appropriate development/behaviour and when to seek additional support.

Tuesday 18th March
10am-12pm
0-4 years

Tues 25th March
12.30-2.30pm
5-11years

Gardner's Lane Children & Family Centre,
Gardners Lane,
Cheltenham,
GL51 9JW

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Family Support Drop In Sessions



Parenting can be overwhelming at times.
Do you feel you need some support to help with Family Life?
Come along to meet with a member of our Family Support team who can help you with issues like:
Parenting, Managing behaviour, Finances, Routines, Ages and Stages of development, Healthy Relationships, How to get support through the graduated pathway and accessing other services

Thursday 16th Jan
10am -12pm

Noahs Ark Children & Family Centre,
York Road,
Tewkesbury,
GL20 5HU
01684 276361

Friday 7th Feb
12.30-2.30pm

Hester's Way Children & Family Centre
Dill Avenue,
Cheltenham,
GL51 0ES
01242 222490

Friday 25th Feb
10am –12pm

Brockworth Children and Family Centre,
Moorfield Road,
Brockworth
GL3
01452 863617

Wednesday 12th March
12.30-2.30pm

Oakwood Children and Family Centre,
Clyde Crescent,
Cheltenham,
GL52
01242 513010

Tuesday 8th April
10am-12pm

Noahs Ark Children & Family Centre,
York Road,
Tewkesbury,
GL20 5HU
01684 276361

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Brockworth Children & Family Centre Timetable January – March 2025



Monday

Development Checks
(Appt Only)
8.30am—4.00pm

CCP and Aspire Stay & Play
0-5yrs
10.00am—11.30am

Tuesday

Speech & Language Therapy appts
(Appt Only)
8.30am—4.00pm

Targeted Family Time
(Invite Only)
10.00pm—11.30am

Shine PND Creative Therapy Group
(Invite only)
12.15pm—2.15pm

Wednesday

Baby Hub Stay & Weigh
9am—11am

Neuro Thrive Parent Support Group
8th Jan 25
5th Feb 25
5th March 25
10.00am—12.00pm

Weaning Hub
(Appt Only)
(1st Wednesday of the month)
1.00pm—2.30pm

Thursday

Development Checks
(Appt Only)
8.30am—4.00pm

Mothers in Mind
(Invite Only)
10am—12pm

Parent Carer Forum Listen to me Sessions
10.30—12.00pm
6th Feb 25

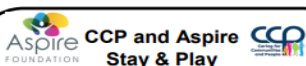
Friday

Midwives Clinic
(Appt Only)
8.30am—4.00pm

Sunday Dad Matters Stay & Play (0-5yrs)
(1st Sunday of Month)
10am—12pm

Family Support Drop In session
28th Feb 10am—12pm
Come along and speak to a family worker who could help you with any issues related to raising your family

Brockworth Children and Family Centre, Moorfield Road, Brockworth, Gloucester, Gloucestershire GL3 4JL
 T: 01452 863617 E: brockworth@aspirefoundation.org.uk W: aspirefoundation.org.uk
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CCP and Aspire Stay & Play
Stay and play sessions are for parents/carers and their children 0-5 yrs. Our groups will give you the chance to engage with your child through play with a range of activities that will promote your child's development. Staff will be on hand to give advice and support. Come along and meet new people and make friends.

Targeted Family Time Aspire Foundation Invite Only

This session is aimed at parent/carers of children 0-5 yrs who need a smaller group to build confidence, get support and have the opportunity to play and interact with their children with a range of activities to meet their developmental needs. You may find other groups overwhelming or need more support this is the group for you
 Please speak to any children centre staff regarding the referral form.



Mothers in Mind – Home Start Referral invite only

Mother's In Mind groups are for pregnant mums or mums with children under 2yrs and provide support with mental health challenges you maybe facing as a parent
 A supportive group, where you can meet others with similar experiences and feel connected and play with your child.



www.homestartgloucestershire.org.uk



Development Checks
Attend Health Visitor routine development checks by appointment here for your child at 9mths and 2yrs

Speech and Language Appointments

Attend your Speech and Language appointment here, which will help your child's speech and communication

Shine PND creative Therapy groups Referral invite only

Our courses offer creative therapy, support and advice in a safe, child-free space for you to work through worries and concerns, while gently creating a piece of art that you can be proud of. Mothers spend time once a week, with other mothers in the same situation, going through the same things, creating, talking, sharing.
www.shine-support.org.uk



Midwife appointments
Attend your routine Midwife appointments here



Baby Hub Stay and Weigh 9am—11am

Aspire Foundation have partnered with Health Visiting Teams. Come and get your baby weighed, seek health advice and have the opportunity to stay to interact with other parents and engage in play activities with your child/ren. Community Family Workers will also be on hand to offer support and advice around parenting and raising your family.

NeuroThrive Parent Peer Support Group

Monthly Parent Peer support group for parents/carers of children with a Neurodiversity. Group offers you the chance to meet with other parents on a similar journey, gain professional advice and build connection and community

Bookings required
www.nuerothrive.org.uk



Parent Carer Forum 'Listen to Me Session' For Parent carers of children with SEND

Listen to Me sessions are an opportunity to join the Parent Carer Forum and parents to share stories, experiences and knowledge to gain support in your journey as a parent with a child with SEND. Under 5's welcome.



Dad Matters — Stay & Play 10am—12pm 1st Sunday of the month

Stay & Play offers a great safe space for dads to bring their little ones 0-5yrs! Grab a tea or a coffee and have a good chat with other dads while the little ones play, with toys, crafts, and much more. Giving dads not only quality time to bond with their children but also to meet other dads in their area.

Booking required – <https://dadmatters.org.uk/gloucestershire>



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Noah's Ark Children & Family Centre Timetable January – March 2025



Monday

Development Checks

(Appt Only)

9.00am—3.00pm

Early Start Group

(Invite Only)

Fortnightly

9.30am—11am

Parenting with ADHD

Drop In

(1st Monday of Month)

9.30am—11.30am

Neuro Thrive

Parent Support Group

(4th Monday of month)

10.00am—12.00pm

Booking required

Targeted Family Time

(Invite Only)

1.00pm—2.30pm

Tuesday

Midwives Clinic

(Appt Only)

9.00am—4.00pm

Perinatal Pelvic Health Team

(Appt Only)

(Last Tuesday of month)

12.30pm—4.30pm

Parent Carer Forum

Listen to me Session

9th January 2025

10.30am - 12.00pm

Wednesday

Development Checks

(Appt Only)

8.30am—4.00pm

Baby Stay & Weigh

10.00am—11.30am

Employability Drop In

(4th Wednesday of Month)

1.30pm—3.30pm

COMING SOON!!!!

Tewkesbury Abbey & Aspire Stay & Play

(0-5yrs)

1pm—2.30pm

Follow us on facebook to find out more and when this is going to start

Thursday

Midwives Clinic

(Appt Only)

9.00am—4.00pm

Weaning Hub

9am—11am

Baby Hub Stay & Weigh

Bishops Cleeve Library

12.30pm—2pm

Antenatal Group

(First four Thursdays of each month)

3pm—4.30pm

Starting 6th March

Friday

Midwives Clinic

(Appt Only)

9.00am—4.00pm

Sunday

Toddle & Chat

Dad Matters

Northway Hub

10am—12pm

(2nd Sunday of Month)

Booking Required

Family Support

Drop In session

16th Jan 10am—12pm

8th April 10am—12pm

Come along and speak to a family worker who could help you with any issues related to raising your family

Noah's Ark Children and Family Centre, York Road, Priors Park, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire GL20 5HU

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www.neurothrive.org.uk



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Perinatal Pelvic Health Team

Attend your appointment with the Peri-natal health team here.



Antenatal Pregnancy Group

Drop in to meet the teams that will support you through your pregnancy and find out more about the children Centres services



Sunday

Dad Matters Toddler and Chat

10am—12pm—Northway Hub

4th Sunday of the month

Stay & Play session for the whole family. A great safe space for mums and dads to bring their little ones 0-5yrs and take part in a range of activities and outdoor space.

Booking required –

<https://dadmatters.org.uk/gloucestershire>



Early Start Groups Early Years Service Invite Only

These are targeted stay and play sessions for children with additional needs not attending an setting and their parent/carer to attend.

The groups provide a gentle introduction to social interaction with peers, routines (e.g. snack, group time) and different play experiences.

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/early-years-service



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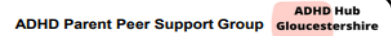
Development Checks

Attend Health Visitor routine development



Midwife Appointments

Attend your routine midwife appointments



ADHD Parent Peer Support Group
If you are a parent with ADHD (or not diagnosed) this group is for you! Join us to share, learn and connect with other parents who have similar experiences. Children welcome.

www.adhdhubglos.org