



Soudley News

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This term's school value is Friendship

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

This week, we celebrated the achievements of:

- OTTERS CLASS - Jack, Layla and Alice
- MOLES CLASS - Theresa, John and Mia-Lilly
- HEDGEHOGS CLASS - Marie and Arthur

This week's best Attendance: Moles Class

Term Dates

Term 1
4 Sept to
27 Oct

Term 2
6 Nov to
22 Dec

Term 3
8 Jan to 9 Feb

Term 4
19 Feb to
22 March

Term 5
8 April to
24 May

Term 6
3 June to
22 July

INSET days:
~~4 September~~
6 November
22 December
24 May
22 July

Other dates:
Bank Holiday
- 6 May

Friends of Soudley School (FOSS) 2023 Christmas raffle!

FOSS is kindly asking for Christmas-themed food/drink items to be donated for the Christmas hampers in exchange for a **non-school uniform day** which is being held on **Friday 1 December**.

Please note that any alcoholic donations will need to be given directly to Mrs Penn at school reception, by an adult.

Raffle tickets will be on sale soon.

If you have any queries or questions, please contact Claire at FOSS@soudley.gloucs.sch.uk

**The raffle will be drawn at end of school on
Wednesday 20 December 2023**

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Please send your child's named Christmas stocking into school between Monday 11 December and Friday 15 December ready for our visit from Father Christmas. Thank you

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Please select your child/ren's Christmas lunch choice by Friday 1 December. Thank you

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

If you would like to make a donation, please send in your shoe boxes/donations by the start of school on Thursday 30 November 2023 so they don't miss the collection. Thank you

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Wednesday 13 December 2023 is Christmas Jumper Day.





FOSS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



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Otters Class



Well, well! What an exciting week we have had in Otters. I have never seen a group of children SO enthused to be given homework - let's hope it continues!

In maths, Year 6 finished their work on coordinates by translating and reflecting shapes. Today they started their work on fractions, decimals and percentages. We looked at common factors and using these to simplify fractions. Year 5 finished their work on decimals and began looking at nets of cubes.

Children continued their work on "The Light Learning Lab" and are nearly ready to film on Monday. In science, they learnt about the angles of incidence and reflection.

We're continuing with our class texts, and they are both beginning to get very exciting!

Reminder:
Science knowledge quiz on Monday
Homework due in on Tuesday

Have a great weekend all and wrap up warm!

Mrs Mclean

Hedgehogs Class



Hedgehogs have been working hard this week. Year 1 and 2 have engaged well in Maths where they have been learning about part and whole numbers and adding more than two numbers together. Reception children have been enjoying the outdoor area and the enhanced provision. They have also been focussing on number formation and equal numbers. All Children have enjoyed Forest Schools where they have explored and created art work using natural materials they had collected.

Hedgehogs Class

Moles Class



This week in science we have been learning about how light reflects. We learned about how light reflects off mirrors. We discussed why mirrors reversed the image when it reflects and tried out some mirror reflection games trying to guess messages we had written after they'd been reflected by a mirror as well as creating mirror mazes on the playground and trying to walk then only being able to see our feet through a mirror reflection.

In Year 4 math we have been doing the final lessons of our math's geometry units. We have been looking at lines of symmetry and reflecting shapes and patterns using a line of symmetry. In Year 3 we started our multiplication and division unit of work. Starting with multiplying and dividing by 3 and 4.

In English we have been learning about writing summaries and how to summarise a text. We know we need to be concise and not miss out any of the key details which has been hard when there is so much that happens in the book to summarise in a short paragraph or bullet points. We have used what we have learnt to help us plan our own stories based on our class book .

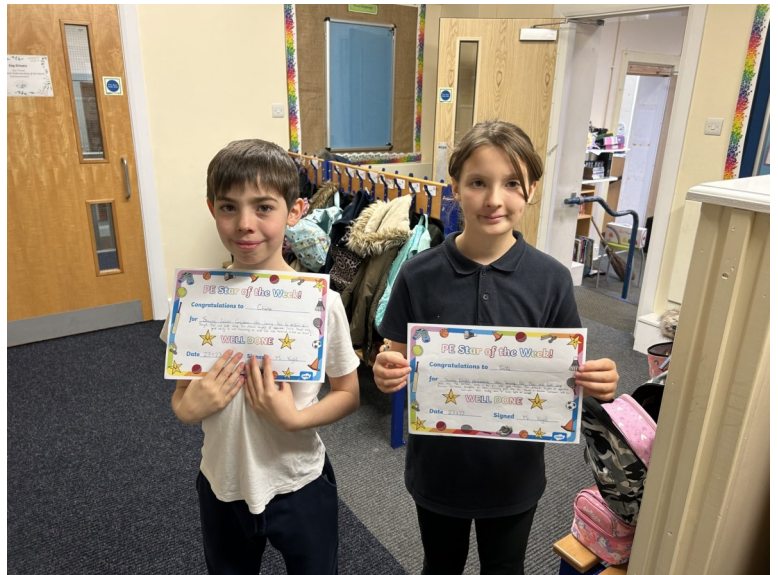
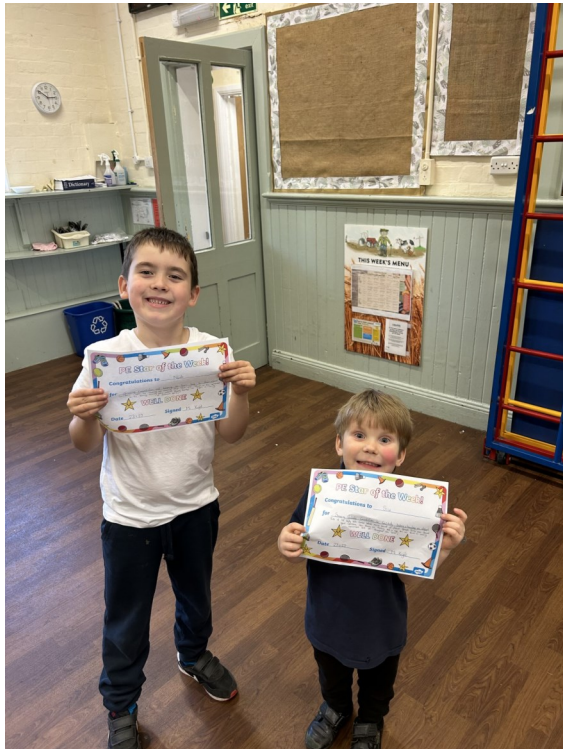
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☆☆ P.E. STARS OF THE WEEK ☆☆

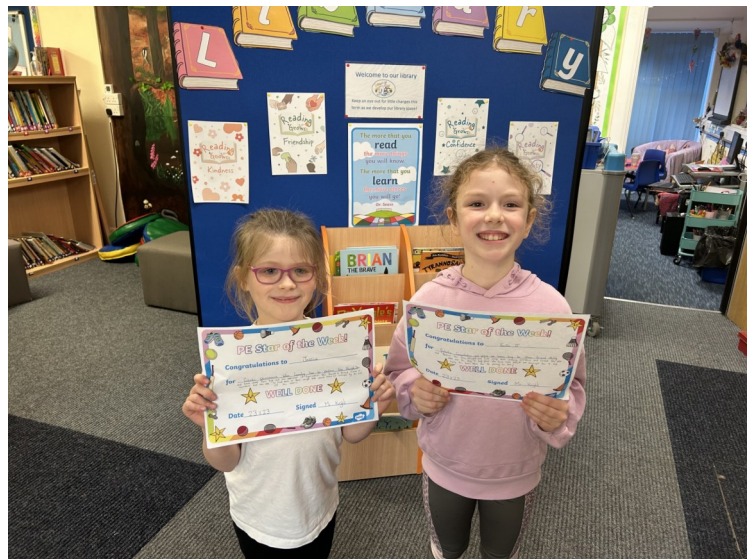
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Well done to this week's PE Stars of the Week:

- Sirius and Noah from Hedgehogs Class
- Jessica and Emilia J from Moles Class, and
- Charlie and Emilia N from Otters Class

Mr Knight and Mr Riddick



Things Happening at Soudley School Week Commencing 27 November 2023

**8am – 8.30am DAILY - BREAKFAST CLUB
- £2.50 per child per day**

Mon

Tues Year 3 and 4 Federation morning at Woodside School

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils swimming - please remember your swimming kit every Tuesday!

3.15-4.15 pm Young Voices Choir Club (Years 3-6)

Weds Viola Lessons with Mr Robin Davies - Moles Class

Thurs 10 am Christmas Shoe Box collection

3.15-4.15 pm Dodgeball and Benchball Club — for pupils in KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6)

3.15-4.15 pm Multi Sports Club—for pupils in KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

Fri FOSS Non-uniform day in return for Christmas raffle prize/hamper donations

Yoga for pupils in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will continue to be £2.50 per day and is payable DAILY.

As we continue to be a cashless school, if your child/ren attend Breakfast Club, please go into your child's ParentPay account to pay the £2.50 **on the day that they attend**. Thank you.

Breakfast Club runs from 8 am until the start of school every school day during term time. For a very reasonable charge of £2.50 per child per day, the children enjoy a breakfast of toast and cereals, and sometimes pancakes and bagels too. They all love the fun and relaxing start to their school day, doing art, reading and playing with their friends.

In order for this provision to continue it must be viable. Please let the school office know if you would like to book your child/ren into Breakfast Club.



FOSS Committee Meeting

When: Monday 18th December 2023, 7pm

Where: The White Horse, Soudley

What is FOSS? Friends of Soudley School (FOSS) is a registered charity (1193629) and led by volunteers, such as school staff and parents/family members with children who attend Soudley School. The purpose of FOSS is to raise money that will support and improve the education of all children that attend Soudley School as well as develop effective relationships within the school and wider community. All committee members are volunteers who offer their time and energy to support FOSS, in achieving this purpose.

Who can attend? Any parent, carer, family member or school staff member who is interested in supporting FOSS and the children of Soudley School.

Why attend? Committee meetings are a chance for members to plan and coordinate present and future fundraising events, make decisions about how funds will be allocated, review progress, generate new ideas, build relationships, and hold members accountable for their roles and responsibilities.

FOSS NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

Email: FOSS@soudley.gloucs.sch.uk

DIARY DATES 2023-2024

November 2023

- 28 Years 3 and 4 Federation morning at Woodside School
- 30 Christmas Shoe boxes to be returned by today please

December 2023

- 1 Deadline for Christmas lunch order
- 6 Chaplins Pantomime visit
- 11 Christmas Play dress rehearsal
- 11-15 Send in named Christmas Stockings
- 12 9.30 am Christmas Play morning performance
- 13 Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- 13 5 pm Christmas Play evening performance
- 18 7 pm FOSS Meeting at The White Horse Pub Soudley
- 20 Hedgehogs Class crafting and Santa visit at the Dean Heritage Centre
FOSS Christmas Raffle being drawn at end of School
- 22 INSET day**

February 2024

- 2 Drama Queen's Dance Festival at Whitemead Forest Park—tbc
- 28 Life Education Visit

March 2024

- 15 Comic Relief 2024

May 2024

- 24 INSET day**

June 2024

- 3 Leavers' and Class photographs
- 10-14 Bikeability Training for Year 6 pupils

July 2024

CHARGE FOR DAMAGED BOOKS

That due to an increasing number of books being returned to school in an unsatisfactory condition, there will be a charge incurred for any books that are returned to school damaged.

The Christmas Raffle is ONLINE RIGHT NOW!
TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST and MORE PRIZES ARE BEING
ADDED DAILY.

Buy your tickets here

<https://www.piedpiperappeal.co.uk>

Just £2 a ticket TO WIN CASH, HAMPERS, ELECTRICAL ITEMS
AND MUCH MORE



The poster features a red background with white snowflakes and pine branches. It includes several Christmas ornaments: a large red one with a white snowflake, a smaller red one, a red and white striped one, and another red one. The Pied Piper Appeal logo is visible at the top and in the center. The text on the poster reads: 'Pied Piper Appeal', 'CHRISTMAS Raffle', 'Lots of Prizes to be Won!', 'LIVE DRAW 19TH DECEMBER', 'CASH PRIZES', 'HAMPERS', 'RESTAURANT VOUCHERS', 'GIFT CARDS • HOTEL STAYS and much much more...', and '£2 per ticket'.

Katy Price
Fundraising and Events



Gloucestershire Royal Hospital,
Great Western Road, Gloucester, GL1 3NN
Tel: 0300 422 6119
Web: www.piedpiperappeal.co.uk



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catherine@artspacecinderford.org

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Multiply is Free to eligible learners- 19+, resident in Gloucestershire, Less than L2/GCSE C maths or need to refresh.

DEAN HERITAGE CENTRE'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Dean Heritage Centre would like to offer free entrance to our Christmas Bazaar to all pupils of Soudley Primary School.

The bazaar is on Saturday 2nd of December, 10:00-16:00. The bazaar includes a Christmas market, festive crafts, a scavenger hunt and access to our entire site.

Please bring this letter with you and show it at reception!

Merry Christmas!

Many Thanks,
Abbie Stewart,
Marketing & Events Assistant





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PROGRESSIVE SPORTS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ACTIVE CAMP FOREST VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL, CINDERFORD

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4-13!



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AVAILABLE
TOO!

TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY UNTIL FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY 2024!

BOOK HERE [PROGRESSIVE-SPORTS-NORTH-GLOS.CLASSFORKIDS.IO/CAMP/49](https://progressive-sports-north-glos.classforkids.io/camp/49)

HAF PLACES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BOOK THROUGH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS WEBSITE IN DECEMBER!

NORMAL HOURS - 9.30AM UNTIL 4.30PM!

EXTENDED HOURS - 8.30AM UNTIL 5.30PM!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL JAMIE ON:

J.KNIGHT@PROGRESSIVE-SPORTS.CO.UK

OR CALL US ON 01889 343 120.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2023!



THE DEAN
ACADEMY

**TICKETS
£2.50**

**AVAILABLE FROM
RESOURCES!**

**TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 18:00-20:00
THE DEAN ACADEMY - DRAMA HALL**

Don't be late!
Applications must be submitted by
15 January 2024

Was your child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?



Any child born between the above dates can start school in the school year starting from **1 September 2024**. Gloucestershire County Council co-ordinates the admission of children to primary or infant school therefore you must apply to us to receive a school place for your child by the closing date **15 January 2024**

If you have not heard from us by 1st December, you must contact us so we can send you the information you will need to apply for a school place. If you do not apply on time, you may not get a place at the school you want.

Key dates

November 2023 – You should receive a letter from us advising you how to apply for a school place.

15 January 2024 – Deadline for making your application.

16 April 2024 – Allocation Day (find out which school we can offer your child).

If you have any queries about applying for a place at primary or infant school for your child, please contact Co-ordinated Admissions.

Co-ordinated Admissions,
Shire Hall, Westgate Street,
Gloucester, GL1 2TP

Email: school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk
Web: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Apply Online!

- It's quick and easy to use.
- Confirmation when your application is received.
- You will see the school allocated on 16 April.
- Environmentally friendly

Consultation on school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools (GCC Schools) Academic Year 2025/2026

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires all admission authorities to consult upon their admission arrangements if changes are to be made or if there are no changes, at least once every 7 years. Gloucestershire County Council, as the admission authority for all Community (C) and Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools last consulted upon their admission arrangements in 2016, therefore we are now due a full consultation.

The current oversubscription criteria give priority in the following order:

1. A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements order or special guardianship order (1) including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Children who will have siblings attending the school at the time the applicant child is admitted.
3. Children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the Ordnance Survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

We will not be making any changes to these admission arrangements for the academic year 2025-2026 therefore the priority for admission to Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Gloucestershire will remain the same as above.

The link to this consultation is

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagemthq.com/school-admission-arrangements-2025-consultation>

One of our schools is also consulting on a reduction of their Published Admission Number for 2025. The link for this consultation is

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagemthq.com/beece-green-primary-school-school-admission-consultation>

If you have any comments to make about the admission arrangements for 2025-2026, please do so via the consultation page.

Named points of contact;
Holly Ryland and Amanda Johns

The following has been copied from the www.gov.uk website.....

Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever

Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are [currently circulating at high levels](#) and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also [continue to be reported](#).

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information [getting your child vaccinated against flu](#) on NHS.UK.

Apply online for

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MEALS



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you do not have internet access speak to your child's school.



You could save up to **£437** per year



You may also be able to get extra support for free milk, reduced contributions for school trips and uniform grants – check with your school.

THE DANGER ZONE!

Parking on zig-zag lines is dangerous and can incur a fine if you are caught!

Zig-zag lines are there for a reason; to allow good visibility for drivers to see pedestrians in high risk zones (ie on pedestrian crossings and outside of schools).

Please do not put the lives of our children at risk by parking on the zig-zag lines outside of the school, even for the shortest time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Appointments during school hours

Please avoid arranging medical/dental appointments during the school day.

We do know this cannot always be helped, however, appointments at the end of the school day (from 2 pm onwards) are far less disruptive to your child's education than morning appointments please.

Pupils should be collected from school with just enough time to allow to get to the appointment on time and, if the school day has not ended, they should be returned to school immediately afterwards please.

You should also provide the school with a copy of your child's appointment letter for the attendance register.

Thank you for your continued support.

Weekly Reminders:

- Please ensure that Lunches are ordered on ParentPay by 8.30 am on the day they are required
- For the Health and Safety of the children, parents must not bring their children through the staff car park when dropping off or picking up from school.

Children may only be brought through the staff car park when the pedestrian gates to the playground are locked during the school day, and then **children must be escorted through the car park to keep them safe.**

- Please remember to inform the school office by 9.30 am each day, if your child is going to be absent from school.

Thank you

What can you do to help?

Take an interest in your child's education.

- Ask them about their day and praise and encourage their achievements at school.
- If your child is missing school or is seemingly unhappy, you should discuss your concerns with your child.
- Make sure your child understands that you do not approve of them missing school, but be on the alert for any particular reasons for non-attendance, such as bullying or problems with school work.

Contact the school as soon as possible when a concern is identified so that you can work with them to resolve any difficulties.

Be willing to engage with any support offered by the school or Gloucestershire County Council Support Services.

Make sure your child arrives at school on time for both the morning and afternoon sessions.

If your child is ill or absent for any other reason, contact the school on the first day of absence.

Follow the school's procedures for notifying absence, and always let the school know of any days that your child is unable to attend.

Updated November 2020

It all adds up!



Can they afford to keep missing out?

Every Minute Counts!

Being late for school reduces learning time.

5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning missed per year.

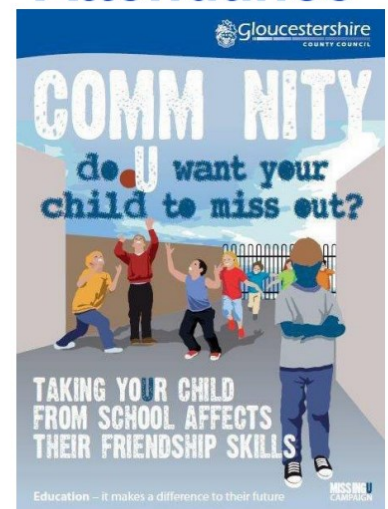


15 minutes late every day = 9 days of learning missed per year.



Arriving late can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher, and the other children in the class.

School Attendance



Information for Parents and Carers



Why is it important for children not to miss school?

Children only get one chance at school, and your child's chances of a successful future may be affected by not attending regularly. If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day it is difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up. Employers want to recruit people who are reliable. Setting good attendance patterns from an early age will also help your child later on in life.

What might the impact of poor attendance be on your child?

Research shows children who are not regularly attending school are:

- More likely to become involved in, or be a victim of crime and anti-social behavior.
- More likely to fall behind due to the strong link between attendance and achieving good results.
- Less likely to achieve 5 good GCSEs (grades 9-5) compared with those with less than 8 days absence.
- More likely to have increased levels of anxiety due to inconsistencies and uncertainty in their routine.
- More likely to have reduced self esteem due to finding learning increasingly hard having missed out on key information.



What does the law say?

By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16) must get a suitable, full-time education. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure this happens, either by registering your child at a school or by making other arrangements which provide a suitable full-time education.

Once your child is registered at a school you are responsible for making sure he or she attends regularly.

What happens if your child does not attend school regularly?

If your child fails to attend regularly - even if they miss school without you knowing - the Local Authority (LA) may take legal action against you.

Schools will notify you if your child's attendance level is a concern and look to work with you to put in place steps to improve it. If attendance continues to require improvement then schools will look to initiate an Attendance Improvement Meeting (AIM).

The AIM is the start of the legal process. It is important you engage with the process and work with the support provided to meet the agreed targets. These targets will be reviewed and progress evaluated at a review meeting. If satisfactory progress is made then targets will either be considered met or adjusted until attendance is satisfactory. If progress is not made then you may be referred to the LA for legal intervention.

You run the risk of being issued with a Penalty Notice or being prosecuted in court. If this happens:

- Parents can be fined up to £2,500 or imprisoned for failing to ensure that their child attends school regularly.
- Magistrates can also impose a Parenting Order, which means that the parent has to attend a counselling and guidance programme, usually a parenting class.

When is absence authorised?

There may be times when your child has to miss school because they are unwell. If your child becomes ill you should notify the school immediately and follow the school's absence procedures.

Children may have to attend a medical or dental appointment in school time. However, you should, whenever possible, try to make routine appointments such as dental check-ups during the school holidays or after school hours. Schools have the right to request medical evidence to validate absences for medical reasons.

If you think you might need to take your child out of school, discuss the reasons with the school as soon as possible. Absence must be requested as far in advance as possible. Absences will only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances.

Examples of absence that may be considered as exceptional circumstances include family bereavement or taking part in an agreed religious observance. The decision on whether to authorise absence is made at the headteacher's discretion.

For more information

For more information you can contact the Local Authority's Education Inclusion Service at:

Phone: 01452 427274

Email: Attendance@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Website: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning





Although term time leave request forms are available from the office, this does not mean that holidays are authorized or the request will be granted. Please read the below regarding penalties:



Request for a leave of absence during term time

Parents should be aware that the law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. The Department for Education allows a Headteacher the discretion to consider authorising a leave of absence in term time only in "exceptional circumstances".

You may consider that a holiday will be educational but your child will still miss out on the teaching and learning that their peers will receive whilst your child is away. Children returning from a leave of absence during term time are also unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed and arrangements need to be made for individual children to catch up on missed work. Disruption to the continuity of teaching and learning is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

If requesting a leave of absence you will need to complete the form on the reverse of this notice, setting out the reasons. If the holiday is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance it will not be agreed. If you nevertheless take your child out of school for the leave of absence this **will be recorded as unauthorised leave**.

In the case of an unauthorised leave of absence the headteacher may request that the Local Authority issue a Fixed Penalty Notice without further warning to the parent.

Please note that such a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school.

A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days.

Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.