

Welcome!

Welcome back to all our friends at Tutshill School and a special welcome to our friends who are starting school for the very first time. It is always a pleasure to see such happy and excited children coming to school with great enthusiasm for the year ahead. We are already one week in to the Autumn Term and the children are settled into their new classes. Walking around the school, I am seeing children reading, writing, laughing and learning!

PC Nick

Already this term we have welcomed PC Nick into school to work with Year 4 and Year 5 to discuss Road Safety. The children talk about how to keep safe, what suitable clothing to wear during dark months and how to take care on our roads. Children will spend time learning about Road Safety and helping to spread the message to our community during Road Safety week on 29th November.

PC Nick will be in school next week to work with children in Year 6 and Year 3.

Meet the teacher!

You have been invited to come and meet your teacher and see the children's class. You will be able to see where learning takes place, meet the adults teaching your child and be informed about what your children will be taught across the year. You will be told about homework days and PE day etc. You will be shown what is on the class pages and you are reminded to access this through the eSchools app. There will only be one session per class but the information will be available on the class pages on eSchools.

In the July newsletter, there was an incorrect date for Year 4 and Year 6. Please see the table below for dates and we look forward to seeing you in school over the coming weeks.

Year	Date	Time
Year 1	Monday 11 th September	9.00-9.30am
Year 2	Tuesday 12 th September	9.00-9.30am
Year 3	Thursday 14 th September	9.00-9.30am
Year 4	Tuesday 19 th September	9.00-9.30am
Year 5	Wednesday 13 th September	9.00-9.30am
Year 6	Monday 18 th September	9.00-9.30am

Reception parents have met with class teachers throughout the summer term and there are teacher parent sessions during the first weeks back. Please refer to the Induction for Reception Children Handbook you received.

Communications

At the end of last year you were informed how Tutshill School will communicate with you. Please see below to ensure you have the correct websites and app to receive our communications. Should you not have access to a computer or you do not have a device able to download the app, please see the school office.

Our principal forms of communication are:

1. Our (eSchools) school website at www.tutshillcofeschool.co.uk;



At the top left of the website you are able to login to eSchools.

2. The accompanying iOS and Android eSchools app for smartphones and tablets; and

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Description

If your school uses eSchools, download our app to gain access to a number of your account features. Communicate with others in your school community through messages, receive text notifications from the school office and view letters that have been sent home. Students and parents can keep on top of deadlines thanks to the new homework

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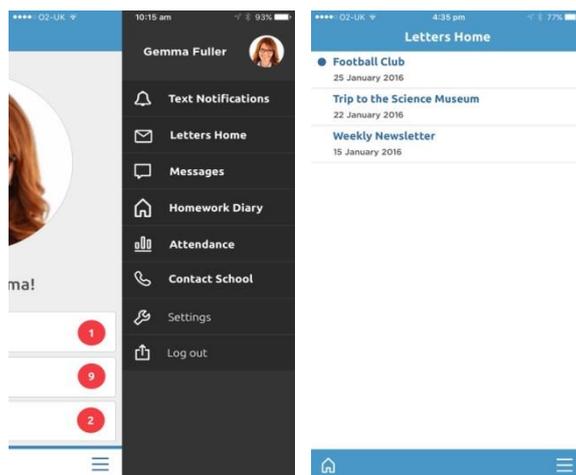
iPhone Screenshots



In addition to all the information you have already been able to access on our school website as an external user, the underlying system and complementary app provide our outbound email and communications platform with you once your child has started school.

There will be a newsletter three times a term; beginning, middle and end.

The iOS and Android app enables you to receive an alert as soon as we send an email and it offers direct access to the contents of the email without troubling you to log in to your email account. A couple of sample screen shots are shown below:



All parents/carers have been given login details previously. Please ensure that you use these details to login to the app. When using the school website on a tablet/desktop, these same login details will also enable you to:

- book your parental consultation (parents' evening) appointments;
- access information specific to your child's class;
- review your child's attendance record; and in due course
- see details of homework or projects set for completion along with other functions.

We would be grateful if you would create your eSchools account for use with the app and the desktop website as soon as possible upon receipt of your login details so that we can be sure that we can keep you informed.

School Calendar

Please be sure to regularly check the school calendar for events. This can be looked at on the school website or the eSchools app.

The Governing Body

The Governing Body held their AGM this week and I am delighted to say, following a unanimous vote that Mr Robin Riordan continues in his role as Chair of Governors and, also by unanimous vote, Dr Marion Evans continues in her role as Vice Chair of Governors. Furthermore Mr Riordan, Mrs Henderson and Mrs Clarke remain as convenors of Finance and Premises, Personnel and Teaching and Learning committees respectively.

We currently have a parent vacancy and vacancies for co-opted Governors. The role of the Governing Body is to: set the strategic direction, vision and ethos of the school; monitor and challenge the progress of the school in achieving its priorities; ensure the school meets its statutory responsibilities; ensure financial probity; ensure the premises are well managed; and report to the school's stakeholders. In addition to this, we would like to strengthen our committees and have further members supporting and bring expertise to them.

Should you require further information, please contact the school office or email the Clerk to Governors: tutshill_clerk@btinternet.com

School Council

At the end of last term the School Council presented a cheque to SARA, our schools chosen charity. The school took part in many wonderful fundraising activities for the charity, raising a total of £339.69. Please see the School Council section of the school website to see a letter received from SARA.

Snacks

Please can we remind parents that we are a healthy eating school and as such encourage children in KS2 to bring a healthy snack at break time. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be provided with a fruit snack. Children in KS2 will be asked to only eat a healthy snack at break time. Children eating chocolate bars and/or crisps will be asked to return this to their lunch box, to be eaten at lunchtime, and swap with a healthy snack i.e. fruit, vegetable or dried fruit. All children have been informed of our focus on healthy snacks at break time.

Nut allergy

We request your co-operation in keeping our school a nut-free environment in the interests of the safety of our pupils, some of whom suffer from a severe nut allergy. Please avoid giving your child/ren snacks or packed-lunches containing nuts (in any form) or foods with any nut content.

Caterlink and food allergies

We have been informed by Caterlink (our catering company) who have updated their policies that it is now essential for all children requiring a special dietary meal, to provide a doctors letter to confirm this. Unfortunately until full confirmation is received, Caterlink will only be able to provide a reduced meal provision for each child with a special dietary requirement. This will consist of a plain jacket potato with vegetables. Alternatively, you can provide your child with a packed lunch whilst you obtain the relevant documentation.

We understand that this may be inconvenient for you, but please be assured that Caterlink have the health and wellbeing of each child they feed at the forefront of their policies.

Please accept our apologies for this inconvenience. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Jackie Lee at jalee@caterlinkltd.co.uk.

Victorian Childhood Workshop – Friday 15 September

Children in Years 1 and 2 will be experiencing a day in the life of a Victorian child on Friday 15 September. We would like the children to dress in Victorian costume for the day, as detailed in the letter sent to parents at the end of the summer term. Could we also remind parents who have not yet completed their reply slip and made their voluntary contribution of £3.95 to do this at their earliest convenience.

EPIC Martial Arts Day

Children will be given the opportunity to take part in a Martial Arts Day on Wednesday 20 September. Please can parents ensure their children have their PE kit in school on this day.

European Day of Languages

On Tuesday 26th September, we will be holding a European Day of Languages. This year, we will be focusing on the country of France and, throughout the day, the children will take part in a variety of activities based on the French language and culture.

Children are invited to come to school dressed in the colours of the French flag or in a costume that they feel represents France (as a famous person, in a themed costume, etc).

Life Education Centre visit

The school will receive a visit from the Life Education Centre's mobile classroom on 27 and 28 September 2017. The Life Education Centre's aim is to help children develop the confidence and thinking skills needed to make informed health choices on topics such as healthy eating, hygiene, managing emotions and keeping safe. The classroom is equipped with a variety of exhibits including a full size model of the human body, a fibre-optic star ceiling, an interactive talking brain and other audio-visual material.

Any parents who wish to call in to the van are welcome on 28 September 2017 at 2.50pm. Please note that access will be limited to 20 visitors at a time.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 19 September 2017 for individual portrait photographs and family groups; the proofs will come home soon after with the payment procedure clearly indicated. The photographer will arrive at 8.30am to take family group photos in the school hall – please go straight to the hall, if you wish to have a family photograph taken. This is for siblings NOT in school – if you have more than one child here, they will automatically be photographed as a group and it is not necessary for parents to wait for these photographs to be taken. These sessions take place throughout the day.

Reception Intake 2018 and Open Day for Prospective Families

This year we are holding two open days for prospective families. The first is on Tuesday 3 October at 9.30am and the second on Wednesday 4 October at 2.00pm Details will be posted on the school website, but we would be grateful if you could share this information with any families seeking a place in Reception in 12 months' time.

Year 3 and Year 4 Trip to National Roman Legion Museum, Caerleon

Children in Years 3 and 4 will be visiting the Museum on Friday 6 October as part of their 'Roman' topic. More details will follow early next week.

Year 5 STEMWorks Lego Robots Workshop

On Tuesday 17 October, children in Year 5 will take part in a Lego Robots Workshop. Children will work in teams to design, build, program and test a Lego robot to complete a series of increasingly difficult challenges over the day.

Year 6 Residential Trip 2018

If you have not yet paid the deposit to secure your child's place on the Residential Trip, please could we request that you do this at your earliest convenience. We would also like to remind parents to continue making their regular payments towards the outstanding balance for the trip.

PE Kits

Please make sure all PE Kits are in school every day and that all items are clearly named. It is advisable to include a pair of tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE activities.

School Uniform

Our school uniform remains unchanged for the coming year, consisting of:

- A light blue polo shirt*, shirt, or blouse;
- School sweatshirt* or navy jumper or cardigan;
- Smart grey or navy trousers or grey or navy skirt/pinafore;
- Grey socks / tights, white socks for girls in summer;
- Dark coloured sensible shoes.
- In summer, children may wear grey or navy shorts;
- In summer, girls may wear a blue checked or striped dress and white socks.
- Baseball caps with the school logo are available from the school office.

PE Kit (to be kept in a named drawstring bag):

- Navy T-shirt* and navy shorts;
- Navy jogging trousers;
- KS1 (Reception, Y1 and Y2) black daps; and
- KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 and 6) white trainers (no colour/logos/names) or black daps.

Our uniform supplier, Sheila's of Beachley Road in Sedbury, has sent details of her current prices for Tutshill School uniform as follows:

Sweatshirts £10.00 all sizes
Sweat cardigans £12.00 all sizes
Polo shirts £ 8.50 all sizes
PE t-shirts £ 8.00 all sizes

School logo

The school logo is embroidered on several items of uniform, all marked with an asterisk on the above list. The full range of school uniform (including items with the school logo) is available for purchase from 'Sheila's' in Sedbury.

However, whilst preferred by the school, the wearing of uniform bearing the logo is optional and uniform can be purchased from other suppliers providing it is the correct colour (i.e. plain light blue polo shirts and plain navy sweatshirts may be worn for lessons and a plain navy t-shirt may be worn for PE).

Nearly new uniform is available from the school office.

- Children should wear school uniform at all times.
- Skirts should be of an appropriate length and style.
- Children with long hair should have it tied back using a plain, navy or blue and white check, "Alice"-style hair band, plain navy bobble/pony-tail band and simple "Kirby"-style hair-grips. Decorative or embellished hairbands, bobbles/elastics/scrunchies and hair-grips must not be worn.
- No jewellery should be worn in school. Children with pierced ears may wear plain studs. These must be removed for all PE activities and the child must be able to put them back in themselves.
- No nail varnish.
- Children should wear appropriate school shoes and not trainers.
- During the Summer term all children should have a cap and a water bottle as part of their PE kit. It is advisable to have a pair of plain navy blue jog bottoms in school.
- During the Autumn, Winter and Spring terms, all children should bring a coat to school. This ensures they are able to participate in outdoor activities and playtimes. During the Summer term it is advisable to have a light waterproof coat.
- No toys or games should be brought into school unless given special permission by a member of teaching staff.

ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM AND OTHER ITEMS OF CLOTHING MUST BE NAMED

Online Portal for Free School Meals

Gloucestershire County Council is launching a new portal to enable parents to apply on-line for Free School Meals across the county. The launch will initially be for Reception pupils starting primary school in September in the Gloucester area only. This will enable Gloucestershire County Council to test the system before going live for everyone later in the term.

The portal will be a quick, easy and more efficient method for parents to apply as opposed to the current paper based system. Also, upon completion of the application, the process will indicate to the parent whether they will be eligible for Free School Meals, so there should no longer be a delay in hearing the outcome. If

further information is required, in order to determine entitlement, parents will be notified about what is needed to be done to complete their claim.

Another advantage of this on-line service is that it will not be necessary for school staff to fax or scan applications to us as they have done in the past, especially at the beginning of the academic year. If you or the parents have any queries, regarding this or the process of applying, please contact the Free School Meals Team on 01452 425390 who will be happy to help. For more information and to make an application visit

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals <<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/free-schoolmeals>

Cool Club Contact Details

If you need to contact Cool Club regarding breakfast or the after school club, parents can do so via email on coolclub15@outlook.co.uk or via their contact phone number on 07763 479119.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is a key priority at Tutshill School.

We:

- ensure adults who come into contact with children have enhanced cleared from the Disclosure & Barring Service (which has replaced Criminal Records Bureau);
- communicate child protection procedures to all staff, parents and visitors. We would ask that should you hear, see or read anything which troubles you about a child, do not ignore it, but report your concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs N Fryer.

For further information on safeguarding, contact the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children's Board: www.gscb.org.uk. Tel: 01452 583638.

Parent View

Ofsted are welcoming parents views throughout the year regarding your thoughts on school provision. The expectation is that parents will submit thoughts and opinions on their website. To date, there has been very little response from parents online so we would encourage you to post your comments; even positive comments are welcome!

Please find the link below and wording from the Ofsted site.

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Parent View gives you the chance to tell us what you think about your child's school. Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. We will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect, and when. A screencast demonstrating how to register and complete a survey on Parent View is available on the [How to use Parent View](#) page. By sharing your views, you'll be helping your child's school to improve. You will also be able to see what other parents have said about your child's school. Or, if you want to, [view the results](#) for any school in England.

Dates for your diary

We have tried to give you as many dates as possible for the forthcoming school year.

Sept 2017	4	INSET DAY
	5	Term begins
	15	Y1 & Y2 Victorian Day workshop
	20	EPIC Martial Arts Day
	19	Colourbox Photography
	27 & 28	Life Education Van visit
Oct 2017	3	Bag2School textile collection
	3	Open Day @ 9.30am for Reception Intake 2018
	4	Open Day @ 4pm for Reception Intake 2018
	6	Y3 & Y4 Trip to National Roman Legion Museum, Caerleon
	17	Y5 Lego Robots Workshop
	20	Term ends
	30	INSET DAY
	31	Term begins
Dec 2017	15	Term ends – 3.15pm finish
Jan 2018	2	INSET DAY
	3	Term begins
	11	Young Voices Choir Concert
Feb 2018	9	Term ends
	19	Term begins
Mar 2018	7	Bag2School textile collection
	28	Term ends – 3.15pm finish
	29	INSET DAY
	30	Good Friday
April 2018	2	Easter Monday
	16	Term begins
May 2018	7	May Day Bank Holiday
	14	Key Stage 2 SATs week
	25	Term ends
June 2018	4	INSET DAY
	5	Term begins
July 2018	25	Term ends – 1.00pm finish

Term and Holiday Dates 2017/2018

Term 1 2017 Term begins Term ends	4 September 2017 (Inset Day) 5 September 2017 20 October 2017
Term 2 2017 Term begins Term ends	30 October 2017 (Inset Day) 31 October 2017 15 December 2017 – 3.15pm finish
Term 3 2018 Term begins Term ends	2 January 2018 (Inset Day) 3 January 2018 9 February 2018
Term 4 2018 Term begins Term ends Good Friday Easter Monday	19 February 2018 28 March 2018 – 3.15pm finish 29 March 2018 (Inset Day) 30 March 2018 2 April 2018
Term 5 2018 Term begins May Day Bank Holiday Term ends	16 April 2018 7 May 2018 25 May 2018
Term 6 2018 Term begins Term ends	4 June 2018 (Inset Day) 5 June 2018 25 July 2018 – 1pm finish

School will be closed for in-service training on the following dates:

4 September 2017
 30 October 2017
 2 January 2018
 29 March 2018
 4 June 2018

These dates are in line with Gloucestershire County Council term dates.

Created: November 2016

Term and Holiday Dates 2018/2019

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Term 2 2018 Term begins Term ends	29 October 2018 (Inset Day) 30 October 2018 19 November 2018 (Inset Day) 21 December 2018 – 3.15pm finish
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