



Warden Hill

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Gloucester



Goodbye!



JULY 2022

Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

This academic year has seen the return of so many inter-house events, sporting fixtures, school trips, music events, PTA events, ice cream Fridays. As a result our children have gained so much more this year in terms of their personal development and all-round school life. We have loved the normality that the majority of this year has brought. I am ever grateful to my amazing team for their above and beyond support in making all these opportunities happen for our children.

Linked to their personal development this year, our children have been learning more about what makes an effective learner. These characteristics in our school, fall under three headings: Engaged, Active and Thinking Critically.

We are so lucky as the vast majority of our children approach new opportunities with curiosity, energy and enthusiasm, but by identifying the skills they are using allows them to grow their independence when tackling new learning opportunities and as result they make excellent personal progress.



As a school we said a final goodbye to Miss Rand and Mrs Harrison, as well as Mrs Helen Wilson. Helen joined our school two years ago to teach music across the school and develop our music curriculum. Helen's passion for music and the impact it has had on the children she has taught has been superb. She has also taught 120 Y5 and 6s to play the Ukulele, led our Y5 choir to sing with 6 other primary schools with Cheltenham College and adult choirs in the spectacular Zimbe concert at the Town Hall and led the Young Voices choir too! She leaves us for St James Primary and we wish her the best of luck.

Finally, our amazing Year 6 children finished the year in style in front of a packed hall sharing their memories of their time at school in their Leavers' Service and whilst it is always sad to see a cohort leave, we know that we have prepared them so well for the next onward journey to secondary school, where their next adventures await!

Here's part of the leavers' speech for our Year 6 pupils from this year with the theme of memories and new beginnings:

Year 6, lots has happened in these last seven years. They are seven years full of friendships, seven years full of learnt experiences and seven years full of memories. Memories that you have made on your journey through our school - from your first day to your last.

Memories are simply experiences remembered – some of these memories are exact and some are a bit fuzzy round the edges...you might have enjoyed them – or



endured them – but whatever they may be, we always somehow learn from them and for some special ones, treasure them – they are part of us and mould who we are.

I know that we will be hearing very shortly some of your memories from you time at our school – but before you take us on that journey down memory lane – I'd like to take you on another journey – through the words of an abridged poem by Robert Frost

The Road

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden back.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

Year 6, as you leave today, are taking the path no step has trodden back – you are going to have the best adventure yet and you will experience and learn so many different things along the way at your secondary schools. You have the chance to make new decisions, to try new things (sports, new languages, new friendships) make the most of the opportunities that come your way. Choose your own path – make the difference.

This is an end to your time with us - but in every ending is a new beginning.

You have lived our school values of Belong, Explore, Succeed and I, and the rest of the team, are really going to miss you. So, as you leave Warden Hill today smile, enjoy the time, have fun, because the best thing about memories is making them.

That just leaves me to say have a wonderful family filled holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 6th September.

From all the team at Warden Hill, wherever you may be have a fabulous summer and enjoy making new memories!

Georgina Flooks

Parents' Evening - survey

I would love to hear from as many of you as possible regarding how we do our parents' evenings next year. We have kept the video/phone calls this year and then in addition to this, given you opportunities to come in and see your children's books. I know from general feedback in passing, parents have welcomed the video/phone calls from a logistical point of view but have missed being able to come in to see the classrooms.

We have been thinking of a hybrid version of this next year along the lines of:

- First Parents' evening in the Autumn term in person to meet your child's teacher face to face and see their classroom as well as their books
- Second Parents' evening Summer term via video/phone call
- Open morning in the Summer term to come in and look at your child's books

We will send a short survey to you via the Xpressions App. Thank you in advance for taking to vote for your preferred option.

School Start Time Change

To fall in line with the minimum average school hours per week by 2023 as directed by the Government, we will be changing the official start time of our school day.

From September 2022 school will start (registration time) at 8:45am and finish at our normal time of 3:15. This means that the gates will be open from 8:35 and will be closed at 8:45am as all pupils should be in their classrooms at this time.

School Absences

This year we have seen a big increase in the request for holidays during term time. A lot of these requests have been the 're-arranged' dates given by travel companies linked to covid and I have completely understood the circumstances around these.

However going forward, I need to remind you all that holiday absence during the academic year is not permitted (and therefore unauthorised) as it interferes with the continuity of our children's education.

Our absence data is regularly checked by the Local Authority and is also shared with the Department for Education.

The Local Authority has the power to prosecute parents who fail to secure their child's regular attendance at school. Schools can, in some circumstances, request that the Local Authority issue a Penalty Notice where parents have failed to secure regular attendance at school.



Pupils' Success

Millie Higgins (4G) competed in the Cheltenham Swimming Water Polo Club Internal Summer Championship a few weekends ago.

She did really well and won four gold medals in her age category for multiple disciplines (200m free style and breast stroke and 100m breast stroke and individual medley).

What an achievement! Well done Millie!



Head over to our website for more recent news

From September we will no longer produce the newsletter in its current form. Instead, we will upload the news items regularly to our website. We hope that this way we will keep you informed of all exciting news and events at Warden Hill, as they happen.

The most recent news can always be seen on the home page. To view all the items, please go to Events - News.

Visit <https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/news/> to view our July posts.

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EVENTS

JUL	21 July - 5 September
26	Summer Holidays 2022
SEP	All day
6	Autumn Term: Term 1 Starts

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Day at Bournside School

Bird Hides

CHaOS! SCIENCE ROADSHOW



Year 6 Performance

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History Lesson on the High Street

On Friday 18th July, Year 6 started their day at meeting in town, in the classroom, in history they had been learning about how the high street looked in the

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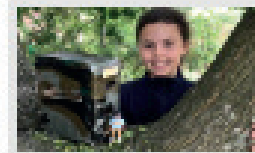


Day at Bournside School

On Monday 17th July, instead of a day at Warden Hill, Year 6 had all their lessons at Bournside School. They had five different lessons, ranging from learning standards to

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Bird Hides

In the summer term year 6 have designed and made their own made bird hides. First, they drew their own bespoke design. Then, they carefully measured and glued wood to

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CHaOS!

Our year 6 and year 4 children took part in a science workshop run by Cambridge Hand-on Science (CHaOS), a student-run organisation at Cambridge University. They are a STEM outreach

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Year 2: Nature in Art Trip

Learn about our air, water, concrete and recycling etc. Our art tells it, water and water paper makes, you can dip your etc. Year 2 went to Nature in Art on a school trip and

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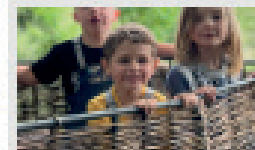


School Council On-Site Visit

This year in school council members planned homework and it was great to be taken on a visit to the new school by the site manager. They were able to see first-hand

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Forest School

The last few weeks of forest school this academic year have been with our Reception children who have been making the most of our wonderful jungle site. Children are naturally

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Reception inspired by Sir David Attenborough

In Reception, we have enjoyed learning about Sir David Attenborough and what an inspiration he is in helping to look after our planet. We created posters illustrating what we could

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Eco Schools Flag

On Wednesday 18 July all Eco-Warriors gathered together to raise our new Eco-Schools flag. The eco-leader, Miss Catchpole and Mrs Taylor helped us to raise the eco

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Summer Reading

To promote our online Summer Reading Platform, our fabulous School Council members from year 2-6 visited every key stage 1 class to read them a story from this resource pack

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We're hiring

Site manager required. Trustworthy, experienced with a great sense of humour. If you tick all the boxes, we'd love to hear from you.

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Year 6: Osmington Bay

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Building Work Update

15/07/2022 We have continued with installing the window frames on the first floor. Continued with the construction of the partition walls along the ground floor, the scaffolding and masonry work have

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Reception Adventure at Copsedge Farm

Reception had the most wonderful adventure exploring the Forest at Copsedge Farm. When we arrived, we enjoyed a leisurely stroll across the fields and through the wheat, spotting birds of

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Year 4 Ski Trip

On Friday 18th July, Year 4 went to Copsedge for slope climbing with excitement. We went tubing but there was a long, careful walk up the slope. However, it was really

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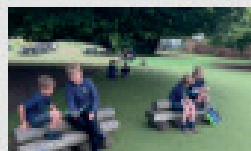


Year 4 Sleepover

On Friday the 18th July, we were invited to a sleepover at school. We were all excited but of our minds and it was an our year waiting about

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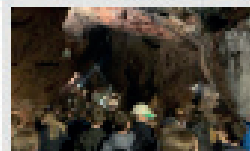


Reading Buddies

In the week of 4th July, 10 Year 6 and year 5 children gave half an hour of their time to our wonderful year 1 children to listen to them read and

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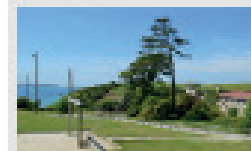


Hidden World of Clearwell Caves

Year 3 had a fantastic time visiting Clearwell Caves in the Forest of Dean this week. The trip consolidated the children's learning about rocks and soils and gave them the

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Year 6 Osmington Bay Updates

Thursday 14 July 2022, 10:40pm We've all had another amazing day full of activities and enjoying the sun. Our final full day is culminating in the disco and we've created

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Community Legitimacy Panel



Gloucestershire Constabulary



OPCC
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

Football delivered by



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Better Together Community Sports Day

The Community Legitimacy Panel and
Gloucestershire Constabulary invite you to:

BETTER TOGETHER

Community Sports and Fun Day

Join us in a celebration of our community

Climbing Wall
Tug-of-War
Fun Quiz
Music

'Know Your Rights' talk by
a practising
barrister

Tournaments:
Basketball
Football
Netball

AND MORE!

A free buffet
of cultural
foods

FREE ENTRY

WHEN: 28th July 2022

**WHERE: Ribston Hall High School,
Stroud Road, Gloucester**

TIME: 2PM - 7PM

Scan the QR code, or email
bettertogetherteam@gloucestershire.police.uk
to sign up your team!



Thursday 28th July
Ribston High School, Stroud
Road, Gloucester
2:00pm - 7:00pm

The purpose of this event is to
bring the community together
and to have some fun!

There will be lots of activities
taking places, such as a Climbing
Wall, Tug of War and fun quizzes.
We have a range of tournaments
which you can join or watch.
There will also be a range of free
buffet of cultural foods.



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