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### Tesco Stronger Starts

Forest View is taking part in the 'Tesco Stronger Starts' scheme. By dropping the blue tokens that customers can get in store, into a voting box, Tesco customers can vote in a scheme that gives community projects like us grants of up to £1500.

You will be able to vote in the Cinderford, Lydney and Coleford Tesco stores. Your vote is really important to us as it will determine how much funding we receive.

# Stronger Starts



### EYFS Library Visits

Children from EYFS have recently been visiting Cinderford Library. They had a wonderful time immersing themselves in the magic of books. Reading really does change lives and opens up learning for our children.

We encourage everyone to read to their children everyday and to join Cinderford Library. Thank you to all of the parents who supported the trip.



### Visiting Author—Ian Young

Children in the juniors were visited by Ian Young, author of the Winterscar Chronicles. The author led a book reading and workshops for our junior children. You can purchase his books directly from his website ([www.thewinterscarchronicles.co.uk](http://www.thewinterscarchronicles.co.uk)). Ian offers free author visits and workshops for schools. Our children were very lucky to hear about his experiences of reading and writing and gained so much from having him in school.



## Cross Country

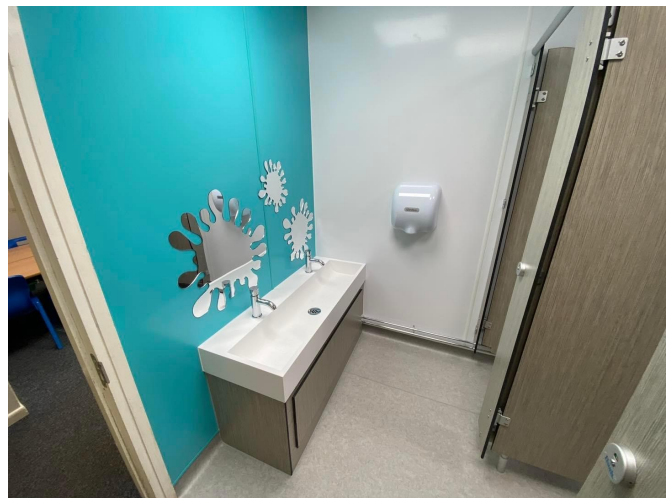
What an amazing effort from our individual cross country runners this week. The children had to complete a difficult 2km mixed terrain course which tested their endurance and resilience.

Well done to Poppy and Rienna who finished in the top 10 in their race and have qualified for the county race which will be held in February.



## Toilet Refurbishments

Our school toilet redevelopments are progressing well. The year 1 and 2 boys toilets have just been completed. Work has now move to our year 3/4 toilets.



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### Wear it Red Day and Chinese New Year

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February we will be celebrating Chinese New Year, with each child receiving a fortune cookie on the day. As part of our celebrations children will be decorating and exchanging red envelopes with kind messages, learning how to draw a Chinese dragon, listening to traditional Chinese music and making origami Lotus flowers.

We will also be holding a 'wear it red day' on the same day, in aid of the Midlands Air Ambulance. Children can come to school dressed in something red—suggested donation £1.



### January Attendance

School attendance for January was: 94.9% (since September 94.7%)

Classes with the highest attendance were: Otters (98.9%), Hawks (98.1%), Ospreys (97.6%)

Classes with the lowest attendance were: Rabbits (87.8%), Hedgehogs (91.6%), Merlins (93.2%)

### It all adds up!

Attending school everyday gives your child the best chance of success.	100%
Attending 4.5 days every week = 4 weeks missed learning per year	90%
Attending 4 days a week = 8 weeks missed learning per year.	80%
Attending 3.5 days a week = 12 weeks missed learning per year.	70%

**80% attendance adds up to missing 2 full years of education over their school life!**

**Can they afford to keep missing out?**

### Every Day Counts



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## Pupil Premium and School Funding

Did you know that if your child is registered for benefits led Free School Meals they are eligible for the following:

- A free school meal everyday in school until they leave primary school.
- Free entry to breakfast club (bookable through ParentMail)
- A £15 supermarket voucher for every eligible child for each week of the school holidays (provided by Gloucestershire County Council through the holiday voucher scheme).
- Free holiday activities (provided through Gloucestershire's HAF/HAP scheme).
- Subsidised after school clubs.

The school also receives extra funding for every child who is eligible for benefits led Free School Meals (also known as the pupil premium) which allows us to provide extra support to our pupils.

If you think you children are eligible, or are unsure then go to:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

### 2023/24 Key Dates

5/2/24 - Y5/6 Police talks—Online Relationships	21/3/24 - Parents Consultation Meetings
9/2/24 - Wear it Red Day/Chinese New Year Day	21/3/24 - Spring Showcase
9/2/24 - Reel Education Workshops	22/3/24 - End of Term 4 (1.30pm)
9/2/24 - End of Term 3	8/4/24 - Start of Term 5
19/2/24 - Start of Term 4	9/5/24 - Y3 Residential Begins
27/2/23 - Rabbits class trip to Robinswood	10/5/234- Y3 Residential Ends
28/2/23 - Squirrels class trip to Robinswood	24/5/24 - Reports Out
29/2/23 - Hedgehogs class trip to Robinswood	24/5/24 - End of Term 5
1/3/23 - Otters class trip to Robinswood	3/6/24 - Start of Term 6
4/3/23 - Visiting Author—John Dougherty	3/6/24 - 14/6/24 - Parents Consultations (to discuss reports)
11/3/23 - Super Sewers Workshops and Assembly	17/7/24 - Y6 Leavers Afternoon
12/3/23 - Y5/6 Police Drug Workshops	12/7/24 - Summer Showcase
15/3/24 - Y5 Residential Begins	19/7/24 - End of Term 6
18/3/23 - Y5 Residential Ends	4/9/24 - Start of Term 1 (2024/25 academic year)
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## Cost of Living Crisis Help Available

The FODDC has entrusted us  
with Household Support Funding over  
the Winter period.

This funding is to help struggling families.

### We can help with:

- Baby essentials and food
- Warm Clothes and coats 0-14 years
- Grocery vouchers
- School uniform
- Bedding

To access this help, email  
[fodbabybank@gmail.com](mailto:fodbabybank@gmail.com)