



## Coalway Community Infant School

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# NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN TERM 2

## Curriculum Overview



The curriculum overview is on the school website, please use this overview to support you, to support your child with their learning.

## 'Teams4u Christmas Boxes



Thank you to all those parents who have supported this appeal and made an individual box with their child/children. Keith and Sandy, from Teams4u have told us that the boxes will be leaving the UK to go to the poorest children in Eastern Europe.

Once again thank you very much for your support.



## Children in Need

Thank you for your generous donations for Children In Need - we raised a fantastic £81.00.

## Christmas Dates



Details of Christmas events have been sent via ParentMail and are also at the end of this letter.

## Admission to the Junior School September 2025

Year 2 Parents will have received a letter detailing the admissions process for transfer to the Junior School for next September. All Year 2 parents should complete the on-line application form by midnight on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025** - full details within the Admissions letter.

## School Intake September 2025

The same admission process applies to parents of pupils due to start school in September 2025. If you have a child or know of anyone who has a child who intends to start at this school in September 2025, please ask them to contact the school to register their child. Thank you.



### Adverse Weather Conditions

As winter approaches please can we remind you about our general procedures regarding possible school closure in the event of severe weather:

1. Closure of the school will be posted on the school website [www.coalway-inf.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.coalway-inf.gloucs.sch.uk)
2. If there is heavy snowfall overnight you will be contacted by ParentMail by 8.00 a.m. the next day informing you of closure of the school.
3. If you have not received a ParentMail message you may check by telephoning the school after 8.00 a.m. to check if the school is open.
4. Listen to Radio Gloucestershire - FM 104.7 and/or Heart Gloucestershire (formerly Severn Sound) - FM 102.4; AM 774. They will give news about school closures.
5. Access the Gloucestershire website to view the list of schools that are closed [www.glosclosedschools.com](http://www.glosclosedschools.com)
6. It may be necessary for the school to close during the course of the day. In that case, it is very important that we have an emergency contact number as a ParentMail message will be sent in the first instance.

### Attendance

Thank you to all parents who telephone or email to let us know of their child's absence. This is a significant help to the staff and ensures that appropriate absence records are kept for your child. If your child is unwell and cannot attend school please could you inform the School Office as early as possible (preferably by 9.00 a.m.). As part of our attendance procedures Mrs. Edwards or Mrs. Cornes will contact you via telephone or ParentMail if we are unsure of a reason for absence.

Good school attendance and being in school on time is vital for children's success in the future. Being in school every day that it is open is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS



## Diary Dates

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Year 2 Trip to The Courtyard Theatre, Hereford - Sleeping Beauty - children to arrive for 8.00 am in school please
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Open Classrooms 3.00 - 4.00 pm
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Book Fair in School Hall - 3.00 pm onwards
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 Trip to Christian Adventure Centre
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Performance 'The Christmas Recipe!' 9.00 am tickets available from the school office.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Performance 'The Christmas Recipe' 2.30 pm tickets available from the school office.
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Trip to Perrygrove Railway
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Class Christmas Parties - non-uniform day.
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 & 2 children Carol Singing for Parents - 2.30 pm in the school hall.

School finishes for Christmas on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15 pm.  
There will be a Staff Inset Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Term 3 starts **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

Term dates for the remainder of this academic year are available on the school website.