

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to write to you following my appointment as permanent Headteacher at KLB. All schools have had a challenging few years and KLB has been no different. Despite this, in the last 12 months, we have seen the school recognised for the outstanding progress made by our year 11 and 13 students. Equally impressive has been how our community has pulled together in the hardest of times.

At the end of last year, I invited all stakeholders to join a consultation to rewrite our vision and values. Throughout this process, I heard each group talk with pride about KLB and share their aspirations for all members of our community; working together, they demonstrated the values that we have now identified as being the most important to us. We have created a strong and clearly communicated vision, and we are a school which lives by its core values. Now, every strategic decision we make should be focused on improving opportunities for our children.



It is the strength of our community which inspires me to lead KLB. I feel privileged to be given the opportunity to take KLB forward and can assure you that I will do my very best every day.

One of my areas of focus will be strengthening all lines of communication between the school and its wider community. In addition to meeting with staff and groups of students, I would be interested to gather your views as KLB parents. The survey accessed via this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GN6HSG7> is based on the Ofsted parents' survey but I have added two text boxes to provide the opportunity for you to reflect on what you see as the school's strengths as well as areas for development. The survey will close at 8pm on Sunday 14 May.

As we move forward together, I would urge you to contact the school directly if you have concerns. Working together is the best way that we can support your children.

Once the examination season is underway, we will turn our thoughts to planning for next year. I will share our strategic plans and annual priorities with you once these are confirmed.

I look forward to working with you over the years ahead and thank you for your support over the past few months.

Best wishes

Hannah Khan  
Headteacher

## Bronze and Silver Practice Expeditions

Well done to the students who participated in their DofE Silver practice expedition just over a week ago. We hope their blisters, aches and pains have now recovered and they have taken time to reflect on how well they did to navigate their course in teams.



The goal for all Bronze groups is 'teamwork' as this is the single most important (and often the toughest) skill they can learn at this level. We were particularly impressed with teams whose support of individual members struggling with injury enabled the whole team to complete the expedition.

Of course, the practice expedition is an opportunity to make mistakes and learn from them and we hope that all participants now feel wiser about packing a rucksack, navigating, pacing, taking appropriate food, campcraft and the degree of resilience needed to achieve this section of the DofE award programme. It really is a genuine challenge, especially when participants wake up to frost!

Most of the Silver participants have the benefit of their experience at Bronze level to draw on but it's a much tougher ask to stay out over three days and two nights; well done to them all for managing the greater test of resilience. DofE Young Leaders, Aaron Cripser and Marie Hipwell, who took part in the Silver Practice, have outlined the experience in their reports on page 3.

Ocean Rock have commented, "Participants from KLB are always a delight and a pleasure to work with but it is obvious to us that whatever ethos or culture is being created at the school is resulting in wonderful young people who you can be proud of. They are resilient, polite, hardworking and persevere through challenge while continuing to smile and stay in good humour. Delightful!"

Helen Isaacs  
DofE Coordinator





*On a rather soggy Friday in April, instead of going to school, we headed to the Ridgeway near Swindon, to set off on our Silver DofE practice expedition. I was a bit apprehensive about the trip as I had looked at the weather forecast for the weekend and knew it was going to be much colder than what we had experienced on our first expedition. This would be the opposite extreme of when our expedition was postponed last year due to a heatwave. I was also thinking about whether it would be more challenging to camp for two nights rather than just the one that we did last time.*



*Our first challenge was that we were a team member down so we all ended up having to carry more kit than we were expecting. We worked as a team to distribute the kit between us, reviewed the route on the maps, then set off in our waterproofs. Unfortunately, because of the rain, we couldn't appreciate the scenery and views as much as we would have liked but it was good to be outdoors instead of a normal day in KLB! Throughout the day, we enjoyed some of our copious amounts of snacks (one of our team brought 16 wraps to eat!).*

*We arrived at camp in the afternoon and pitched our tents. It was a lot easier this time as we had all done the bronze expedition, so we had a good understanding of how to set up our equipment quickly and efficiently. It was good to get our bags off our backs and relax with some warm food we cooked with the stoves.*

*I was surprised to wake up in the morning to find our tent covered in frost as I hadn't been too cold during the night. We packed up our camp and set off again. The weather was an improvement from the first day - I even got a little sunburnt. The walking on the second day was more enjoyable thanks to the better weather, but some of our team struggled with blisters so others supported by helping to carry some of their kit for a while. We persevered, eventually managing to navigate to the second night's campsite. Everyone was feeling a bit more weary so we were grateful to get into our sleeping bags at night.*

*The next morning, we packed up our tents for the last time, looking forward to the prospect of getting home. Some of our team were still having challenges but the DofE leaders were really helpful, helping our team to reach the finish point.*

*Overall, I enjoyed the practice expedition despite some of the challenges we encountered. It was really useful for our team to identify the things we need to work on for the real expedition. I think we demonstrated a lot of good team working skills and resilience, and I'm looking forward to the next expedition in July.*

Aaron Criper, Year 10

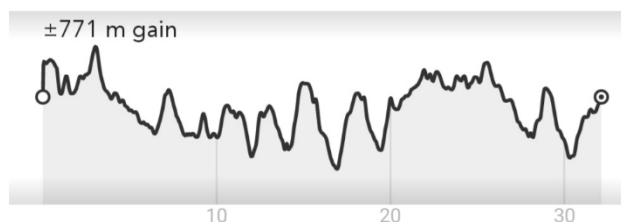
*The silver DofE practice expedition was done between Wantage and Lambourn and in total was 50 kilometres spread over three days with 22km the first day 18km the next and a shorter walk on the last day of only 10km. The area was beautiful with lots of rapeseed fields in full bloom; most of the walk was through fields and hills with small section of woodland or towns.*

*We were sharing a camp with groups from Stroud High School and had a few interesting conversations with them as we were in the camp for a few hours before he had to go to bed at 8:30. The first night was incredibly cold: we were told it got down to -2C, which caused a layer of ice to form over the tent and the ground outside. The ice was still there when we woke up at 6:30; however, due to the low light pollution in the area the sky was clear and we could see the milky way which was definitely a highlight of the trip.*

*On the second day, despite an hour-long delay at one of the checkpoints, we all made it to the camp in good time. The second night was a lot warmer but was rainy throughout the evening. Overall, the walk was really enjoyable and I had an amazing time with my group both whilst we were walking but also at the camp.*

Marie Hipwell, Year 10

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## Drama News

Although the school production of *Road* is now behind us, the department remained busy throughout the remainder of the spring term, as you will read in the highlights below.

### Drama Club House Competition

The Year 7 and 8 Drama Club students have been working hard since January creating an original piece of drama. The criteria were the creativity of their use of drama forms, the clarity of their story and the effectiveness of their characterisation. They performed their pieces to a judging panel of Year 12 drama students, who decided the results as follows:



First place (15 points) – Jazzy Aitkenhead, Mimi Choyce, Bella Woodcock, Anna Southwell, Maisie Hurst

Second place (10 points) – Scarlett Young, Millie Philpott, Aimee New, Eliza Cowan, Libby Townsend, Posie Stewart

Third place (5 points) – Amelie Daniel, Harriet Miller, Zoe Hall, Guney Ward, Eryn Tansill

The students involved won points for their respective houses and enjoyed a small prize and some celebratory drama games to end the half term.

### Year 9 Devising Group

The department started this group in January to give Year 9 students interested in drama the opportunity to go through a series of devising workshops before creating their own performance from their ideas. The students explored various stimuli and used both naturalistic and non-naturalistic forms to generate practical material from their interpretations.



The students worked really well together and elected to stay as one larger group rather than separate smaller groups. They focused on the theme of 'loneliness' and decided to chart the story of a family divided and reunited by war. They were ambitious in their use of set, lighting and costume to support their story, which they shared for one night only in the Drama Studio to friends and family. A huge well done to Bobby Baines, Emily Days, Imogen James, Sophia Jones, Ella Matthews, Ross O'Donnell, Alice Scott, Chloe Smith and Bethany Wickham.



## Year 11 Performance Exam



For Component 2 of their GCSE, drama students are required to explore a script in preparation for a visiting examiner. This was the first year since COVID that students have had to deliver two extracts from the script rather than one. This can be done either as a performer or a designer. It was an intense period of preparation and quite a stressful day for the students, but they handled the occasion brilliantly and showcased the skill and creativity they have honed during their years at KLB. We were immensely proud of them all.

## Frantic Assembly Workshop

Drama students in Years 10 and 12 had an amazing opportunity to work with a London practitioner from the international physical theatre company, Frantic Assembly. As we have featured the company in our teaching and have run trips to some of Frantic Assembly's professional productions, we were excited to bring their work directly to students on our turf.

This physically intensive workshop pushed the students to respond to stimuli and constantly improvise and adapt their methods. By the end of the session, all the students had come up with original movement material and I was encouraged to see a change in each of them from the start to the end of their session. Many have been inspired to apply what they have learnt to their devising rehearsals as we head towards the devised exam.



J Blake, Drama Teacher

## Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip to Lyme Regis



On Wednesday 29 March, we had a geography fieldtrip to Lyme Regis. The aim was to find out if the coastal defences were effective at preventing erosion and longshore drift. It was very cold and wet the entire day so our record of data was limited.

First, we went to the sea wall at the east side of the beach to do a field sketch of Black Venn. We then discussed the erosional processes and landforms. As the rain was getting heavier, we then measured the beach profiles using a clinometer (to measure angle) and ranging poles. We also collected pebble data.

Although our time was limited due to the heavy rain and strong winds, we were able to ask local business owners about the sea defences. Even though the weather was unpleasant, we managed to collect the data we needed and enjoyed our time in Lyme Regis.

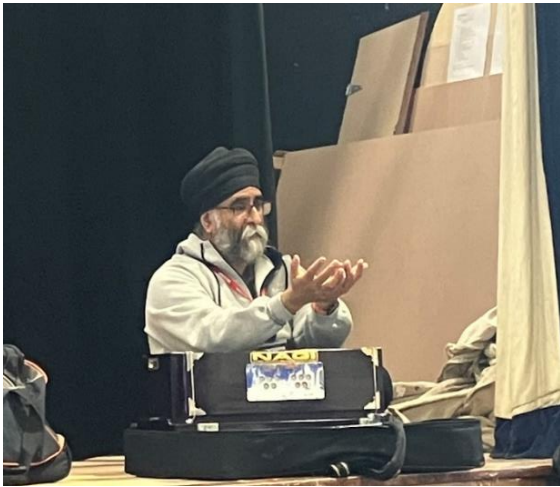
Annabel Shipp and Naomi Pennington





## Sikh Visitor to Years 8 and 9 Students

Recently, the RE department invited Mr Harkirat Singh from the Sikh Education Service to come into school to speak to students.



The students had prepared some deep and probing questions about the nature of the Sikhi faith and other aspects of the Sikh path, and Mr Singh was impressed by both their behaviour and their interest in a faith that most had no first-hand experience or knowledge of. Many students came to ask Mr Singh additional questions at break and lunchtime.

Students and staff alike were able to enhance their learning and knowledge of Sikhi.

Thank you to all involved, and especially to Mr Singh for his thought provoking talk and for answering the students' questions.

A Jones, Head of RE



## Chinese Chopsticks



Students studying Chinese in Year 9 enjoyed a sweet treat after learning some facts about chopsticks during one of their recent lessons. They learned the history of how Chinese people began to use chopsticks for eating with. They also learned about chopstick etiquette and taboos when using them. Mrs Trefalt and Miss Liu taught the students how to use

chopsticks (*kuai zi*) *properly* when eating.

At the end of the lesson, two teams competed to pick up round slippery sweets with chopsticks to see how well they had mastered chopstick handling, for a bit of fun. Maybe you can have a go at picking up something unusual with chopsticks some time.

M Tate, Chinese department





## Art Department News

Congratulations to our year 11 cohort who completed their art GCSE exam in April. We are incredibly impressed with the individuality shown through personal ideas, development of work and the enthusiasm throughout the two days. In the run up to the exam, the energy the students have created in the department has been electric!



The department is also pleased to share a variety of year 7 final outcomes from the How to be an Explorer project including masks and vases inspired by Picasso and Barbara Hepworth 3D designs for clay.



We have an Instagram account. Please follow @klbartdept on Instagram which shares a variety of students' artworks.

Art Department





## English Department News



On Saturday 29 April, in the shadow of the SS Great Britain in Bristol's historic Dockyard, the following students performed as part of the Lyra Festival (the annual Bristol poetry festival):

Imogen James  
Flori Claydon  
Ellie Morrison

Poppy Gardiner  
Jocelyn Reynard



They acquitted themselves admirably performing poems they have learned by heart and entered as part of the National Poetry by Heart Competition. They were truly amazing. The published poets present read from their texts, lamenting the fact that they could not remember by heart and celebrating the students for their recitation skills.

After our event the inimitable John Agard performed. His poem *Checking Out Me History* is part of the current GCSE syllabus. Our students had the chance to speak with John after he had performed – once seen never forgotten!

We are eagerly awaiting the results of the National Poetry by Heart contest. We have everything crossed in the hope that one of our students will go to Shakespeare's Globe theatre, for the third year in a row, to take part in the final stages of the competition.

Katharine McAllister Teacher of English and Film Studies

<https://www.lyrafest.com/>



## Year 12 UCAS Exhibition visit 2023

Term 5 sees Year 12 students embark purposefully on the exploration of future opportunities for further education and career pathways. As such, on Wednesday 26 April, the Year 12 cohort attended the UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) Exhibition at the International Convention Centre in Newport, Wales. This staple of the sixth form future plans calendar is a great opportunity for students to investigate the range of higher education opportunities available to them.

Many students commented on the usefulness of the day, finding inspiration as well as information from engaging presentations and informal discussions. Additionally, of course, there were plenty of freebies to collect! As well as returning with armfuls of prospectuses, they were also sporting an impressive array of sunglasses, tote bags, coffee cups, sun hats and pens.



This initial research will now be further progressed with a programme of activities, including those being delivered during tutor sessions, assemblies and their Future Plans day. Exciting times ahead!

C Pullin, Acting Assistant Head of Sixth Form

## Library News



### Author Visit- Christopher Edge is coming to KLB!

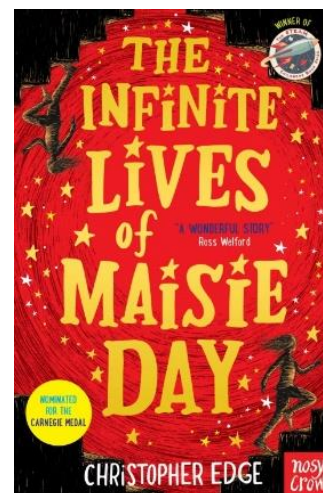
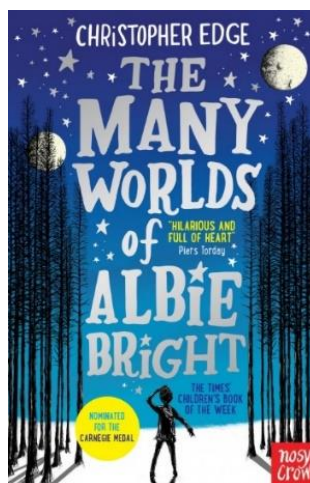
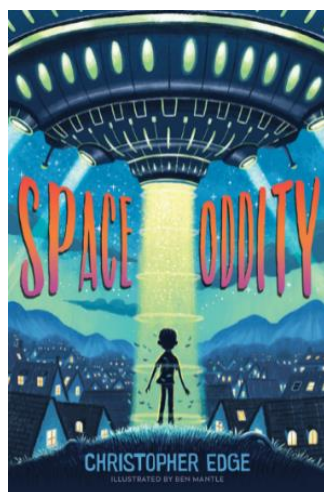
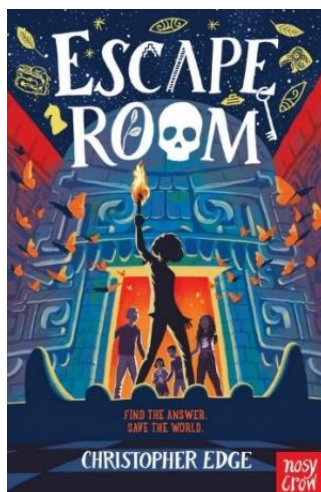
We are delighted to announce that the library has arranged for the award winning children's writer Christopher Edge to come to KLB on Wednesday 24 May to talk about his books and experiences as an author.

Christopher grew up in Manchester, where he spent most of his childhood in the local library dreaming up stories; he now lives in Cirencester. Christopher's books have been nominated for the prestigious Carnegie Book Award, and *The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day* has won the STEAM Children's Book Prize, the Fantastic Book Award and the Ysgol Bae Baglan Book Award. His books have been translated into more than twenty languages.

Students will have the opportunity to buy Christopher's latest book, *Escape Room* (via Scopay) and get it signed during lunchtime in the library. Please watch out for the updates on how to purchase a copy and get it signed!

We have all Christopher's books in the library by the issue desk for students to enjoy. Come and have a look, and see if you would like to borrow any of them!

You can watch the video about *Escape Room* by clicking the following link: <https://youtu.be/aXnnYNL8PxQ> or go to the website to find out about his books: <https://www.christopheredge.co.uk/>



Esra Koroglu-Ward and Leah Hill, Librarians

## Horticulture News



Year 7 student Zoe Hall practiced some sustainable floristry skills. Using flowers and foliage available such as lilac, silver birch and, more unusually, rhubarb seed heads, she has created an incredible hand tie, which would not look out of place in a floristry shop.

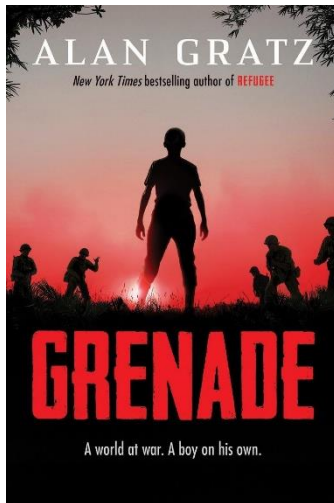
Emma Taylor-Roach





## April diversity books:

Each month we are sharing two books recommended by students in our recent diversity book project in RE.



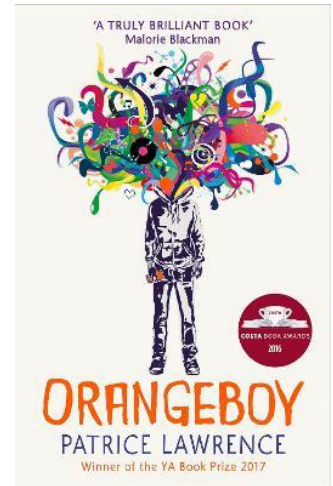
### **Grenade** by Alan Gratz

It's 1945, and the world is in the grip of war. Hideki lives with his family on the island of Okinawa, near Japan. When the Second World War crashes onto his shores, Hideki is drafted to fight for the Japanese army. He is handed a grenade and a set of instructions: Don't come back until you've killed an American soldier.

Ray, a young American Marine, has just landed on Okinawa. This is Ray's first-ever battle, and he doesn't know what to expect -- or if he'll make it out alive. All he knows is that the enemy is everywhere.

### **Orangeboy** by Patrice Lawrence

Sixteen-year-old Marlon has made his mum a promise - he'll never follow his big brother, Andre, down the wrong path. So far, it's been easy, but when a date ends in tragedy, Marlon finds himself hunted. They are after the mysterious Mr Orange, and they're going to use Marlon to get to him. Marlon's out of choices - can he become the person he never wanted to be, to protect everyone he loves?



Padlet

Kate Williams • 1m

### May 2023: Diversity dates

**1st - 7th May: Deaf Awareness week**

ndcs.org.uk

Deaf Awareness Week | National Deaf Children's Society

There are over 50,000 deaf children and young people in the UK. Keep reading for more information about what being deaf is and how you can support people in your life who have hearing loss.

**May 8th - 14th: Black Inclusion week**

inclusiveemployers.co.uk

Black Inclusion Week - Inclusive Employers

**Black Inclusion Week** is an opportunity for organisations to show their commitment to Black Inclusion and work towards creating an anti-racist culture.

**May 17th: International Day against Transphobia, Homophobia and Biphobia.**

The purpose of the day is to draw the attention to the discrimination experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexuals, transgender, (LGBT) intersex people and all other people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, and sex characteristics. (+)

**May 26th: Jewish festival of Shavuot**

jewishvirtuallibrary.org

Shavuot

Shavuot is one of the Jewish harvest festivals, also known as the festival or feast of 'Weeks'. Shavuot also marks the time that the Jews were given the **Torah** on **Mount Sinai**. It is considered a highly important historical event.

**May 28th: Christian celebration of Pentecost**

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek *pentekoste*, "fiftieth"). Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world.

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K Williams, RE Teacher

## Sixth Form Curry and Quiz



The sixth form student leadership team put on a terrific night of competitive fun last term with the annual Curry and Quiz night. With £100 cash prize up for grabs, the canteen was packed for an evening of fun. With fiendishly hard questions and an accomplished quizmaster, it was a great night. Many thanks to Debbie Crawshaw and her team for a delicious curry!

Can you answer some of the questions?

The following phrases are literal translations of foreign city/country names. What is the actual locations name?

- The Angels
- Log Island
- Ancient
- Bright Stone

What is the average number of James Bond movies a James Bond actor stars in?

Who is the best-selling female artist of all time?

What fruit smells so bad it's a crime to take it on public transport in Japan?

What is the only non-mammal animal that's able to identify its own reflection in a mirror?

J Campion, Acting Head of Sixth Form

## Inter-School Grass Roots Show Jumping Qualifier

On Saturday 29 April, Florence Bonner riding June, represented our school for the first time in a NSEA inter-school grass root showing competition qualifier at Rectory Farm Equestrian Centre.

The combination competed in the 60 & 70 cm classes, featured in action right ...

Flo went clear in both classes, a great result, having only ridden the pony twice.

S Bates, SSCO





## Extra-curricular Activities – Terms 5 and 6

	Club	Venue	Time	Member of Staff	Age Range
Mon	Drama Club	DRS	1.05 – 1.45pm	Mr Blake	Years 7/8
	Listening to a Story Club	A4	1.05 – 1.40pm	Mr Ford/Mrs Gould	Years 7/8/9
	Jazz Band	MU1	1.10 – 1.45pm	Mr Smith	Y10-13
	Girls Football	Sports Hall	1.05 – 1.45pm	Mr Wharin	All Years
	Homework Club	Dance St	2.45 – 4.00pm	Coach	All Years
	Dance Club	A1	2.45 – 4.00pm	Learning Support	All Years
Tues	Choir	MU1	1.10 – 1.45pm	Mr Wiltamuth	All Years
	Chess Club	N1	1.05 – 1.40pm	Mr Jones	All Years
	Badminton	Sports Hall	1.05 – 1.45pm	Mr Wharin	Years 7/8
	KS4 Maths Drop-in	M5	2.45 – 3.45pm	Miss Coughlan	Years 10/11
	KS4 Computing Drop-in	R12	2.45 – 3.45pm	Mr Chandler	Years 10/11
	Girls Rounders	Field	2.45 – 4.00pm	Miss Johnstone	Year 7
	Boys Cricket	Field	2.45 – 4.00pm	Mr Dudbridge	Year 7
	Senior Athletics	Field	2.45 – 4.00pm	Pe Staff	Years 8-10
	Homework Club	A1	2.45 – 4.00pm	Learning Support	All Years
Wed	History Mystery Detective Club	H1	1.10 – 1.40pm	Mrs Medcroft	Year 9
	Warhammer Club	N2	1.05 – 1.40pm	Mr Jones	All Years
	Badminton	Sports Hall	1.05 – 1.45pm	Mr Wharin	Years 9/10
	LGBTQ+ Group (Wk2 only)	T3	1.10 – 1.40pm	Miss Cairns/Mx Dawson	All Years
	Warhammer Club	N2	1.45 – 2.45pm	Mr Jones	All Years
	Band Surgery	Music	1.10 – 1.45pm	Mr Smith	All Years
	Art Club (Wk1 only)	T3	1.05 – 1.45pm	Mx Dawson	Years 7/8
	Film Club	R7	1.05 – 1.45pm	Mrs Gallivan	Years 7/8/9
	Quiet Reading	Library	1.05 – 1.45pm	Library staff	All Years
	Orchestra	MU1	2.45 – 4.00pm	Mr Smith	All Instrumentalists
	AWS app design	R12	3.00 – 4.00pm	Mr Chandler	Year 8
	iPad Pro>Create Club	T5	3.00 – 4.00pm	Mr Hall/Mrs Mottram	All Years
	Science Club (Term 2)		3.00 – 4.00pm		Year 7
	KS3 Maths Drop-in	M5	2.45 – 3.45pm	Miss Jones	Years 7/8/9
	KS5 Maths Drop-in	M1	2.45 – 3.45pm	Mrs Beltrami	Years 12/13
	Girls Rounders and Cricket	Field	2.45 – 4.00pm	Mrs Wills	Year 9/10
	Spike Ball club	Field	2.45 – 4.00pm	Mr Daniel	Year 7
	Boys Cricket and Softball	Field	1.45 – 2.45pm	Mr Meredith	Year 9/10
	Girls Tennis	Courts	2.45 – 4.00pm	Mrs Rolleston	All Years
	Junior Athletics	Field	2.45– 4.00pm	Miss Johnstone/ Mr Dudbridge	Years 7
	Homework Club	A1	2.45 – 4.00pm	Learning Support	All Years
Thurs	Chess Club	N1	1.05 – 1.40pm	Mr Jones	All Years
	Ukelele Club	MU2	1.10 – 1.45pm	Mr Wiltamuth	All Years
	Badminton	Sports Hall	1.05 – 1.45pm	Mr Wharin	Years 11/12/13
	Yoga	Dance St	1.05 – 1.45pm	Coach	All Years
	String Orchestra	MU1	1.05 – 1.40pm	Mr Smith	Year 7-13
	Carnegie Shadowing	Library	1.05 – 1.40pm	Mrs Ward	All Years
	Environment Club	H1	1.10 – 1.40pm	Mrs Probyn	Years 7/8/9
	Poetry Society	T&L Room	1.05 – 1.40pm	Mrs McAllister	All Years + staff
	Maths Cipher Club	R13	3.00 – 4.00pm	Miss Black	Years 10-13
	Famelab	S7	3.00 – 4.00pm	Mr Dexter	Year 9
	KS4 Computing Drop-in	R12	2.45 – 3.45pm	Mr Chandler	Years 10/11
	Cricket and Softball	Field	2.45 – 4.00pm	Mr Capaldi	Year 8
	Rounders	Field	2.45 – 4.00pm	Mr Daniel/Mr GW	Years 10/11
	Homework Club	A1	2.45 – 4.00pm	Learning Support	All Years
Fri	Samba Band	MU2	1.10 – 1.45pm	Mr Wiltamuth	All Years
	Basketball	Sports Hall	1.05 – 1.45pm	Mr Wharin	All Years
	Debating Club	A3	1.05 – 1.45pm	Miss Rawlinson	Sixth Form

Library Access      Open to all years Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri lunchtime  
                                  Open to all years after school until 4pm Mon-Thurs and 3.30pm on Friday

# What's on in May?

The Keepers is a community hub supporting the residents of Wotton and surrounding areas. It is here for everyone. Either come along to one of the organised groups below, or just pop in for a chat and a cuppa - whenever we are open. Come as you are, bring what you can and take what you need.

## Monday

**Parent Support Group** - a support group for parents for parents. 9:15am - 10:45am

**Citizens Advice** - to book an appointment for 15th May call 0808 800510/511 or just drop in. 10am - 2pm

**Age UK Gloucestershire** - a social group for those who are 50+. 11am - 12:30pm

**Age UK Gloucestershire Help Team** - drop in and ask questions about any aspect of later life. No booking needed. 15th May. 11am - 12:30pm

**Chair Yoga** - join in with some gentle, supportive yoga. Open to all. No booking is needed. Pay As You Feel. 15th, 22nd May. 1:30pm-2:30pm

**After School Drop in** - reading, games and toast available. Children to come with an accompanying adult. 3pm - 4pm

## Tuesday

**The Keepers' Garden** - the garden is open - come along to plant, dig, weed, sit or just chat with our gardener. Refreshments provided. 10am - 12pm

**The Carers' Café** - run by Frailty nurses from Culverhay and Chipping surgeries. Coffee, chat and advice if needed. Just drop in. Carers can come by themselves or bring the person they care for. 2nd and 16th May. 10:30am - 12:30pm

**Sing 2 Remember** - sing together, share memories and make friends. Come and join this supported, dementia-friendly singing session. Just turn up, on the 2nd and 16th May. 11am - 12pm

**Tuesday Lunches** - come and join us for a warm meal, open to all and PAYF. Spaces are limited, so to book a space please call 07585 466418 or pop in to find out what's on the menu! 12:30pm - 1:30pm

The Keepers' minibus service is also running on Tuesdays to provide transport from your home to the hot lunches. Places are limited so to book please call 07585 466418 or pop in to The Keepers.

## Wednesday

**Drop In Café** - all welcome on a Pay As You Feel basis. 10am - 12pm

**Craft and Chat** with tea and cake - held fortnightly on 10th and 24th May. 10am - 12pm

**P3 Drop In** - help with a range of issues e.g. housing, debt and benefit support. No booking needed. 10am - 12pm

**Job Club** - help with CVs and employment support. Drop in, no booking required. 10am - 12pm

**Health Visitor Drop In** - available to weigh babies and answer any questions. Next drop in is on 3rd May. 10am - 12pm

Other visitors to the cafe - **Real Nappy Project** 3rd May, **Men's Shed** 10th May.

**Stroud District Council Housing Officer** Drop in - pop in and talk to Rachel. 10:30am - 11:30am

**Wotton Area Neurodivergent Support group (WANDS)** - a group run by, and for, ND adults and parents/carers of ND children including Autism, ADHD, PDA, Dyslexia etc. The next meeting is on 31st May. 7pm - 9pm

**Talk Club** - a new talking and listening club for men to help keep mentally fit. 3rd and 17th May. 7pm - 8:30pm

## Thursday

**Wotton Area Breast Support Group** - anyone touched by breast cancer is invited to drop in and meet others who know just how it feels. The next meeting is on 18th May. 10am - 11am

**Clean Slate Drop in** - enabling people to improve their financial wellbeing. Pop in to have a chat with Milly on 11th and 25th May. 10am - 12pm

**Cookery Course** - Introduction to Spices (Adult Education). This course is full, if interested in another cookery course, call us on 07585 466418 or pop in. 9:30am - 11:30am

**Art Shape** - a 6 week creative arts course. This course is full, if interested in another art course, call us on 07585 466418 or pop in. 9:30am - 11:30am

**Independence Trust and NHS social prescribers' Drop In** - help to connect and grow in confidence. 11am - 1pm

**Qigong** - meditation, breathing and gentle movement. No booking is needed. Pay As You Feel. 12pm - 1pm

**Welcome Space** - run by the Independence Trust and CALMHS - a space to talk and be listened to. Call 01453 767999 to book. 1:30pm - 3:30pm

**WE ARE CLOSED  
ON BANK HOLIDAYS**

## Friday

**The Keepers' Garden** - the garden is open - Come along to plant, dig, weed, sit or just chat with our gardener. Refreshments provided. 10am - 12pm

**Rhyme with Me** - a free session of songs, rhythm, rhymes and fun for 0 - 5 year olds and their accompanying adult. 10:15am - 10:50am Term time only.

**Cakes and Ladders** - play board games and have refreshments. All welcome. 3rd May. 11:15am - 12:30pm.

**Drop In Café** - all welcome on a Pay As You Feel basis. This cafe is quieter than a Wednesday, the tables are spaced apart, board games available if wanted. 11:15am - 12:30pm.

### OPENING TIMES

**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:**  
9.00am - 4.00pm

**Wednesday and Friday:**  
9.00am - 1.00pm

Call us or pop in: 07585 466418

## CORONATION TOWN HALL TEAS Sunday 7th May

- MARKET STREET, WOTTON
- 2pm - 6pm
- TEA, COFFEE, CAKES
- ENTERTAINMENT - to include Wotton and District Silver Band.
- 3pm CORONATION PROCLAMATION - George Carpenter, Town Crier

## CORONATION THE BIG HELP OUT Monday 8th May

Come and join us from 9.30-11.30am  
Gardening in community spaces.

The gardening will be followed by refreshments at The Keepers.

We have meals in our community freezer - available to anyone, for any reason, on a 'Pay As You Feel' basis.

It's important to us that everyone is included, the Hub is accessible to all and we work in collaboration with other local organisations.  
www.thekeepers.org.uk Reg Charity No. 1192121





Community Coronation Celebration Service

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11am

# Big Sing

What is your favourite hymn and why?

Sing your favourite hymns together and celebrate this significant event in our history as a community.

Please let us know if you and/or your organisation can attend.

*Rev Lesley Hewish, Priest in Charge*

**RSVP**

Kate Cropper [office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk](mailto:office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk) 01453 842175

## Parent & Carer Support Groups

**Is your child struggling with their mental health?**  
Join a TIC+ Parent & Carer Support Groups for six FREE sessions to inform & support parents and carers, helping you to understand your child's distress.

**Who can attend?** Parents & Carers of young people aged 11-18 living in Gloucestershire.

**Where?** Sessions are delivered remotely via Zoom or face-to-face in venues across Gloucestershire.

**When?** Times vary. Please visit our website for the full timetable of dates.



### May 2023 Dates

02/05 - 13/06/23 | Tuesday Morning | 10:30am - 12:00pm | Gloucester

03/05 - 14/06/23 | Wednesday Evening | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Zoom

03/05 - 14/06/23 | Wednesday Afternoon | 1.00pm - 2.30pm | Forest

04/05 - 15/06/23 | Thursday Evening | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Tewkesbury

11/05 - 22/06/23 | Thursday Evening | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Zoom

### How do I book?

Head to [www.ticplus.org.uk/parents-carers/parent-carer-support-groups/](http://www.ticplus.org.uk/parents-carers/parent-carer-support-groups/)



Or you can book by scanning this QR code with your phone.