



14th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday 16th October, children in Years 1-6 will be visiting the Cheltenham Literature Festival. We will be leaving school via coach at around 9:30am, and will return before the end of the school day.

The Cheltenham Literature Festival is an annual event, which celebrates reading and literature, and has a host of well-known and award-winning children's authors offering a range of talks, events, and workshops.

This year, children in Avon class will be meeting the award-winning author and illustrator **Tom Percival**, who is best known for his picture books exploring emotions, such as *Ruby's Worry*. They will also be taking part in an interactive storytelling session.

Children in Teme and Severn class will see the legendary author and poet **Michael Rosen**, along with **MC Grammar**, for a lively celebration of rhyme, rap, and word-play. They will also enjoy a separate storytelling session.

Children will need to bring a drink, a packed lunch, and a waterproof coat in case of rain as the coach drops us off a few minutes' walk from the festival. It would be helpful if children could bring these items in a rucksack, to keep their hands free. Children in receipt of Free School Meals will have lunch provided.

The cost of the trip is £7.50 which includes travel to and from the Festival (our wonderful PTA has heavily subsidised this trip). *School will fund attendance for children who are registered for Free School Meals.* Please make payment through the ParentPay site.

Parental donations towards the cost of trips are voluntary. No child will be denied participation in any trip if it takes place, but the school reserves the right to cancel planned events if too few contributions are received. If you have concerns about finance, please feel free to talk to Miss Wilson in confidence.

If you are willing for your child to take part, please complete the attached form and return to the office. All necessary risk assessments regarding off-site visits have been carried out in accordance with the LA guidelines.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Haines

CHELTEMHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL – FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2026 – YEARS 1-6

Name:..... Class:.....

*I give permission for my child to visit the Cheltenham Literature Festival on Friday 16TH October 2026

*I have signed the off-site visits form for 2026-27

*I have paid via ParentPay £7.50

*Free School Meals

Signed.....(Parent/Carer) **Delete as applicable***