

23rd September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

On Wednesday 15th October, children in Years 1 - 5 will be visiting the Cheltenham Literature Festival. We will be leaving school via coach at 9.00 am, so please ensure that children arrive promptly that day! We will return to school in time for lunch.

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 author and illustrator of the brilliant *Shifty McGifty* books, **Tracey Corderoy** and **Steven Lenton**. We will be taking part in some interactive storytelling and live drawing, and even some games.

Children in Teme and Severn class will be meeting **Ash Bond**, author of the *Peregrine Quinn* series. Ash writes magical fiction based on myths, and will be guiding the children through the process of building characters and designing their own heroes or villains.

Children will need to bring a drink, a snack, 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.

The cost of the trip is **£5.00** 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 would you 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

CHELTENHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL – WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2025 – YEARS 1-5

Name.....Class.....

*I give permission for my child to visit the Cheltenham Literature Festival on 15TH October 2025

*I have signed the off –site visits form for 2025-26

*I have paid via ParentPay £5.00

*Free School Meals

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

