



# Steam Mills Primary

20.03.2026



Dear Parents/Carers

## Pot Holes!

We have been very lucky to have two parents from the school volunteer to help fill the potholes and one even has equipment! A big thank you to those parents!! We hope to complete the work after the Easter holidays as this is when the building works are set to complete and there will be more time and space to complete the work. Thank you for your patience.

## Parent/Carer Survey

We are looking to gather views from Parents/Carers, please open this link: [Steam Mills Parent Survey March 2026 – Fill in form](#)



## Easter Service – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm

There will be an Easter Service next Thursday and parents are welcome to join the children in the School Hall at 2:30pm. Children will return to class after the service and this day will be normal pick-up day at 3:15pm (3:00pm for Pre-school).



## Preloved Uniform Sale – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – 2:00pm until 4:00pm

We will be holding a uniform sale on this day in the playground (or Library area depending on the weather); all items are £1 and money raised goes to FoSM towards their fundraising.

## Diary Dates

### Summer Term 2026

13<sup>th</sup> April-20<sup>th</sup> July

### Half Terms

25<sup>th</sup> May-29<sup>th</sup> May

**INSET days:** 22<sup>nd</sup> May & 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Diary Dates** (incl. Federation events)

### March

23<sup>rd</sup> C3 Trip to Dean Heritage Centre

24<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening

Federation PE Morning Y1/2

25<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening

26<sup>th</sup> Preloved Uniform Sale – 2:00pm-4:00pm

26<sup>th</sup> Easter Service – 2:30pm

27<sup>th</sup> FoSM Non-school Uniform Day – bottles for Summer Fayre Tombola

### End of Term 4

### April

13<sup>th</sup> **Start of Term 5**

15<sup>th</sup>- Class 4 Residential Trip

17<sup>th</sup>

### May

7<sup>th</sup> Tempest Photography – Class photos and leavers photos

11<sup>th</sup> SATS week

Rags 2 Riches

20<sup>th</sup> FoSM Non-school Uniform Day – Tombola for Summer Fayre

21<sup>st</sup> Sponsored Walk

22<sup>nd</sup> Inset Training Day and **last day of Term 5**

### June

1<sup>st</sup> **Start of Term 6**

12<sup>th</sup> Sports Morning

18<sup>th</sup> Federation Day (Sports) Y3/4am, Y5/6pm

19<sup>th</sup> FoSM Non-school Uniform Day – Sweet Donations

26<sup>th</sup> FoSM Summer Fayre

### July

15<sup>th</sup> Leavers Disco

17<sup>th</sup> Leavers Assembly and **end of Term 6**



## After School Club - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

As no parents/carers have made contact, there will be no ASC running on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

### Attendance Snippet

#### If my child needs to be absent from school, what do I need to do?

You should contact their school as early as possible on the first day of absence to explain why. If you do not, your child's school will contact you on the first morning of their absence to find out why your child is not in school.

All parents can request a 'leave of absence' for their child which gives them permission to be absent from school. Your child's school has the final say over whether to approve the request and for how long your child can be absent. Generally, a leave of absence would not be allowed for a holiday.



### Star of the Week Certificates



#### Pre-school

**Roffi** - for showing so much confidence when speaking to the whole group about her WOW moment!

**Hadley** - for being a super Maths whizz!

#### Class 1

##### Star readers : Nori

**Cooper** - for having a calmer presence in the classroom.

**Ocean** - for becoming independent in whole class phonics.

#### Class 2

**Penny** - for great contributions during class discussions.

**Harrison** - great problem solving when making a windmill.

#### Class 3

**Caitlin** - for improved confidence and her 'Have a Go' attitude!

**Sunneigh** - always trying her best!

#### Class 4

**Bertie** - for thoughtful contributions in PSHE.

**Sam** - for showing resilience in swimming when conquering a fear.

### Class Snippets

**Pre-School** – this week we have mainly enjoyed the weather..... getting out on the bikes and scooters, mark making with big chalks and playing with water and sand. The children have used watercolour paints to decorate Easter eggs and today we have made yummy Chocolate Easter Nests! We have continued with the Three Pigs story, making some Pig Houses using Lego to print brick houses, rulers in paint for stick houses and fork printing for houses made of hay.

**Class 1** – busy week in class 1. We started the week by planting sunflower seeds, which led us onto writing instructions on how to plant a seed. The children made nests for their Easter chicks, using resources from the environment that they collected themselves from the school grounds. We furthered our learning of plants and learnt about deciduous and evergreen trees and went outside to see if we could spot any. To help us remember and recognise the difference, we decided that deciduous were 'cold and bald' and evergreen means 'forever green' as they do not lose their leaves in the winter. In maths we have been practising doubles to 10 and have begun to look at odds and evens. Reception sounds is 'ure', which is a challenging sound, sometimes sounds like 'yor' and sometimes like 'or'. The children managed it very well. HFW's are 'play, away, day and children'.

**Class 2** enjoyed exploring ways to make windmills last Friday in preparation to design and make their own next week. They made strong bases using lolly sticks and string and they made sails that turned using pipe cleaners, straws, cocktail sticks and paper. In phonics, Y1 children are recapping sounds and this week has focused on split digraphs a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e and u-e. Y2 children are also consolidating sounds and are working on le e.g. jungle. In writing, we have planned our own innovated version of Jack and the Beanstalk. I have been so impressed with the wonderful ideas that the children have adapted and they have all worked really hard on their spelling, handwriting and composition to write amazing sequels. We will update you with pictures from our trip next week.

**Class 3** – we've had another fantastic week! In Design and Technology, the children explored different styles of coin purses and designed their own, inspired by Anglo-Saxon times. They're looking forward to making these next week. History, Year 3 have been learning about chronology, carefully ordering



events from the Anglo-Saxon and Viking periods, while Year 4 enjoyed a trip to St White's to watch *In the Net*, an engaging internet safety play. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and represented the school beautifully with their excellent behaviour. In Writing, pupils have worked hard to plan, draft, edit and publish their own newspaper reports, showcasing their creativity and developing their skills. We've also made the most of the lovely sunshine with some enjoyable playtimes, and we're all looking forward to our upcoming trip on Monday.

**Class 4** - this week, Class 4 have written a discussion piece based on their chosen endangered animal from our class text. In this, they have discussed the reasons it has become endangered and what is being done to save the animal. The children have found it hard to keep the discussion balanced and not take a side or persuade the reader. In Maths, Year 5 have started a new unit looking at reflection and translation whilst Year 6 have continued to look at order of operations using BIDMAS. They have been excited to also start looking as Algebra. The children's bird hides in DT have started to be constructed this week! They showed brilliant focus and maturity when handling tools such as saws - Well done Class 4!

### Parent/Carer Checklist

It would be helpful if Parents/Carers could run through a daily checklist before school, to ensure that your child/ren are ready for the school day. This would reduce the amount of phone calls home the school has to make and also reduce anxieties for your child/ren. The school expects the older children to start taking responsibility for some of these things themselves. As an example:

- **Lunch booked or packed lunch from home**
- **Drink bottle**
- **PE kit or swimming kit when needed**
- **Homework**
- **No jewellery**
- **Reading book**
- **Correct uniform and coat – please ensure all uniform is worn correctly**
- **No personal/unnecessary items from home**
- **All medication to come to school office – no medication in children's bags**
- **Please ensure all uniform is named!**



### Contact with School/Class Teacher

If you have a class-based query, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance via the school office. Please be assured that teachers will respond, but not necessarily on the same day. Teachers are not expected to respond whilst they are teaching or beyond 5pm; your patience is appreciated.



*Things you need to know about Play Gloucestershire*

The Gloucestershire is a registered charity - is the leading provider of free, outdoor, active play in the county. Our activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 16s are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer. We have a culture that respects the rights of all children.

Our Play Rangers activities are open access. This means they are an inclusive activity - children can join the play any time. Our Play Rangers will not take them and they will leave when they have to.

We encourage children to take responsibility for their own actions. We think this is good for them. They will be encouraged to make things better through discussion. We will intervene if necessary.

Play Gloucestershire believe that children need and want to take risks which they can't take at home. Our Play Rangers are in places that are often busy and noisy. Children should be encouraged to take risks that are safe and fun. We will not intervene if children are not in danger. We will intervene if children are in danger. We will intervene if children are in danger. We will intervene if children are in danger.

All our activities are outdoors and inside the building. They are not noisy, messy and a danger to children. We encourage children to play freely and learn when they do. There are no limits to the amount of play that children can play. We will intervene if children are in danger. We will intervene if children are in danger. We will intervene if children are in danger.

Our Play Rangers will provide activities for all children. We provide healthy eating and beverages at all events. We provide healthy eating and beverages at all events. We provide healthy eating and beverages at all events.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional support to enjoy Play Rangers.

For further information:  
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# PROSTARS EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

**ALL VENUES NOW LIVE!  
BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

**HOLIDAY CLUB - SCHOOL VENUES**

- Lift Offa's Mead - Chepstow
- Primrose Hill - Lydney
- Berry Hill - Coleford
- Rosary - Stroud
- Naunton Park - Cheltenham
- Ashfield Park - Ross-on-Wye

**FOOTBALL CAMP  
FREEDOM LEISURE VENUES**

- Wydean - Chepstow
- Dean Academy - Lydney

**Tiered Pricing**

- Tier 1: £15
- Tier 2: £20
- Tier 3: £25

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Spring Themed Crafts
- Variety of Sports & Games
- DBS Checked
- Fully Insured
- First Aid Trained
- Safeguarding Trained

**AGES: 5-11**

**CONTACT:** info@prostars-fse.com

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# EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP

**WEEK ONE**

- MARCH 31ST
- APRIL 1ST
- CHAMPIONS LEAGUE THEME DAY!
- APRIL 2ND

**WEEK TWO**

- APRIL 7TH
- APRIL 8TH
- ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUES THEME DAY!
- APRIL 9TH

**AGES 5-14**  
**£18 PER DAY**

**DISTRICT PLAYERS DISCOUNT AVAILABLE**

FUN GAMES

SKILLS & DRILLS

MATCHES & TOURNAMENTS

QUALIFIED COACHES

FREEDOM LEISURE LYDNEY & FREEDOM LEISURE WYDEAN  
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EXTENDED HOURS AVAILABLE WITH KIDS CLUB

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# GGT Fest

Growing Great Together

**Wednesday 8th April**  
**11am - 3pm**

River Children and Family Centre,  
Lydney, GL15 5AU

**FREE** Activities, Food & Fun for everyone to enjoy!

- Facepainting & Henna
- Arts & Crafts
- Sports & Games
- Music & Shows
- Inflatables & Climbing Wall
- Exclusive Youth Zone

To book your tickets, scan here:

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# Easter Competition – Toe Taps

Keep entertained during the Easter holidays!  
The competition will start on **30th of March**

- As many toe taps as you can in **one minute (Daily)**
- Every time you tap the ball = **1 point**
- Watch the video back and write your score down.
- WhatsApp Mark on **07444436637** the video (daily) of your attempt.
- After the 7 days send Mark your **total score** and also send your **score times by 14** (Mark's Football number)

**OPEN TO ALL AGES**

**DAYS TO COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE**

WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

**£2 ENTRY – SEND THE FEE TO:**

Mark Yearley Trading as First Touch Football

- Business Account: **49875761**
- Sort Code: **04-00-03**

Winner of the competition will win a **personalised football kit** of their choice!

As always, please do let us know if you have any questions or queries. We do also encourage parents/carers to let us know if they have any suggestions of events or activities that you would like to see in school.

**Our Safeguarding, Behaviour, Complaints and other policies are available on our school website.**