



Steam Mills Primary
27.03.2026



Dear Parents/Carers

Pre-School Building and Plan

Work is progressing very well on the new Pre-school Building. After the delay at the groundworks stage whilst waiting for a Coal Mining Survey, the building team are back on track. The building work should be finished by the end of the Easter Holidays, then Building Regulations need to be signed off before we can start to fit out the building ready for the children. We also need to ensure that the grounds are cleared and safe before we can open. With that in mind, the plan is to settle the existing Pre-school children in at some point during Term 5 and then welcome new starters as part of our expansion welcoming 2-year-olds, from Term 6. This could be subject to change and we will keep you informed.



FoSM Easter Eggs for the Children

A big thank you to FoSM for arranging the Easter Eggs for all the children to take home.



Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

Thank you so much to all those that brought a Red Nose last week. We raised an amazing £204 for Comic Relief!

FoSM Easter Raffle

Thank you for your support, FoSM raised **£265** from the raffle. All money raised will go towards future events and resources for the children. Congratulations to the raffle winners: 1st prize – Poppy (C4), 2nd prize – Luca (C4), 3rd prize – Evie R (C3), 4th prize – Isla (C3) and 5th prize – Freddie (C1). Thank you to Morrisons for their kind donation of 20 eggs and £20 voucher towards this fundraising.

Diary Dates

Summer Term 2026
13th April-20th July

Half Terms
25th May-29th May
INSET days: 22nd May & 20th July
Diary Dates (incl. Federation events)

March
27th **End of Term 4**

April
13th **Start of Term**
14th Year 1 and 2 start swimming
15th- Class 4 Residential Trip
17th

May
6th – Scholastic Book Fayre – Card
8th Payment Only
6th Y1/2 Trip to Crickley Hill
7th Tempest Photography – Class photos and leavers photos
11th SATS week
Rags 2 Riches
20th FoSM Non-school Uniform Day – Tombola for Summer Fayre
21st Sponsored Walk (pm)
22nd Inset Training Day and **last day of Term 5**

June
1st **Start of Term 6**
2nd C3 start Gymnastics for 5 weeks
12th Sports Morning
18th **Federation Day (Sports) Y3/4am, Y5/6pm**
19th FoSM Non-school Uniform Day – Sweet Donations
26th FoSM Summer Fayre

July
15th Leavers Disco
17th Leavers Assembly and **end of Term 6**



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](#)

Breakfast Club and After School Club Bookings

As usual we will be rolling over any regular bookings to Term 5. However, if you need to amend any hours/days, please contact Miss Agg as soon as possible. Thank you.

Please could we remind parents to keep their ParentPay accounts in credit at all times. Please check that you have credited upon making your booking. Regular debt could result in your child being refused these important services. Thank you.



Scholastic Book Fayre – Wednesday 6th May until Friday 8th May

We will be holding our annual Book Fayre again at the start of May, this will take place each day after school in the school hall. Payments are all via payment card please.

Rags 2 Riches Collection – Monday 11th May 2026

Our next Rags 2 Riches collection will be taking place on Monday 11th May. Please keep this in mind if you are having a Spring clean during the holidays! Please could all bags be left in the playground opposite the main gate (weather permitting) between 7:45am and 9:00am on the day. Many thanks.



Attendance Snippet

What should I do if my child needs a dental or medical appointment in school time?

To avoid disruption to your child's attendance, medical and dental appointments should not be booked during the school day whenever reasonably possible. When they are, you should ask the school in advance for a leave of absence and collect them as close to the time of the appointment as possible and return them to school for the rest of the school day afterwards.

Class Snippets

Pre-School – we have been creating lots of Easter Eggs this week.... large scale chalk eggs outside, potato print eggs and we have used our fine motor skills to peel and add stickers to make sparkly eggs. We have also turned ourselves into Bunnies..... using our feet prints as bunny feet and we have also talked about and tasted Hot Cross Buns, which some of the children found very yummy. Other activities included, decorating Easter baskets, adding some goodies to take home. Happy Easter!



Class 1 – this week the children have been enjoying watching their sunflowers grow. We also conducted an experiment that the children made predictions for. We were experimenting if seeds would germinate if grown in different environments. Unfortunately, it must have been a bad batch of seeds, so we will continue this experiment after the Easter holidays. In maths this week we were revising our counting skills and in phonics we were using our digraph knowledge to write words independently.
Star readers: Harrison, Daisy, Brodie

Class 2 had a lovely time on their trip to Slimbridge last week. They learnt about bird migration and played lots of games to replicate the journey of birds travelling to wetlands in the UK, France and Germany. They saw different types of swans, flamingos and geese. In Toad Hall, we saw a range of amphibians including frogs, newts and axolotls. They learnt all about Tilly the Otter, and were able to answer lots of questions about mammals, birds and amphibians as part of our science learning. We finished the day playing at Wellyboot Land, which was lots of fun! The children listened beautifully to the grown-ups, followed instructions well and had a great time!



Class 3 – what a fantastic end to a great term! We began the week with our trip to the Dean Heritage Centre, where the children enjoyed meeting our Anglo-Saxon guide, Athelstan. He brought the past to life, sharing what life was like in Saxon times and even training Class 3 to be ferocious Saxon warriors— watch out! Thank you to the parents who supported us on the trip. In maths, Year 3 have been adding pence to make pounds and pence, while Year 4 have been learning about acute and obtuse angles and identifying them in shapes. The children also completed their Design and Technology project by making their own coin purses. I was really impressed with their resilience—sewing was tricky at times, but they showed great perseverance and produced some fantastic final pieces. Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evenings this week. It was lovely to meet with you and share your children's successes. Wishing you all a Happy Easter, and we look forward to seeing you in two weeks for the start of the summer term.



Class 4 have been working hard this week to finish some important pieces of work. They have completed their bird hides and the children have been very proud of them - we hope you enjoyed seeing them on Parent's Evening. It took careful designing and precision to complete these and this was reflected in their final results and evaluations. In writing, the children have finished their balanced discussions and have been writing them up with some lovely drawings and again, they have produced some great work. In science, the children have been exploring evolution further with understanding how humans have evolved over time based on evidence. We hope the children have a lovely Easter break - fingers crossed for lots of sunshine!

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.



Eggsplare Live 2026

There will be lots of fun and activities for everyone on the day. All ages welcome - Bring your families!

We want to hear from you!
What do **you** want for the youth in Cinderford? What's missing? What services and activities do you want to see in Cinderford?

Come and enjoy some fabulous fun and activities from the providers below.

Date: Tuesday 31st March - 4-6pm
Owl Hill, Forest Community Centre, Dookham Road, Cinderford, GL14 2AG

Logos for providers: **GANDI UNLIMITED**, **THE MUSIC WORKS**, **Two Rivers Housing**, **Gloucestershire Gateway Trust**.

FOREST OF DEAN Holiday CLUB

GAMES | OUTDOOR ACTIVITY | CRAFT

JOIN US FOR CAMPS FULL OF FESTIVE GAMES, ACTIVITIES, SPORTS AND CRAFTS

VENUES:
BERRY HILL - COLEFORD
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ALL YOU NEED IS BENEFIT-RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEAL STATUS

PAID SPACES:
PROSTARS@IPALBOOKINGS.COM

HAF SPACES:
[HTTPS://FAMILYHUBS.GLOUCESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK/FORES TOFDEAN-HAF](https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fores-tofdean-haf)

Funded by: **Department for Education**, **Gloucestershire HAF** (Holiday Activities & Food)

DI BURNETT **PERFORM IN A DAY**
EASTER DRAMA
 7 - 11 yrs
IN MITCHELDEAN

IMAGINE **CREATE** **PERFORM**

TWO DAY EASTER SPECIAL

MARCH 30th & 31st

10.00am - 5.00pm
 £25 day/£45 for 2 days
 Siblings :
 £20 day/£40 for 2 days

07977 147273

IMAGINE CREATE PERFORM

ABOUT DI AND THE BURNETTS
 Di's Award Winning Youth Theatre is run by a family of actors and teachers, all having trained at top UK drama schools. Known for her unique approach to drama Di has worked with young people in the Children Area for over 25 years and is delighted to now run workshops in The Forest of Dean, welcoming all abilities. Di is delighted to offer a Two Day Special Drama Workshop this Easter - a wonderfully creative way to fill the days and communicate with new and old friends.

OUR AIM WITH THE GROUPS
 To build confidence, make new friends, inspire creativity and expand the imagination through role play, character work and improvisation. Through all this we will be developing stage skills and techniques, working on voice but most importantly we want each child to have the BEST EXPERIENCE EVER!

ABOUT THE DRAMA EXPERIENCE
 The Workshops are themed and very much about self development, self expression and confidence building.
OUR AIM - For the young people to learn about themselves, think around them and form lasting friendships through this experience. Most importantly **HAVE FUN!**

TO BOOK

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07977 147273

OR EMAIL
teenactors@msn.com

EASTER OPEN DAYS AT BOOKS FOR BUGS
 Thousands of brand new books at wholesale prices for everyone!

Easter Holidays Week One
 Free Peter Rabbit activities and games
 Tuesday 31st 10-12
 Wednesday 1st April 10-12
 Thursday 2nd April 10-12
 Sunday 5th April - CLOSED!

Easter Holidays Week Two
 Free Cruise Ship Kid themed activities
 Wednesday 9th April 10-12
 Thursday 9th April 10-12

SEN SESSIONS
 Saturday 11th April
 10-11am BE YOU Session (For those who need space to be themselves and don't mind noise)
 11am-midday Quiet Hour
 No music & calm atmosphere

Sunday 12th April
 10am- 1pm Warehouse Open Day Open to all
 2pm-4pm Dyslexia Awareness Afternoon.
 Our popular dyslexia drop in session is back and we are very pleased to announce we will be joined once again by Dyslexia Assessor Ruth Morris & members from Gloucestershire Dyslexia Association. Join us for this free event to ask questions to the professionals, try useful resources such as coloured overlays and reading pens and meet other families who understand the world of dyslexia. We also stock the largest range of dyslexia friendly books in the South of England.

GDA
 GLOUCESTERSHIRE
 DYSLLEXIA ASSOCIATION

All events are open to everyone - No need to book - All activities are free
 Cash & cards accepted for book purchase
 Fully accessible and with toilets and nappy change facilities
 Building 12B Vantage Point, Mitcheldean, Gloucestershire, GL17 0DD
 For more info please visit www.booksforbugs.co.uk

FIRST TOUCH FOOTBALL

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 **0744436637** 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!



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to you to explain how The School Nursing Service provided by Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust can support you and your family.

What does the School Nursing Service do?

The School Nursing Service works in partnership with families, schools, and other professionals to help children stay healthy, safe, and well. Our support may include:

- Providing advice and guidance on healthy lifestyles, sleep, toileting, healthy eating, and emotional wellbeing.
- Supporting parents and carers with concerns about behaviour, growth, development, or long-term health conditions of their child.
- Completing vision screening and measurements as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).
- Working as part of a multi-disciplinary team to safeguard children and promote their wellbeing.
- Signposting families to local services and additional support where needed.

How you can contact us

Families can contact the School Nursing Service at any point during their child's time at school if they have questions or concerns about their child's health or development. No concern is too small, and our team is here to help.

You can use our texting service ParentChat on: **07312 263059**



You can also visit our website, refer your child for support, or access helpful resources by scanning the QR code or using this link:

<https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/our-teams-and-services/children-and-young-people/physical-health/school-nursing/>

Kind regards,

The School Nursing Service

Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

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Have a wonderful Easter break and see you back in school on Monday 13th April!

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