



# Steam Mills Primary

17.04.2026



Dear Parents/Carers

### Tesco Grant – Pay Equipment

Just before the Easter break, we received the final monies from the Blue Token Tesco Grant scheme and purchased 2 giant Connect 4 games, a Croquet Set, a Rounders Set and 2 Giant Jenga Sets for the children. Thank you once again for donating your tokens so generously.



### Children's Reports

Please note that links to short reports were emailed out in the last week of term. If you have not yet seen your child's report, please check your junk/spam folders and contact school if you need access. Kind regards, Mrs Mel Davis, Executive Headteacher

### Forest School Sessions

Just to let you know that there will not be any Forest School session until further notice. Thank you

### Breakfast Club and After School Club Bookings

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 6<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 or via QR code.



### Rags 2 Riches Collection – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Our next Rags 2 Riches collection will be taking place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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)**

**May**  
6<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Book Fayre – Card  
8<sup>th</sup> Payment Only  
6<sup>th</sup> Y1/2 Trip to Crickley Hill  
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 (pm)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Inset Training Day and **last day of Term 5**

**June**  
1<sup>st</sup> **Start of Term 6**  
2<sup>nd</sup> C3 start Gymnastics for 5 weeks  
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**

## Class Snippets

**Pre-School** – this week we have enjoyed settling back in after the holidays, sharing news of what we have done over the Easter and just generally loving being all back together and playing with our friends. We have started to look at caterpillars and butterflies, sharing **The Hungry Caterpillar** story and the beautiful **Butterfly Bouquet**. The children have been fascinated by a time lapse clip of a caterpillar as it transforms into a colourful butterfly. We have painted butterflies using watercolours and have been busy creating a large collaborative hand print Hungry Caterpillar.

**Class 1** – great first week back. We jumped straight into our new writing text of Hairy Maclary, and the children have done some great sentence writing. We started our new topics for science, geography and history. We will be looking at castles, the four countries of the UK and materials, then linking the concepts with one another. For example, looking at castles and the materials that were used and why. In maths we recapped doubles and introduced Tens Frames. Phonics will be different this term and the children will not be learning any new sounds until they start Y1 phonics. We have started looking at adjacent consonant blending, which is when two consonants (quieter sounds) are blended together in words, such as 'mp' in lamp. As the sounds are quieter, it can be more challenging to hear when blending. We will be introduced to contractions and compound words at a later date, but they will still be introduced to new HFW's from week 3.

**Star readers: Layton, Reggie**

**Class 2** had a lovely first week back. We started our swimming lessons and I was very impressed with the children's listening skills to stay safe in the water. We have some little fish in Class 2! In science, we have explored parts of a plant and used observational skills to draw tulips. The children have planted a 'Jack and the Beanstalk' bean and will be watching it grow over the next few weeks. We have also been working hard in maths- Y1s have been making 20 using numicon before moving onto sharing with fractions and Y2s have been sharing into halves and quarters. What a fantastic week!



**Class 3** – have had a fantastic first week back! We have launched our new topic, *Local Industry*, and enjoyed exploring the physical features of the Forest of Dean. In Science this term, we are studying plants; we have planted our own bean plants, which we will care for over the coming weeks, and have been learning about the important role of roots. In Writing, we have been focusing on adverbs and adverbials. In Maths, Year 4 have completed their work on angles and have now moved on to decimals, exploring numbers up to two decimal places, while Year 3 have finished their unit on money, including subtracting pounds and pence from given amounts. We also had our first music lesson with Gloucestershire Music, where we began learning to play the ukulele — a very exciting start! It has been wonderful to be back together for the summer term, and we are all looking forward to what's to come.

**Class 4** this week has been all about Residential! Hope you have enjoyed seeing all the photos from the last few days. The children had a wonderful time and were a credit to Steam Mills!



## 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.



**FOBS**  
**MAY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP**

VENUES Wyedean School / Freedom Leisure Lydney  
TIMINGS 9:00am – 3:00pm  
AGES 5 – 12 years  
PRICE £20 per day (includes District & Wildcats players)  
DATES Tuesday 26th May - Wednesday 27th May - Thursday 28th May

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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**