



Steam Mills Primary

01.05.2026



Dear Parents/Carers

Swimming for Y1 and Y2 – Tuesday 5th May

Just to let you know that Freedom Leisure have informed the school that they are having building works to the changing rooms during this week, there will be no swimming session on this day. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Fayre – Wednesday 6th May, Thursday 7th May and Monday 11th May

We have had to change the days slightly, there will not be a sale on Friday 8th May but we have added Monday 11th May. It will take place each day after school in the school hall. Payments are all via payment card please or via QR code.



Tempest Photography – Thursday 7th May

Tempest will be here on Thursday next week to take our annual class photos and also to photograph our Y6 leavers.

DATE CHANGE Rags 2 Riches Collection – Tuesday 19th May

Our next Rags 2 Riches collection will be taking on Tuesday 19th 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.



FoSM Non-School Uniform Day – Wednesday 20th May

Please note this is a fundraising non-school uniform day for the Summer Fayre. FoSM are asking for donations for the Tombola. Prizes could be toiletries, chocolate, sweets, toys, hair accessories etc. Thank you!



Sponsored Walk – Thursday 21st May (pm)

All children should have received a letter this week regarding the Sponsored Walk which is taking place on the last day of term. Please ensure that return slips are handed in by Friday 15th May so that school knows the arrangements for collection of your child/ren. Pre-school children will be staying in school, along with any Reception children not taking part. Details of the Just Giving Page for Sponsorship money will follow shortly. Many thanks.

Play Equipment

Please could children not play with or on the school play equipment before or after school. Equipment has not been used correctly, with a number of items broken and also not put away. **Equipment is for use under school staff supervision only.** Thank you.

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)

May

6th, 7th & Scholastic Book Fayre – Card

11th 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**

1st Class 3 and 4 Trip to the Hindu Community Centre

2nd C3 start Gymnastics for 5 weeks

12th Sports Morning

18th **Federation Day (Sports) Y3/4am, Y5/6 (pm)**

19th FoSM Non-school Uniform Day – Sweet Jar Donations

22nd Bump up mornings

23rd

24th **EYFS Federation Trip to Soudley**

July

3rd FoSM Summer Fayre – **date change!**

13th Leavers Play practice

14th Leavers Play – parents 9:30am and 5pm

15th FoSM Leavers Disco

17th Leavers Assembly and **end of Term 6**



Class Snippets

Pre-school - this week we have loved watching our caterpillars grow bigger each day. they are certainly very hungry!! The children enjoyed tasting fruits from the Hungry Caterpillar story, and we had a bonus taste test of yummy kiwi. Trying the fruits also linked nicely to our other story this week Oliver's Fruit Salad. The children have also created symmetrical butterflies - printing with paint and kitchen sponge print butterflies. This morning we have enjoyed 'munching' leaves and paper using a variety of hole punches.

Class 1 - this week Reception have been tackling number bonds of 10. This concept can be super tricky, but we've worked hard with our double die frames and counters. HFW's this week (your, here, saw). We combined our topic work, and we were looking at The Tower of London as England's capital's famous castle. In science the children explored outside looking at different materials and discussed why those materials would be used for those objects.

Class 2 have been exploring trees this week in science. They have had opportunities to print with leaves using paints, create wax leaf rubbings and identify trees based on their features. In music, they have used glockenspiels to play a tune using notes C, G and E and they are working hard on learning a song to sing in two groups. In writing, we have started our new book- The Minpins and have made up our own monsters that could be found in the woods using noun phrases to describe. I have been very impressed in maths with the Y2's telling the time to quarter past and quarter to and the Y1s positional language when navigating Beebots using left and right. Please remember NO SWIMMING 5.6.26 and we have our class trip to Crickley Hill on Wednesday 6th May. Please ensure appropriate clothing is worn e.g. sun hats/ cream for a sunny day and raincoat if it is looking to be wet.

Class 3 have enjoyed the beautiful weather we've had this week, particularly seeing the positive effect it has had on our bean plants. The children have taken great pleasure in watering them and observing the changes over the past few days. In PE on Tuesday, we revisited the rules of rounders and put our skills to the test in a short game. During guided reading, we are thoroughly enjoying our class text, *An Alien in the Jam Factory*, and are excited to see what happens next. In writing, we have begun exploring a new text, *Tar Beach*, using our inference skills to make thoughtful predictions. In PSHE, we developed our debating skills by constructing arguments for and against a range of criteria. We also enjoyed another ukulele lesson on Thursday, where it was clear that our skills are continuing to improve. Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend, see you on Tuesday!

Class 4 have had another busy week! In maths, Y5s have continued to explore fractions, decimal and percentages and Y6 have rounded up their learning with the ratio and proportion, with scale factors and drawing using scale factors. They have kicked off their new Science unit, Properties and Materials and the children have started to compare materials, and consider when or why these materials might be used in real life. In PE, they have focused on the long jump this week and the techniques that can support them in jumping further - the class are enjoying the opportunity to practise these skills ahead of sports day next term. All of the Y6s secondary schools have been in touch and they are looking forward to meeting the children in due course, after SATs.



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Billy - for being a kind friend and sharing with his peers.

Iris - for being a superstar tidier in both Preschool and Class 1.

Class 1

Brodie - for his beautiful handwriting.

Rosie - for her engagement in geography and history.

Star reader: Layton

Class 2

Elodie - amazing language in her persuasive advert.

Zachary - for wonderful ideas in maths.

Class 3

Ava - for great work in maths.

Evie R - for always trying her best.

Class 4

Jack - for increased ownership towards his learning - keep it up!

Blake P - for showing kindness with the younger children at playtimes.

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.



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