



# Steam Mills Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Rights Respecting

We are pleased to say that Steam Mills have been reaccredited with the Gold Rights Respecting award. The assessor was very impressed with the children she spoke to about their rights and how they learn about these at school. We hold weekly Rights Respecting assemblies to learn about children's rights and British Values and there is careful planning by teachers to use the language of rights in all areas of the curriculum. This is a great achievement and we are the only school in Gloucestershire to receive a reaccreditation of Gold twice.



## Drop & Go

We have had to make a slight change to the Drop and Go for Class 2. We used to allow children access through Reception to their class as soon as they arrive, but have now had to change this as there is not always an adult in the class at this busy time, which results in a Safeguarding issue. Children can wait with Mrs Dickinson until 8:45am as Class 3 and 4 children already do, or if they prefer they can wait with Miss Agg in the school office. Thank you.

## Families in Partnership

The Families In Partnership Newsletter shares the latest news for families with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities** in Gloucestershire. Our partnership of organisations work together to develop the newsletter, which comes out every month and includes:

- Activities and events
- Signposting to guidance from education, health and care services
- Information on support for parent carers and children and young people

[Families in Partnership newsletters | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

## Rags 2 Riches Collection – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Our next Rags 2 Riches collection will be taking on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Please keep this in mind if you are having a Spring clean! 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 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

19<sup>th</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Class 3 and 4 Trip to the Hindu Community Centre

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, Y5/6 (pm)

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

22<sup>nd</sup> Bump up mornings

23<sup>rd</sup>

24<sup>th</sup> EYFS Federation Trip to Soudley

25<sup>th</sup> Class 3 Ukulele performance 1:30pm

### July

3<sup>rd</sup> FoSM Summer Fayre – **date change!**

13<sup>th</sup> Leavers Play practice

14<sup>th</sup> Leavers Play – parents 9:30am and 5pm

15<sup>th</sup> FoSM Leavers Disco

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

## Sponsored Walk – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May (pm)

Please ensure that return slips are handed in asap if you have not done so already. The school needs to know the arrangements for collection of your child/ren. Pre-school children will be staying in school, along with any Reception children not taking part. Thank you.

**After School Club - there will be no ASC on this day.**

Details of the Just Giving Page for Sponsorship money are below.



## Star of the Week Certificates



### Pre-school

**Joey** - showing fascination in creating letters from his name and those of his friends.

**Izzy** - being such a kind and caring friend.

### Class 1

**Layton** - for his engagement in maths.

**Locke** - for his enthusiasm in geography.

**Star readers: Logan, Ella & Cooper**

### Class 2

**Luca** - for being an enthusiastic learner on our class trip.

**Oak** - great work in maths on addition.

### Class 3

**Oliver** - for making an effort to improve his presentation in his written work.

**Caiflin** - for an impressive recall of multiplication facts.

### Class 4

**Arlo** - for focussed art work and a brilliant piece.

**Elera** - for improved effort and attitude in Maths.

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## Attendance Snippet

### When your child is too ill to attend School

Please call the school on the first day of illness to inform of absence. You can either leave a message or talk to the School Office. **Please state what the type of illness is as this needs to be recorded.** Thank you.

## Class Snippets

**Pre-school** – this week we have fully embraced being back home in our lovely Preschool building. The children have loved just exploring the space and toys they have missed for months! Our favourite thing to do is have a 'party', so we have thoroughly enjoyed having a big dancefloor to bust our best moves!



We have been sent this wonderful video from our builders which includes drone footage. if you would like to take a look

You can download the video here: [Clipchamp](#)

**Class 1** – exciting week in maths; we have been exploring with the Rekenreks. We have been practising lots of mathematical skills, whilst using the Rekenreks, such as subitising and recalling number bonds. In phonics, Reception have engaged with CCVCC words, with those challenging blends at the beginning and end of the words. HFW's (time, out, about, house). In geography and history, we revisited the Tower of London and looked at Edinburgh Castle, home to Mons Meg. In science, we have developed our learning by exploring the properties of materials.



**Class 2** have been enjoying exploring trees in science. They have sorted evergreen and deciduous, named trees and looked at the features of trees. In art, the children created beautiful watercolour paintings using wax resist inspired by the artist Kirsten Bailey. They have continued this in their choosing time. The Y2s have amazed me with their knowledge of money- adding pounds to find the amounts in the purses. The Y1s have been busy working on addition. They have played lots of games- dice rolling and adding to turn bingo cards over, making caterpillars with adding 9 and matching money. We have been having lots of fun retelling the story of Rama and Sita for Religion and Worldviews and doing word searches and spelling with magnetic letters to develop spelling of topic words. What a fun week!

**Class 3** have been working incredibly hard this week across all areas of their learning, and I have been very impressed with their enthusiasm and effort. In Guided Reading, the children are fully immersed in our class text, *An Alien in the Jam Factory*, and are eagerly awaiting the final two chapters on Monday. In Maths, Year 4 have completed their fractions unit and have moved on to calculating with decimals, while Year 3 have been developing their skills in adding and subtracting lengths during their measurement unit. In Writing, the children have been learning about compound sentences and planning their own play scripts, and in Science, we explored the role of leaves and enjoyed making observations out on the field. We are all looking forward to an exciting final week of this first summer term!

**Class 4** have had a busy week! Year 6 have completed their SATs and they have really impressed the staff with their determination. They have completed assessments in Grammar and Punctuation, Spelling, Reading, Arithmetic and Reasoning & Problem Solving - they were glad to get them done and they enjoyed lots of downtime on Thursday with a bacon/sausage bap and a film in the afternoon. Year 5s have been working on their writing skills with focused Slow Writing and in Maths they have been learning about perimeter and area. In Guided Reading, Year 6 have explored their text further, including Snow White, and The Bird, The Mouse and The Sausage. In art, the whole class have worked on their collages and produced some great work. Overall, considering the busy week both year groups have had, they have done really well adapting to the different routines and the staff have been very proud of them - a great week 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.

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Primary School

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**CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL**  
PRESENTS:  
**COMMUNITY FOOTBALL DAY**

MINERS PLAYING FIELDS

**FRIDAY**  
**29<sup>th</sup> MAY**

10AM - 1PM

FOOTBALL SKILLS & DRILLS  
FUN MATCHES

AGES MATCHES

MEET COACHES

AWARDS & PRIZES

**ALL WELCOME! LETS PLAY!**  
Supported by local partners





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**