



Steam Mills Primary

22.05.2026



Dear Parents/Carers

Class 3 & 4 Trip - Monday 1st June

Please do not forget to log into ParentPay to give permission for this trip! Thank you.

Swimming Y1&Y2

Forest Leisure have informed the school that swimming can not go ahead on **Tuesday 2nd June** due to their building works in the changing rooms. We apologize for this ongoing inconvenience to the children's learning.

Rags 2 Riches Collection

Thank you to those that donated to our Rags to Riches collection, we had 136.4kg this time and raised £34.10 for FoSM.

Sponsored Walk – Thursday 21st May (pm)

Thank you to all those parents that joined us for the annual sponsored walk. Our expected walk time was longer this year and as a result we understand that there were parents that were waiting to collect their children at the Glade. Unfortunately the children and staff didn't make it down that far as other parents were collecting from the visitor centre. We will address this for next year and put a more robust plan in place.

Here is the Just Giving Page for Sponsorship money:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kim-gwilliam?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL



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)

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

25th Class 3 Ukulele performance 1:30pm

July

1st Class 1 and Class 2 Trip to Raglan Castle

3rd FoSM Summer Fayre

9th Whole School Photo (Tempest)

13th Leavers Play practice

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

15th FoSM Leavers Disco

17th Leavers Assembly and **end of**

Term 6

Attendance Snippet

When you need to take your child out of school in term time

Please collect a form from the school reception, complete and return well in advance of any planned absence. Thank you.

Breakfast Club & After School Clubs

Regular bookings will be rolled over to next term. If you need to make any changes or make any one-off bookings, please email: admin@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk.

Sports Morning – Friday 12th June

We have our annual Sports Morning on Friday 12th June. This takes place over on the large playing field, events will start as soon after 9am as possible, starting with the EYFS/KS1 children and then gradually moving to the older children. Please ensure your child has a hat, sun-cream applied and water bottle in school as there is little shade on the field. Thank you.

Whole School Photo – Thursday 9th July We have booked a whole school photo for the children and staff for Thursday 9th July. As this a once in a decade opportunity, all children and staff with the included. Please contact the school office by Monday 22nd June, if you do not agree to your child being included.

Message from Cinderford Town Council

Miners Welfare Playing Field - unfortunately, there has been an increase in litter being left behind, particularly cigarette butts and sunflower seed shells. These items not only make the playgrounds unpleasant for other families, but they also create additional cleaning and maintenance issues and can pose health and safety concerns for young children. Please could we remind parents/carers/children about the importance of disposing of rubbish responsibly and helping to keep these shared community spaces clean and welcoming for everyone. Thank you very much for your time and support.

Class Snippets

Pre-school – we were very excited as when we came in on Monday our caterpillars have turned into chrysalis' and now we are waiting very patiently for them to turn into beautiful butterflies. This week the children have also been meeting lots of new friends, who have come to play ready to join us after the half term. Myself and Lexi have been so proud of how kind and welcoming the children have been.

Class 1 – this week the children compared different materials by identifying similarities and differences between their properties. The children compared castles from the UK and identified defence features. We discussed why certain castles might not have specific features or why we think they were built where they were. In maths, we revisited skills, such as more and fewer; subitising; ordinality, and 1:1 correspondence. HFW's this week (out, house, about, time).

Class 2 have been observing the beans that that have been growing over a number of weeks. They have noticed the bean germinate and grow into a strong plant. They have been exploring differences between fruits and vegetables and thinking about which parts of the plants we eat. I was very impressed with their composition skills in music using the glockenspiels and they have been playing simple melodies that they have created. In Religion and Worldviews, the children have been retelling the story of Rama and Sita using puppets, story cards and pictures. I have been really impressed with the Y2s addition when working with money and they have been using purses to make different amounts using a range of coins. The Y1s have continued to work on addition and subtraction, using number lines and bingo dabbers! Have a lovely half term break!

Class 3 - we've had a lovely final week of our first summer term! In science, we completed our unit on plants, learning about pollination and pollinators, and the children impressed us with their knowledge of the different parts of a plant. In maths, we finished our units on measurement and decimals, while in writing the children adapted our class text, Tar Beach, into playlists inspired by the story. We also completed our guided reading text and wrote book reviews, with many children hoping for a sequel! In geography, we created advertising leaflets based on our research into local tourist attractions. We ended the week with a fantastic sponsored walk and were very lucky with the sunshine — thank you to the parents who joined us. Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend and enjoy the sunshine!



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Darien - for settling so well into Preschool with such confidence.

Lottie - for being very welcoming to some new friends joining Preschool soon.

Class 1

Ella - for her focus and engagement in phonics.

Harrison - for his recall of doubles within 10.

Star readers: Brodie, Locke, Harrison, Nori, Layton

Class 2

George - great enthusiasm at swimming.

Ava-Gracie- great sounding out in her writing.

Class 3

Chester - for his mature attitude and being a good friend to all.

Ariana - for being a wonderful role model and good learning partner.

Class 4

Harry – for being a great learning partner in Maths.

Serenity – for great insights into the English test.



Class 4 - this week, Class 4 have ended the week sequencing the events in 'The Sleeper and the Spindle' text in preparation for them writing their own sequel or prequel next term. Year 5 have started their conversions unit in Maths looking at how to convert from one unit of measure to another. During this time, Year 6's have been looking at this year's leavers play script and been assigned roles. They have been very excited about this; scripts have been sent home with the whole class to practice lines and songs. We also had a visit from PC Saunders to talk about online safety. He was surprised at the number of children in the class who said they had friends on online platforms that they had never met in real life. Please take the time to talk at home about this and the safety implications involved with talking to strangers online.

Glasses

We have had a pair of child glasses handed into the office, they were found on the field. We have asked in all classes and have not been able to trace the owner. If you think your child has lost a pair of glasses, please ask at the office. Thank you.

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