



Steam Mills Primary

05.06.2026



Dear Parents/Carers

Ofsted Inspection

As you are aware, our Ofsted Inspection took place on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Thank you to the parents/carers who took the time to engage with the Ofsted Team via the feedback portal and on the school site. We also wanted to pass on our thanks to all the children, who behaved so well and engaged when requested, taking this all in their stride. Ofsted reports are usually published around 30 working days from the inspection dates (so we might get it before the summer break) and we look forward to sharing it with you.

School Dinners

Thank you for your patience and understanding this week. Our caterers have informed us that the usual hot menu choices will be available again from Monday.

Sponsored Walk

Thank you to all those parents that have already paid in their child's sponsor money. The just giving page will remain open for a little longer. Please pay in any remaining money collected by **Friday 12th June**. Many thanks.

Just Giving Page for Sponsorship money:
https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kim-gwilliam?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL



Breakfast Club & After School Clubs

Please ensure that your ParentPay accounts are always in credit in-line with the schools Debt Policy. Failure to ensure this could result in access to these clubs being refused. Thank you.

Squishies

Please could we remind parents/carers to ensure that children are not bringing unnecessary items to school, this includes Squishies. They are a banned item. Thank you.

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.

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.

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

12th Sports Morning

15th Reception Induction Evening – 5pm

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

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**

FoSM Non-school Uniform Day – Friday 19th June

FoSM are holding another non-school uniform day on Friday 19th June and are asking for donations of filled Sweet Jars for the stall at the Summer Fayre please. Thank you.



Tempest Class Photos

An email was sent to all parents/carers this week giving details of how to order class photos and information regarding free delivery to school. Please let the school office know if you have not received this information. 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 is a once in a decade opportunity, all children and staff will be included. Please contact the school office by Monday 22nd June, if you do not agree to your child being included.

Class Snippets

Pre-school – the children have been very excited to return after the break! We have also been very busy welcoming and playing with lots of new friends who have joined us this week or are planning to join us soon. We have started getting ready for sports day next week, using the stories **Zed the Zebra** and **The Jungle Run** to talk about how sports day is all about joining in and having fun! We have been practising the races on the field and cheering on all of our friends.

Class 1 – the children settled nicely back into school and we started our new writing focus text of "The Night Pirates". The children have designed a pirate and have been writing lists of what they would take on a pirate adventure. Reception phonics was a challenge this week and the children embraced it brilliantly. We have been looking at polysyllabic words (when a word has more than one syllable). These words can be a challenge to sound out and blend in one go, so we tackled it by blending the syllables, then combining them to read the whole word. In maths we revisited odds and evens and made links with our learning of doubles. We discussed how even numbers are made of 2 equal parts, just like doubles.

Class 2 have created some beautiful artwork this week to depict the story of Rama and Sita and good overcoming evil. They can retell the story in great detail and know all of the characters. In maths, Y1 have moved onto time. Today we ordered the days of the week and will be looking at o'clock next week. Y2s have finished their work on money by finding change from 50p and £1 using dienes to help with subtraction. We have now moved onto statistics and creating tally charts. In geography, we have started our new topic all about the local area and used compass directions, as well as sorting places in the UK into countries.

Class 3 - what a fantastic first week back! We began with an exciting visit to the Hindu Community Centre in Cheltenham, where the children observed daily worship and impressed us with their respectful behaviour and thoughtful questions. Back at school, they created wonderful Picasso-inspired cubist portraits and started our new Science unit on electricity, exploring electrical appliances and building complete circuits. We also enjoyed our first gymnastics session, where the children demonstrated great enthusiasm and skill. Alongside this, we began new units in Maths, Guided Reading and Writing, making for a busy and successful start to the new term.



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Layla - for settling so confidently in to Preschool and having a great first week.

Sienna - for being so welcoming and helping to look after our new friends in Preschool.

Class 1

Tommy - for his conscious choices during his school day.

Noah - for his engagement in maths focussing on odds and evens.

Star readers: Layton & Nori

Class 2

Theo - for being a kind friend.

Elliott - for being a helpful learning partner in computing.

Class 3

Maddi - for always being a sensible and responsible learner.

Piper - for trying her best in her learning.

Class 4

Bertie - for thoughtful use of grammar features in his writing.



Class 4 - This week has been a busy week! Starting with our trip whole KS2 trip to the Hindu Community centre in Cheltenham. The children were very respectful whilst watching a Hindu worship and enjoyed gaining understanding of another culture. They asked lots of insightful questions and we were very proud of them upholding our school values outside of school. We have also spent time completing our writing piece for The Sleeper and the Spindle this week. The children showed a very mature and focussed approach to this long writing piece and have produced some thoughtful work balancing creativity and grammatical structure.



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.

GCC Panel Members

GCC are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals for Gloucestershire Schools. We would be extremely grateful if you could help us spread the word to parents / grandparents of your own pupils, or indeed to anyone else in the community.

Here's the link to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

[Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

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.

Free Summer Activities for Children, Young People & Families



The Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) returns this Summer with lots of fun activities and delicious food available for children and families from **21st July**

HAF activities are available for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. This Summer we are also able to extend this offer to any child who may benefit from attending the programme, through our grant funded Holiday Activities Programme (HAP).

Bookings open from midday on 6th of July. Make sure you're ready to book by checking your account now
familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Use our handy checklist below to make sure that:

- All your children have an individual profile added to your account.
- Emergency contact details are filled in for each child profile
- Any additional needs or disability information is included for each child profile
- Your details reflect any recent changes (e.g. new address, phone contact details)

Setting up an account is easy:

Scan this QR Code with a phone camera for quick access



If you need any HAF related help then please contact us:

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E: gloshafconnector@gmail.com

