



Steam Mills Primary

19.06.2026



Dear Parents/Carers

Sports Morning

Thank you to all those that joined us for Sports Morning, it is always such a lovely occasion. The children did so well with the races/events and the weather was thankfully kind to us in the end!



Diary Dates

Summer Term 2026

13th April-20th July

INSET days: 20th July

Diary Dates (incl. Federation events)

June

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

6th Extra Bump up morning for
Reception only

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**

20th Inset Training Day

September

1st Inset Training Day

2nd Start of Term 1

ICEPACKS - We are missing lots of Ice-packs again. Please could you check if your child has brought any home from school and return. Thank you.

Relationships & Health Education Lessons

Relationships and Health Education lessons will be taking place over the next few weeks. If you would like to find out more information, you can check the Relationships and Health Education Policy available on the school website.

Bump up Mornings – Monday 22nd June and Tuesday 23rd June

A reminder that our bump up mornings are taking place next week when your child will visit their new class for September. We also have an extra day Monday 6th July for Reception children.

Class 3 Ukelele Performance

Class 3 have been having Ukelele lessons for the last few weeks and will be performing as a class on **Thursday 25th June** at 1:30pm. Parents are welcome to join us for the performance in the school hall. 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 will be included. Please contact the school office by Monday 22nd June, if you do not agree to your child being included.

Leavers Performances – Tuesday 14th July

Parents/carers of Class 3 and 4 should have received a letter regarding the Leavers Performances taking place on Tuesday 14th July. All tickets (and extra tickets where possible) will be sent home after the ordering cut-off date of **Monday 29th June 2026**. **If you request tickets after this date, we can not guarantee that there will be availability.** Thank you.

Attendance - Why attendance Matters ...

The Department for Education have released these useful information videos :


[Tips for how parents can support with good attendance in secondary school](#)

Class Snippets


Pre-school – this week we have been very busy.... practicing daily for the Sports morning, and creating Father's Day cards, writing in them and decorating envelopes. There has also been lots of 'floor is lava' play, due to the excitement of our new rug finally being delivered! The children have loved welcoming Georgie, who will play with us on busier days until the end of term. They have initiated toy story colouring as lots of the children have excitedly talked about going to watch the film at the cinema soon!

Class 1 - this week, the children have been writing guides on how to be a pirate. They were furthering their writing by writing what you need to be a pirate and a reason why. Reception phonics this week is reading CCC+ words, such as 'spring', 'string', and 'scrap'. The consonant blends are particularly challenging because the individual sounds aren't necessarily easy to hear, but the children have done a fantastic job this week and have even identified the tricky blends and written CCC+ words. HFW's this week are 'called, asked, looked'. These words all have root words (call, ask, look) and have the 'ed' suffix to change the words to past tense. However, the 'ed' suffix is pronounced differently in different words, such as the 't' sound at the end of 'asked'. Very challenging, but again the children did a great job!

Class 2 had a fantastic morning at sports day. They all tried their best and enjoyed the activities. They have been learning all about our local area in geography. We explored human and physical features of Cinderford, including the cinema, Linear Park, the leisure centre and different shops. We have finished our assessments this week and I am really impressed with how the children tried their best and applied all of the learning we have covered. In maths, the Y1s have been busy making dotty ladybirds for doubling and halving. The Y2s have been exploring pictograms and block diagrams.



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school
Lily - for settling so well into Preschool with such confidence!
Hadley - for showing fabulous number recognition skills at carpet time.
Hero - for being a fantastic team player and cheering her peers during Sports day practice,

Class 1
Reggie -for taking more responsibility for his independent writing.
Harrison - for working hard on recognising his HFW's.
Star reader- Layton

Class 2
Toby - a great moving picture in DT.
Bella - taking her time to present her work neatly.

Class 3
Ava - for writing a brilliant set of instructions on how to become a Royal Tea Taster.
Adam - for making a conscious effort to improve his presentation in all subjects.

Class 4
Brandon - for great effort and determination in writing.
Khloe - for using mathematical representations to help her in Maths.



Class 3 have had another busy and productive week! The children have impressed us with their own retellings of *Cloud Tea Monkeys*, putting into practice all the writing skills they have developed. In Science, they explored complete electrical circuits and learned what is needed to make them work. In Geography, they used maps to compare how the landscape of the Forest of Dean has changed over time. In Maths, Year 4 completed their units on time and converting units before beginning their new topic on shape and area, while Year 3 have been developing their statistics skills by creating pictograms and interpreting and constructing bar charts. The children also enjoyed a fantastic (and very warm!) gymnastics session and had their final ukulele lesson ahead of next week's concert, which they are very much looking forward to.



Class 4 - it's been a busy week in C4. The children have written their Battle Cries and they will now be learning them so they can perform them in groups on 1st July - they have done really well with trying to engage the audience and consider sentence structures and vocabulary that lend themselves to a rousing speech. In Science, they have focused on life cycles of vertebrates and they are continuing to monitor their spider plants for their ongoing experiments. Sports Day was a great hit so thank you to everyone who attended to support the children! Good luck to the Dene Magna Y6s as they will be off next week for their induction week; please check our latest email message from Dene Magna regarding uniform for this visit - we hope you have a great time!

Breakfast Club/After School Club

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.



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!

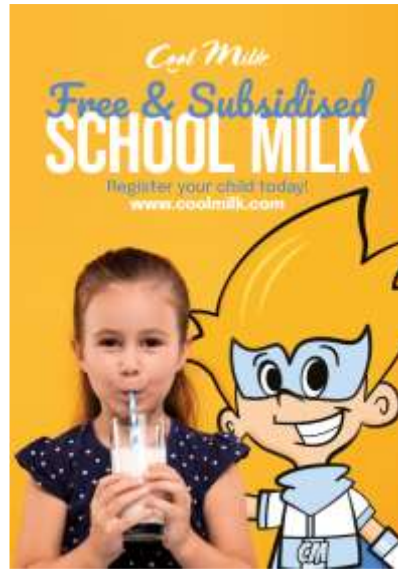


Contact with School/Class Teacher

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.

CoolMilk

Did you know that you can order subsidised milk for your child once they turn 5 years of age? All children have free milk when they join Pre-school or Reception class but they lose this once they are 5 and some really miss it ☹️



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Art Competition

Barnyard Theme



How To Enter:

- Create your picture on A4 paper (portrait or landscape), using any materials (paints, pens, pencils etc).
- The theme is Barnyard
- Artwork will be displayed at Orchard Trust Summer Fair on Sunday 5th July
- The winning design will feature in the Orchardfest programme on 15th August
- Deadline for artwork is Friday 26th June



OPEN TRAINING

TUESDAY 30TH JUNE

TUESDAY 7TH JULY

ALERT, NEW UNDER 8S TEAM FOR THE 2026/2027 SEASON

FOR FUN AND ALL INCLUSIVE

ALL KIT AND TRAINING JACKETS PROVIDED

PLAYING IN THE SEVERN VALLEY EXPLORERS LEAGUE

ALL PLAYERS WELCOME!

FOR UNDER 8s NEXT SEASON (CURRENTLY IN YEAR 2 AT SCHOOL)



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.