



Steam Mills Primary

26.06.2026



Dear Parents/Carers

Staffing from September

As you know we have some changes in staffing for the next school year. Mrs Mason will be our Acting Executive Head Teacher, Mrs Fawkes will remain as Deputy Executive Head Teacher and Mrs Mclean (Class 3 Teacher) will be the Senior Teacher at Steam Mills and point of contact for any day to day issues. However, we continue to encourage Parents/Carers to discuss any issues with your child's class teacher.

We have recruited a new Teacher for Class 1 on a Thursday afternoon and a Friday, Ms Smith-Dyson. In Class 4, Miss Carlson will continue to teach and will be in class on Monday-Wednesday and Thursday morning. We have recruited a new Teacher for Class 4, Mrs Crosby, who will be in class on a Thursday afternoon and a Friday. We are looking to recruit for Class 3 on a Thursday afternoon and Friday but in the meantime may use a temporary supply teacher.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the staffing, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you.

Changes for Free School Meals

Any parent who is in receipt of universal credit will now qualify for FSM with effect from September 2026.

There will be two categories for FSM going forward:

- Targeted FSM – these are children who will attract pupil premium (as before) as they have a household income of less than £7400.
- Expanded FSM – these are the children whose families are on universal credit – **these do not attract pupil premium; so no extra help with trips, uniform, clubs etc.**

The FSM team at GCC will check all existing children who are eligible for FSM over the summer to update their status and add new children as necessary from the expanded scheme. Universal FSM remains the same (Free School Meals only from Reception, until Year 2).

You can apply for FSM via the Gloucestershire County Council website.

[Apply for free school meals | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Play Equipment

Please could we remind all Parent/Carers, not to let children play on or with the school equipment before or after school? The school only has insurance cover when equipment is being used under the supervision of the school staff. You and your child are at risk by not adhering to the rules. Thank you.

Parking

Please could Parents/Carers park diagonally into the grass bank in the layby area adjacent to the main road? Cars parking lengthways are taking up valuable space where other could park. Thank you.

Diary Dates	
Summer Term 2026	
13 th April-20 th July	
INSET days: 20 th July	
Diary Dates (incl. Federation events)	
July	
1 st	Class 1 and Class 2 Trip to Raglan Castle
3 rd	FoSM Summer Fayre
6 th	Extra Bump up morning for Reception only
9 th	Whole School Photo (Tempest)
13 th	Leavers Play practice
14 th	Leavers Play – parents 9:30am and 5pm
15 th	FoSM Leavers Disco
17 th	Leavers Assembly and end of Term 6
20 th	Inset Training Day
September	
1 st	Inset Training Day
2 nd	Start of Term 1

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.

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.**

Class Snippets

Pre-school – we have had a quieter week as most of our Preschool children enjoyed Bump up mornings in Class 1. We loved hearing all about their time with Miss Byrnes.

We have created some very spectacular Oak leaf sun catchers, decorating them with an array of lovely green collage and made 'ice creams' in the sand tray. The children have loved water play under the shade of our trees and they initiated a water fight using medicine syringes, which cooled us all down beautifully.

Class 1 – although short, this week has been very busy. The children have enjoyed spending time in C2 for their bump-up days, getting to know the adults and learning to work together in such a big group. The children enjoyed engaging in lots of Teddy Bear themed activities and arts and craft activities on Monday. When we have been together, we have been enjoying lots of water play to keep ourselves cool.

Class 2 - it was lovely to welcome the reception children to class 2 this week. We did lots of teddy bear themed activities and it was lovely to see how they interacted with the Y1s. We had a fantastic cool off in the pool on Tuesday afternoon. The children are progressing well and lots are now able to swim!

Class 3 - what an interesting week it has been – certainly one I haven't experienced in my (nearly!) 12 years of teaching. With the soaring temperatures, we have spent much of the week keeping cool, whether by staying close to our fans or enjoying the shade outside. We began the week with our exciting 'Bump Up!' days. Year 4 had a great time experiencing Class 4, while Year 3 enjoyed welcoming the Year 2 children into their classroom. In Science, we investigated electrical conductors and insulators by creating circuits and testing everyday objects. Metal items such as cutlery, scissors and water bottles proved to be conductors, while paper, pencil cases, rubbers and elastic bands acted as insulators. In PSHE, we have continued learning basic first aid – you are all in safe hands! We have also begun our end-of-year assessments, and the children have approached these positively. Have a lovely weekend!



Class 4 - it has been a very hot one this week! The Y4s joined C4 for two mornings and they settled in brilliantly; the Y5s enjoyed being honorary Y6s for the mornings and supported the Y4s during these sessions. The children have also started their NFER assessments this week and they have worked hard to recall their learning. In maths, Year 5 have continued to learn about fractions - adding to mixed numbers. Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine!

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.

E-SCOOTERS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

LEGAL

- Over 18 with a valid driving license.
- Insured.
- Taxed.
- Legal to use on any public road.
- Subject to drink drive and other driving offences legislation.

ILLEGAL

- Insurable.
- Taxable.
- Legal to use on any public road/pavement.
- Subject to drink drive and other driving offences legislation.
- Likely to be seized and crushed by Police.

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AGES 5+

GYMNASTICS FUN CAMP

05/08
12/08
19/08
9:00 - 15:00

£35

An inclusive, confidence-boosting day packed with games, challenges, crafts and gymnastics for all abilities! The fun camp is all about teamwork and enjoyment, giving all children a positive experience with gymnastics.

AGES 4 - 11

AGES 5+

PRIVATE SESSIONS

07/08
14/08
21/08
13:00 - 15:00

Structured individual or pair private sessions with qualified coaches, tailored entirely to the gymnasts' goals. Whether they want to learn a specific skill and build confidence, or preparing for an upcoming competition, private sessions offer focused attention and rapid improvement.

1:1 £25

2:1 £40

GYMNASTICS SKILLS CAMP

07/08
14/08
21/08
9:00 - 12:00

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HAF Activities Across Gloucestershire

The Countdown is On!
Soft Launch from 12 noon Monday
22nd June '26

Booking Opens 6th July

Book your place via the Gloucestershire Family Hub App

Look out for the STEMworks sessions near you

Find out more at stemworks.co.uk

Contact us:
Telephone: 01452 865028
Email: admin@stemworks.co.uk




Newent Community School
& Sixth Form Centre

YEAR 5 OPEN DAY

Wednesday 1st July 2026 10.00am - 12 noon



The HEART of our school

Honesty
Excellence
Accountability
Respect
Teamwork



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HAPPY CIRCUS

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST
LYDBROOK RECREATION GROUND

GATES OPEN 12:00 PM
BIG TOP OPENS 1:30 PM
SHOW STARTS 2:00 PM

BAR & BBQ

TICKETS £10 (ADULTS & CHILDREN)
FAMILY TICKET £35

PURCHASE TICKETS AT
www.ticketsource.com/lydbrook-memorial-hall

COME ALONG FOR AN AFTERNOON OF CIRCUS FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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.