



Steam Mills Primary

03.07.2026



Dear Parents/Carers

School Fayre

We hope you all enjoy the School Fayre today. A big

THANK YOU to FoSM for organising, it is always such a lot of work, we really do appreciate it. We will let you know the amount raised next week.



Parking

Please could Parents/Carers continue to park with care and thought for others. Please do not block entrances or other users of the car park, take care if trying to park by the new stones along the track. From what the Council have said, there will be more changes coming to add to this area, such as picnic benches and a bike rack. Thank you.

Medicine

Please could Parents/Carers ensure that all medicine is handed into the school office or to the class teacher with a completed form for administration. Medicine must not come into school in children's bags. 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.

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

All tickets (and extra tickets where possible) will be sent home on Monday 6th July.

ParentPay Leavers

Please could Parents/Carers of Pre-school and Year 6 leavers check their ParentPay accounts and let Miss Agg know if there are any balances that you would like to have refunded. Pre-school children starting in Reception class in September will have a **new ParentPay account** and the old Pre-school one will be closed. Thank you.

Diary Dates	
Summer Term 2026	
13 th April-20 th July	
INSET days: 20 th July	
Diary Dates (incl. Federation events)	
July	
3 rd	FoSM Summer Fayre
6 th	Extra Bump up morning for Reception only Y5 Super Learning Day at Five Acres High School
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 1:30pm and
end of Term 6	
20 th	Inset Training Day
September	
1 st	Inset Training Day
2 nd	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.

FoSM Summer Discos – Wednesday 15th July

The end of year Summer Discos will take place on Wednesday 15th July.



KS1 Disco 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm (Pre-school, Rec, Year 1 & Year 2)

Pre-school and Reception parents to stay with their children please. Year 1&2 parents to drop children off and leave, please ensure you are back promptly to collect.

KS2 Disco 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (Year 3 – Year 6)
Parents to drop children off and leave; please ensure you are back promptly to collect.

Tickets will be £1 on the door (please bring exact money). Tuckshop will be available; please no more than £2 per child to bring on the day. Please can we ask, if at all possible, if you have siblings in the two different age groups that arrangements are made for them to be brought to their discos separately? We have very limited space in the school hall. Thank you

Leavers Service – Friday 17th July - 1:30pm

Our Leavers Service will take place on Friday 17th

July at 1:30pm, all parents/carers are welcome to attend. The service should last approx. 40 minutes then parents are welcome to collect children from class after to leave school early if they wish.

Children are welcome to stay until 3:15pm if you are unable to collect earlier. **There are no After School Clubs on this day.**

Class Snippets

Pre-school – this week we released our second group of butterflies, as our first butterflies emerged in the half term holidays and the children missed them being released! The children were very fascinated and the butterflies hung around for a while before flying away, even landing on Roffi's arm! There has been lots of Mud kitchen role-play, where the children have used lots of 'ingredients' including mint from our garden, water, bark, soil and sand. We have also enjoyed the stories **The Singing Mermaid** and **What the Ladybird heard at the Seaside** and also **Barry the Fish with Fingers!**

Class 1 – this week the children enjoyed their trip to Raglan Castle, we spotted lots of features of a Castle and the children recognised that we had crossed the border into Wales. The children behaved brilliantly and did a great job at representing the school. In maths we have been revisiting different ways to count to 20 and in phonics, our HFW's are (our, their). In English we introduced our new book The Rainbow Fish, which has a lot of new vocabulary for the children. The children used glass beads to vote which team with win out of England and DR Congo and some children always made prediction of scores. They will be doing the same in preparation for the England v Mexico game this weekend.

Class 2 had a fantastic trip to Raglan castle this week. They explored the features of castles, climbed to the top of the tower and imagined what life was like for people living in the castle. They represented the school very well and were complimented on their behaviour! Well done! See photos below. We have been busy catching up on learning from last week. The children have designed prayer mats that could be used by Muslims and have explored how stories teach people messages in Religion and Worldviews.



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Darien - demonstrating great maths skills.

Lois - joining Preschool with such ease and confidence.

Class 1

Logan - for being wonderfully sensible on our castle trip.

Daisy - for trying really hard to stay focused during phonics and maths.

Star readers: Layton, Locke, Harrison

Class 2

Zachary - being brave and climbing to the top of the tower at the castle.

Tobiasz - being brave at swimming.

Class 3

Marley - for her great work in guided reading.

Jacob - for showing kindness towards others.

Class 4

Isla D - for showing a great can do attitude in Maths - keep up the confidence!

Cole - for being brave and pushing himself out of his comfort zone to do his speech.





Class 3 - This week in Class 3, we finished our guided reading book, *The Sheep Pig*. The children explored the main characters in depth and answered a range of comprehension questions. In maths, Year 3 completed their statistics unit, while Year 4 began their final topic on coordinates. It has also been assessment week, and the children showed great resilience and a positive attitude throughout. Well done, Class 3!

Class 4 – have been busy rehearsing their play this week - the songs are coming along nicely and we are encouraging the children to now not use their scripts on stage. The children have also performed their 'Battle Cry' speech, in which they were rallying troops to support their cause and fight for freedom! In DT, the children have cooked their tortillas and created fillings to put with them, which many of them enjoyed. The class have also been learning about how their bodies change as they grow up, both physically and emotionally. In guided reading, we have also delved a bit deeper into the story of Malala Yousafzai and how she fought for girl's rights - the children are very interested in her story and the impact she had on the world.

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.



Harmony Twirlstars 2026 recruitment dates

Our first recruitment evening will be held on Monday 20th July at Dene Magna School, 6-7pm

Harmony Twirlstars are recruiting new members from age 4-9 years. We teach baton twirling, marching, flag and Pom dance routines. Members benefit from friendship, teamwork, discipline and confidence!

We only recruit for new members once a year, this year we are recruiting through the summer holidays on Monday 20th & 27th July & Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th August from 6-7pm.

We usually train at Dene Magna School. Each recruitment date we will be teaching new skills, tricks & moves.

No previous experience necessary, we are fully inclusive & welcome any child to join us.

Subs are currently £5 a week and we provide all equipment and team costumes!

Look forward to seeing you there!

Apply online for free school meals



From the start of the 2025 to 2027 academic year, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit attending maintained schools, academies and free schools will be entitled to receive a free meal. Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/

You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and **save yourself up to £495 per year**. Plus, schools receive extra funding for each child registered as Targeted FSM – this category relates to children who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. Even if you don't want your child to take a free meal, you should still apply to ensure your school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled, helping them provide your child with the best education and support.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and receives a Universal Infant Free School Meal arranged by their school you should still apply to enable your child's school to get any extra funding to which it is entitled. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, please speak to your child's school.

For further information, including a list of qualifying benefits, visit our website or speak to your child's school today.



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2027 ADMISSIONS TEST UPDATE (APPLICABLE TO CURRENT YEAR 4)

'Attend school every day, enjoy your learning'. One simple message for success in the new Admissions test.

The grammar schools in Gloucestershire are delighted to be working with the Future Stories Community Enterprise (FSCE) to provide the entrance test to be completed in July 2027 for entry in September 2028.

What will be in the test?

The test is designed to align closely with the work students experience in their primary school. Maths and English form the main part of the assessment, so preparation can focus on developing the maths skills they are learning in school, along with reading a wide and exciting range of books across different genres.

The test has been developed alongside primary school experts, ensuring there are no surprises or the need for specialist preparation beyond the core curriculum.

As part of the assessment, there will also be an opportunity for young people to demonstrate their passion for learning through the lens of the foundation subjects studied at primary school. No specific prior knowledge is required, but the topics are designed to engage and interest those taking the test.

To support this, activities such as visiting museums, exploring new genres of books, and applying mathematical learning to everyday life can all be valuable ways to prepare.

All grammar schools in Gloucestershire will provide familiarisation materials on their websites from the end of September.

Contact

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About Denmark Road High School
Denmark Road High School is a girls' grammar school for students aged 11-18, located on Denmark Road, Gloucester.

Travel Assistance and Free School Meals Team
Education Planning & Infrastructure
Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall,
Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP



Summer Programme

Tuesdays, 10-11.30: Lego Cafe

Tuesdays, 11.45-1pm: Stay for Lunch (new for 2026!)

Thursdays: Guest visitors! Wyldwood Arts and Sportily

Please book a place for lunch:
outreach.forestofdean@gloscircuit.co.uk
 07727 699751
 (No need to book for other activities)

Drybrook Methodist Church
 GL17 9BX
 Supported by Two Rivers Housing

The Methodist Church

Dates and Details

Tues 21st July	Lego Café (10-11.30am) Stay for Lunch (12-1pm)
Thurs 23rd July	Wyldwood Arts (10-11.30am)
Tues 28th July	Lego Café (10-11.30) Stay for lunch (12-1)
Tues 4th August	Lego Café (10-11.30) Stay for lunch (12-1pm)
Thurs 6th August	Pop Up Sports, with Sportily (1.30-3pm@ Drybrook school playground)
Tues 11th August	Lego Café, with Artshape (10-11.30) Stay for lunch (12-1pm)
Thurs 13th August	Pop Up Sports with Sportily (1.30-3pm@ Drybrook school playground)
Tues 18th Aug	Artscape (10-11.30am) Stay for lunch (12-1pm)

Follow us on FB for details and updates! Search and follow 'Drybrook Methodist Church'.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet us at...

Join us at partner picnics, play sessions, family events and community activities for **FREE** family fun throughout the summer!

Find us in **YOUR** local community this summer!

JULY

- Queadley** Saturday 4th July: Family Picnic, 10:30am-4pm, Rufers Meadow
- Monday 27th July**: Pop Rangers, Community Play Sessions, 10am-4pm, Moker Farm Park, Kingsway
- Coney Hill** Tuesday 28th July: MAF Pop Up Activity Day, 10am-3pm, The Vibe
- Histon** Saturday 11th July: East East Fun Fest, 10am-3pm, Three Oaks Park
- Thursday 25th July**: Hilda's Community Picnic, 10am-3pm, Hilda's School Field
- Linden** Thursday 30th July: MAF Pop Up Activity Day, 10am-3pm, The Linnel
- Forest of Dean** Tuesday 16th July: 10am-12pm, Sedbury
- Saturday 28th July**: 10am-3pm, Community Picnic, Redhurst Park
- Thursday 29th July**: 10am-12pm, St. Saviours

AUGUST

- Monday 3rd August**: Pop Rangers, Community Play Sessions, 10am-4pm, Moker Farm Park
- Tuesday 4th August**: MAF Pop Up Activity Day, 10am-3pm, Kingsway Field, Behind Sports, RedWash
- Monday 10th August**: Pop Rangers, Community Play Sessions, 10am-4pm, Moker Farm Park
- Monday 17th August**: Pop Rangers, Community Play Sessions, 10am-4pm, Moker Farm Park
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- Longlevens** Friday 7th August: MAF Pop Up Activity Day, 10am-3pm, Amershill Park
- White City** Wednesday 12th August: MAF Pop Up Activity Day, 10am-3pm, The Venture Community Hub
- Tredworth** Thursday 13th August: MAF Pop Up Activity Day, 10am-3pm, Poley Field
- Kingsholm** Friday 14th August: MAF Pop Up Activity Day, 10am-3pm, Melkett School Park
- Tuffley** Tuesday 19th August: MAF Pop Up Activity Day, 10am-3pm, Hornleigh Park
- Forest of Dean** Thursday 21st August: 10am-12pm, Joy's Down
- Saturday 18th August**: Belle Field Family Fun Day, 10am-3pm, Belle Field, Coleford
- Friday 20th August**: 10am-12pm, Mitchelldean
- Woolgate** Thursday 25th August: MAF Festival, 10am-3pm, The Kings School

FOR FULL DETAILS glosfamilycentres.org.uk

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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.