



Steam Mills Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers

Ofsted report

Please find the Ofsted report attached to this newsletter. Under the new inspection framework, it is challenging to achieve the 'expected standards' so we are delighted that we have been judged to have done this in 6 out of the 7 areas. The Early Years reads less positively due to required stock phrases being used when a section is deemed to 'need attention'. With the Early Years data having been below national for the past few years, the new building just having opened and becoming established and the school working on the national emphasis of embedding DfE's 'Stronger Foundation' expectations, we understand why this area was a focus. The inspection came before this year's data deadline, but as the data this year is above National figures, the work that has been done this year has had a great impact on the children and this will be recognised in the next visit. Thank you to all staff for their unwavering commitment to the school and children.

Diary Dates

Summer Term 2026

13th April-20th July

INSET days: 20th July

Diary Dates (incl. Federation events)
July

13th Leavers Play practice

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

15th FoSM Leavers Disco

17th Leavers Assembly 1:30pm and

end of Term 6

20th Inset Training Day

September

1st Inset Training Day

2nd Start of Term 1

23rd Tempest Individual/Sibling photos

End of year reports

Reports are being sent out today (Friday 10th July) by email, so please contact the school if you do not receive yours. The Year 6 report links will be resent when the KS2 results have been released nationally and uploaded to our system. We aim to resend you the link the day they are released. Thank you for your patience.



Friends of Steam Mills Fundraising

We are very please let inform you of some of the great results of recent fundraising for FoSM. The sponsored walk back in May raised **£1100** and the Summer Fayre last week raised a great total of **£803!** Thank you to all our children, parents and carers for the continued support; the money from these events will go to the next whole school trip to the Pantomime.

Leavers Performances – Tuesday 14th July

All tickets have now been sent home. We have a few spare tickets available for the morning performance at 9:30am. Please contact the school office.

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 is no Prostars Club or After School Clubs on this day.**

BC/ASC

If you request Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club for the new school year, regular bookings will not be rolled over. Please collect a booking form from reception and return next week. Thank you.

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.

New Lunch Menu's from September

Our caterer's, AiP, have published the new menus from September, these will shortly be available on ParentPay for booking.

LUNCH Week 2				
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken & Tomato Pasta (V)	Chicken & Tomato Pasta (V)	Chicken & Tomato Pasta (V)	Chicken & Tomato Pasta (V)	Chicken & Tomato Pasta (V)
Beef & Potato (V)	Beef & Potato (V)	Beef & Potato (V)	Beef & Potato (V)	Beef & Potato (V)
Spaghetti & Meatballs (V)	Spaghetti & Meatballs (V)	Spaghetti & Meatballs (V)	Spaghetti & Meatballs (V)	Spaghetti & Meatballs (V)
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LUNCH Week 1				
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken & Tomato Pasta (V)	Chicken & Tomato Pasta (V)	Chicken & Tomato Pasta (V)	Chicken & Tomato Pasta (V)	Chicken & Tomato Pasta (V)
Beef & Potato (V)	Beef & Potato (V)	Beef & Potato (V)	Beef & Potato (V)	Beef & Potato (V)
Spaghetti & Meatballs (V)	Spaghetti & Meatballs (V)	Spaghetti & Meatballs (V)	Spaghetti & Meatballs (V)	Spaghetti & Meatballs (V)
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LUNCH Week 3				
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken & Tomato Pasta (V)	Chicken & Tomato Pasta (V)	Chicken & Tomato Pasta (V)	Chicken & Tomato Pasta (V)	Chicken & Tomato Pasta (V)
Beef & Potato (V)	Beef & Potato (V)	Beef & Potato (V)	Beef & Potato (V)	Beef & Potato (V)
Spaghetti & Meatballs (V)	Spaghetti & Meatballs (V)	Spaghetti & Meatballs (V)	Spaghetti & Meatballs (V)	Spaghetti & Meatballs (V)
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Class Snippets

Pre-school – we have enjoyed lots of indoor play this week - keeping ourselves safe and cool, making the most of our air con! We did however spend time outside in the shade in the Mud kitchen and at the 'seaside' -paddling our feet in some bubbly water tuff trays. The Preschool Leavers celebrated with a little party yesterday, and although it was very hot the children had a lovely time catching up with their friends and family, eating yummy party food and cake and having a little dance. All the leavers received a Medal and little bag of goodies.



Class 1 – this week, the children have been getting creative with pipets and paint. They have been using the pipets to create the different colours of the Rainbow Fish. This was a collaborative piece of work and to add the shiny effects of his scales, we used glitter. Individually, the children were using different coloured tissue paper to create a collage of the Rainbow Fish. We have also been developing our fine motor skills by using Hama Beads to create pictures. Some children also wanted to turn them into a keyring for their book bags. In phonics we have been reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and our HFW's are (Mr, Mrs, don't). In maths we have been practising counting to 20.

Class 2 have been working on the book Wolves by Emily Gravett this week. They have completed some lovely drawings of happy wolves and scary wolves, written character descriptions and started to write a report all about wolves. I was impressed with the Y2s for remembering about noun phrases, commas and conjunctions. The Y1s did some excellent sounding out and used finger spaces to write their linked sentences. In maths, we have been working on money with the Y1s and recognising coins. The Y2s have completed their work on temperature and revisited addition using exchanging.

Class 3 - it's been a busy penultimate week! We finished reading *The Sheep-Pig* and have started watching *Babe*. Next, we'll be comparing the book with the film. In writing, we researched tea picking before producing our own reports. We've also completed our maths units, created artwork to accompany our own "Golden Rules" in RE, and rehearsed our songs for next week's performances — all while doing our best to keep cool in the warm weather!

Class 4 - rehearsals are well underway in Class 4 and the children are enjoying the play - props are now being used and the children are remembering lines without their scripts, which is great! We really hope that all the parents enjoy the show next week. In Maths, Y5 have been learning about angles and Y6 have been working on some challenges in readiness for secondary school. In history, the children have been exploring the Maya number system and considering primary and secondary sources to learn about this ancient civilisation. Y5 had a great time at Five Acres on Monday and they were complimented on their sensible behaviour on the bus; this was lovely to hear!

Great British Summer Savings

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

<https://summersavings.gov.uk>

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.



FREE EVENTS THIS SUMMER





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.