



Dear Parents/Carers

Y6 Leavers

What a lovely Leavers Assembly this afternoon to celebrate our wonderful Year 6's; we wish them nothing but the best in the next phase of their education. We are so very proud of you and know that you will make the most of every opportunity that comes your way!



Mrs Davis

We wish Mrs Davis a very happy retirement and would like to thank her for her support and care over the last 6 years.

Message from Mrs Davis

Dear Parents and Carers, thank you for all your support over the time I have been working at Soudley, Steam Mills and Woodside. During that time, there have been many changes to national education priorities; budgets; staff; buildings; National Curriculum; assessments; technologies and Local Authority systems to name but a few.

What has been constant is the drive and determination of all to provide the best for our school communities; it has been a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of staff and Governors for the benefit of your children. The ethos within our schools hasn't happened by chance, but through the hard work of all and I feel very privileged to have been a part of this. The school is in safe hands going forward!



Thank you for trusting your lovely children to our schools and I wish all families and children well for the summer and beyond. I hope the children enjoy using the book cushions at school and that they 'Keep Shining'!

Mrs Thomas

It is also sad to say goodbye to Mrs Thomas today, Mrs Thomas has worked at Steam Mills since 2014! Joining as a newly qualified Teacher and working her way to being our Deputy Head Teacher. She will be sorely missed but we wish her all the best in her new Headship role at St John's CE Academy from September.

Message from Mrs Thomas

Dear Parents, Carers and Children of Steam Mills,
Thank you all so much for your support for the last 12 years – it has been a great privilege to work in the Steam Mills community all this time and I feel very fortunate to have been a small part of this amazing school's journey. I have made some fantastic memories here and I will miss everyone – LOTS! I hope you all have a fantastic summer and wish you all the best for the future 😊

Diary Dates	
Summer Term 2026	
13 th April-20 th July	
INSET days: 20 th July	
Diary Dates (incl. Federation events)	
July	
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	
16 th Rags 2 Riches Collection	
23 rd Tempest Individual/Sibling photos	
October	
20 th Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Reception-Year 6	

Reminder of 5mph

Cinderford Town Council have added some extra 5mph signs to the track and have asked me to remind you that the carpark and track are strictly 5mph. This is for safety and also to preserve the surface material. Thank you.



Rags 2 Riches Collection – Wednesday 16th September

We have our next collection booked for 16th September so please do keep us in mind if you are having a sort out over the summer holidays. This link tells you what is included in collections. Thank you.
<https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/>

BC/ASC

Regular bookings will not be rolled over to the new school year. Please collect a booking form from reception and return asap. 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.

Class Snippets

Pre-school – this week Preschool turned into an Ice-cream Parlour, the children engaged in role-play using toy and real cones, ice cream scoops and the till. They enjoyed working together to make the 'orders' and use the till and money. The children also enjoyed buying an real ice cream from Lexi's shop!! We are currently enjoying a last day party, with lots of disco dancing and selfies.

Class 1 - really lush last week of school. The children have all been engaging with a lot of fine motor activities. Many of the children started the week making bracelets and as the week progressed, so has their creativity. Many of them have started to make dangly earrings, hair braids, and rings. Some children have continued to make pictures with the Hama beads. The children have enjoyed this week's celebrations, with the disco, in class parties and cake.

Class 2 have had a great last week of term. We completed our writing unit on Wolves. I was very impressed with the children's application of writing skills and they presented their work beautifully. In maths we have finished our work on money with the Y1s and Y2s have recapped addition. We had a lovely celebration morning on Thursday - we played a range of garden games including: bowling, giant snakes and ladders, connect four and lawn bowls. The children finished off the week with a film and cake. Have a fantastic summer break!

Class 3 have had a fantastic final week of the school year. We completed our guided reading by comparing *The Sheep-Pig* with *Babe* the film, and interestingly, most of the children preferred the book! We also spent time evaluating our artwork and enjoyed a big end-of-year quiz, which was lots of fun. Thank you so much for all the thoughtful gifts and kind words—they are greatly appreciated. Wishing everyone a wonderful, sunny summer!



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Iris - for showing more confidence when labelling her pictures independently.
Ella - for showing great enthusiasm when watching the leavers performance, joining in with the songs.

Class 1

Tilly - for being settled and calm when coming into school.
Aurora - for always doing exactly what she should be.
Star readers: Layton, Nori, Cooper

Class 2

Josie - for improved confidence when working with addition in maths.
Theo - great enthusiasm in his independent writing about castles.

Class 3

Noel - for being a great addition to Class 3.
Evie W - for showing determination and resilience in gymnastics this week
Annabelle and Robert - for being dancing "stars" at the last minute for the KS2 play.

Class 4

C4 - for doing a fantastic job with the KS2 production.



Class 4 did a fantastic job with their performance this week: the three performances went brilliantly - all audiences seem to really enjoy the production with lots of laughter and applause. Thank you so much to everyone who came to support the children. Y5 have finished their maths unit this week, learning about angles and the children got to play a big rounders game on the field behind school to round off their PE lessons this term. Y6 took part in a STEM day and they really enjoyed being able to use the VR headsets and create their work. In Music, they have improvised and created their own pieces to evaluate, which went very well - a great way to finish off a very busy year! We hope you all have a lovely, restful summer and best of luck to Y6 in their new adventure!



Pirate Wednesdays
FREE EVENT 11:00-14:30

Make your own model ship

Treasure hunt trail

Pirate biscuit making at Soudley Village Hall

Wednesday in the summer holidays

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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A PLACE, EMAIL
WILDEXPLORERSFS@GMAIL.COM



CINDERFORD TOWN YOUTH FC
 AND
CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL
 PRESENTS:
COMMUNITY FOOTBALL DAY



FRIDAY
24th JULY
2026

FOOTBALL SKILLS & DRILLS
 FUN MATCHES

AGES MATCHES

10AM - 1PM

MEET COACHES
 AWARDS & PRIZES

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL
CINDERFORD TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

ALL WELCOME! LETS PLAY!
 Supported by local partners

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.