



Steam Mills Primary

16.10.2026



Dear Parents/Carers

Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament

Our Year 5 and 6 football team had a fantastic morning at the Prostars football tournament on Friday 9th October. The children represented Steam Mills exceptionally well, winning three out of their four games and finishing second in their group. They narrowly missed out on a place in the semi-finals on goal difference but should be incredibly proud of their performance.

As this was the team's first tournament of the school year and their first time playing together, their efforts were particularly impressive. All the children showed fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the morning, supporting one another and giving their best in every game. Well-done to everyone involved! It was a brilliant start to the Year 5/6 football season, and the children should be very proud of how they represented our school.



Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

Now the weather is getting more "Wintery", on a Monday and Thursday After School Club will most likely be run from the Pre-school building, for the first hour, as the hall will be in use for Prostars. We are hoping to upgrade our intercom to help parent with collection but in the meantime, please buzz the office for access for that first hour. We also wanted to remind parents/carers not to supply food from home for children for these clubs as food is provided. Thank you.



5MPH

Please note that the approach to the car park, the car park and track area is **5MPH**. This is for everyone's safety and for the maintenance of the surface. Faster speeds kick up the gravel and exacerbate to the need for extra maintenance work which the school is keen to avoid. Thank you.

One-way System

A reminder to Parents/Carers that the track at the rear of the school is **one-way** we still have parents/carers going the wrong way. The school and the council who own the land are again appealing for co-operation with this system. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Term 1

1st September-23rd October

Term 2

2nd November-18th December

Term 3

4th January-12th February

Term 4

22nd February-25th March

Term 5

12th April-28th May

Term 6

7th June-21st July

Holidays and Half Terms

26th October-1st November

21st December-3rd January

15th February-21st February

26th March-11th April

31st May-6th June

INSET days:

1st September, 23rd October,

4th January, 28th May & 21st July

Diary Dates

October

19th Harvest Collection for Food Bank

20th Nasal Flu Vaccinations – whole school
C2 One Day Creative Workshop

21st Class 2 visit to Steam Mills Allotments
Harvest Festival Celebration – parents welcome! 2:45pm
Halloween Discos (Details to follow)

22nd Last day of Term 1 for children
FoSM Non-school Uniform

23rd Inset Training Day

November

2nd Start of Term 2

4th Class 4 Trip to Bletchley Park

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.

Safer Roads – 20mph Consultation

Gloucestershire County Council have now launched their engagement on proposals for Safer Roads and Community 20s in Cinderford and surrounding areas, including Ruspidge, Soudley and Littledean. This engagement will run until midnight on Sunday 8 November. Please take part as the proposal includes plans to reduce the speed on Steam Mills road to 30mph which the school fully supports!

More information on the proposals can be found at: [Cinderford and surrounding areas – Safer Roads and Community 20s | Have Your Say Gloucestershire](#)

Harvest Festival Food Bank Collection w/c 19th October

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we will once again be collecting donations for the Forest Food Bank. Please send donations into school w/c 19th October, the Food Bank find that the following items are particularly useful:



Tinned Tomatoes, UHT Fruit Juice, Smash, Sponge Puddings, Jelly, Angel Delight, Jam, Packet Soup, instant Noodles, Multipack Crisps, UHT Milk, Tinned Spaghetti and Pasta Sauce. Toiletries and household products such as Washing Powder, Toilet Rolls and Washing-up Liquid are also useful.



Childhood Nasal Flu Programme – Reception to Year 6 – Tuesday 20th October

The NHS school vaccination team will be visiting on Tuesday 20th October. All parents/carers should now have received an email with information. Please let the school office know if you have not received this. **It is important for all parents/carers either accept or decline this offer via the on-line portal; all nil responses will be followed up.**

Harvest Festival Assembly – Wednesday 21st October

We will be holding a Harvest Festival Assembly on Wednesday 21st October at 2:45pm, all Parents/Carers are welcome. Collection of children will then be at the normal time (3:00pm for Pre-school and 3:15pm for C1-4) from your usual collection point.

Friends of Steam Mills Halloween School Discos!!! Wednesday 21st October

FoSM have set the date for the next school discos for **Wednesday 21st October.**

KS1 Disco 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

(Pre-school, Reception, Year 1 and 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 you have siblings in the two different key stage 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

FoSM Non-school Uniform Day last school day of term – Thursday 22nd October

This day will also be a non-school uniform day and FoSM are asking for a donation of £1 to go towards fundraising please. Thank you.

Class Snippets

Little Oaks – we started off our week by reading **101 Spooky Bums!** The children have loved creating bubbly cauldrons and pumpkin suncatchers. We have invented some Magic Potions too - pouring, filling, emptying and transferring coloured bubbly water, using various sized spoons and ladles, and adding toy bugs to mini cauldrons, cake cases and saucepans. The children have explored green, black and orange glass beads - using them for counting, matching to numbers and making shapes and pictures.



Class 1 – lots of Autumnal and harvest themed learning this week. The children have continued to explore the pumpkins, by decorating them, hammering golf tees into them and using them to make pumpkin soup. We have been looking at harvest and where our food comes from and thinking about who we are thankful for, for bringing us our food. In maths we have been looking at the concept of more and fewer. In phonics we have learnt the sounds e, u, r and HFW's (got, get, not, on, cat, dog).

Star readers: Billy, Izzy, Izaak, Hero, Willow, Alexander, Hadley, Ivy, Tommie, Hudson, Nela & Jay.

Class 2 have impressed me with their writing this week. The Y2s have been using the conjunction 'but' to join two main clauses. I have seen some beautiful handwriting using cursive. In PE, children explored how to sequence movements linking rolls, handstands and stretches. Their artwork has been amazing! The children have used chalks to create pictures inspired by the great fire of London and have layered these with collage to show the buildings. Sounds for the week- Y1- u-e in clue, u-e in cube and ar in car. Y2s- looking at dropping the e and adding ing suffix e.g made becomes making.

Class 3 – another busy week in Class 3! The children have been exploring the features of non-chronological reports before planning and writing their own reports about an alien. In maths, Year 3 have been learning about horizontal, vertical and perpendicular lines, while Year 4 have been exploring different quadrilaterals, including rhombuses, parallelograms and trapeziums. In art, we headed outside onto the field to develop our observational skills and practise adding detail to our work. We also had a great time swimming on Tuesday and are looking forward to a fun final session next week!

Class 4 – it's been another busy week! In maths, Year 6 have shown great perseverance with long division, and it has been lovely to see them feeling proud of their progress. Year 5 have demonstrated a strong understanding of decimals and have enjoyed challenging themselves with our 'Solve It' questions. In English, the whole class have been on the edge of their seats listening to *Goodnight Mister Tom*, particularly the chapter 'The Rescue'. The children are excited to write their own newspaper reports based on this next week. In history, we explored primary and secondary sources to deepen our understanding of our World War II topic and what life was like during this time.

Debt Policy

A reminder that the school has a no debt policy. Please ensure that any Breakfast Club and After School Club bookings are paid for via ParentPay in advance. Many thanks

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!**



Cinderford
PADEL CLUB

PRE-LAUNCH INFORMATION EVENING

YOUR CHANCE TO BE PART OF SOMETHING EXCITING!

Join us for an exclusive information evening and find out everything you need to know about Cinderford Padel Club – straight from the team!

WE'LL BE COVERING:

- THE NEW PADEL CLUB**
Hear about our vision, values and what makes Cinderford Padel Club special.
- HOW IT WILL BE RUN**
Our plans, structure and community focus.
- COURT HIRE PRICES**
Find out how much it will cost to hire the courts.
- OPENING TIMETABLE**
When the courts will be available and what to expect.
- FOUNDER MEMBERSHIPS**
Be the first to find out about our exclusive Founder Memberships and the benefits.
- REGISTER FOR THE LAUNCH EVENT**
How to sign up for our official launch event on Wednesday, 11th November 2026.
- MEET THE TEAM**
Get to know the team, ask questions and share your ideas.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER 2026
7PM – 9PM

BELL SPORTS & RUGBY PARK CLUB HOUSE
Dockham Road, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, GL14 2AQ

BE PART OF OUR PADEL JOURNEY

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PLAY / CONNECT / BELONG

halloween disco

28TH OCT
5PM TO 7PM

FREE ENTRY!

THE WESLEY
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WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER
5PM TO 7PM

KS1 & KS2
PARENTS PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN

JOHN KYRLE HIGH SCHOOL
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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 22 October

5.00pm – 7.30pm

Come and discover John Kyrle High School

REGISTER TO ATTEND

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PARENTS
WANNA TAKE THE STRESS AWAY

BEFORE CHRISTMAS?

WE ARE OFFERING

THREE DAYS

PRE CHRISTMAS

DRAMA WORKSHOPS

7 - 11 yrs

DECEMBER 21st, 22nd & 23rd

9.00am - 6.00pm

£35 day/ £30 siblings

£60 2 days/ £50 siblings

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We look forward to 3 creative and fun packed days.

As always, please do let us know if you have any questions, concerns 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 and our Senior Leadership Team are : Mrs Mason (Executive Head Teacher), Mrs Fawkes (Executive Deputy Head Teacher) and Mrs Mclean (Senior Teacher)