

Steam Mills Primary

06.02.2026



Dear Parents/Carers

Reminder – Car Park

Please could we remind all visitors to the school that the car park has a **5mph** speed limit for the safety of all users. This also includes Breakfast Club and After School Club visitors. Thank you.



FoS M Meeting – Monday 9th February

There will be a FoS M Meeting on Monday after school at 3:15pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and support this very important part of Steam Mills Primary.



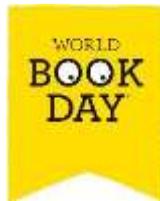
Bikeability Training for Year 5's – Tuesday 10th February

The start of Bikeability Training has been put back to start on Tuesday 10th February. Please ensure that all bikes are brought in first thing on **Tuesday**. Thank you.



World Epilepsy Day – Tuesday 10th February

World Epilepsy Day will be taking place on Tuesday 10th February. To mark this day, children are welcome to wear an item of purple e.g. a purple hair clip, purple socks, along with their normal school uniform. This is to raise awareness of epilepsy.



World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

World book day is on Thursday 5th March. To celebrate this year we will be wearing pyjamas to have a hot chocolate and story. We will also be running a book swap on this day. Please wrap a book up at home and write 3 clues on the front of the paper e.g. The Gruffalo- preschool/ EYFS book, animals, forest. Children will be able to bring these books into their classes and swap as a mystery book. They will then keep the book that they have chosen from the swap. Children will be completing other book themed activities during the school day.

Forest School – Reception Children

Mrs Evans is planning to restart Forest School on Friday mornings after half-term from **Friday 27th March**. Please ensure your child comes into school dressed appropriately and also has wellingtons.

Diary Dates

Spring Term 2026

5th January-27th March

Summer Term 2026

13th April-20th July

Half Terms

16th February-20th February

25th May-29th May

INSET days: 22nd May & 20th July

Diary Dates (incl. Federation events)

February

9th Y5's Bikeability Training

Mental Health Week

FoS M Meeting 3:15pm

10th World Epilepsy Day

11th **Federation Mental Health Afternoon Y5/6**

13th FoS M Non-school Uniform £1 donation

Last day of Term 3

23rd Start of Term 4

SATS Booster sessions start for Y6

24th C2 start Gymnastics

March

5th World Book Day

18th In the Net – Y4's to St. Whites

20th Y1&Y2 Trip to Slimbridge

24th Parents Evening (details to follow)

Federation PE Morning Y1/2

25th Parents Evening

27th FoS M Non-school Uniform Day – bottles for Summer Fayre Tombola

End of Term 4

April

13th Start of Term 5

15th Class 4 Residential Trip

17th

May

7th Tempest Photography – Class photos and leavers photos

11th SATS week

Rags 2 Riches

20th FoS M Non-school Uniform Day – Tombola for Summer Fayre

21st Sponsored Walk

22nd Inset Training Day and last day of Term 5

June

1st Start of Term 6

12th Sports Morning

18th Federation Day (Sports) Y3/4am, Y5/6pm

AiP Menus

Our Caterers have sent through new menus for after the half-term break. These are now on ParentPay ready for booking.

LUNCH Week 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main 1: Roasted Tomato Pasta Bake	Chicken Curry	Roast Chicken	Mixed Pizza	Fish Fingers with Chips
Main 2: Roast Butties & Wedges	Vegetable Box	Cheese & Tomato Party	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegetable Burger & Chips
Seasonal Vegetables	Green Beans	Broccoli	Seasonal Vegetables	Pasta & Baked Beans
Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Deserts: Chocolate & Banana Brownie	Fatty Lemon Curd	Fatty Orange Pudding	Carrot Cake Tray Bake	Fatty Yoghurt Trifle
W/C 21/4; 12/5, 26/5, 23/6, 14/7, 15/9, 6/10				
MENU KEY:				

LUNCH Week 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main 1: Mac & Cheese	Home's Choice	Roast Chicken	Half Lasagne	Fish Fingers & Chips
Main 2: Fajita Chilli & Rice	Stir Fry Vegetables & Rice	Handmade Vegetarian Sausage Roll	Crispy Potato Shells & Tomato & Onion Sauce	Onion Bhaji & Naan
Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Steamed Cabbage	Spring Onion & Pot	Pasta & Baked Beans
Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Deserts: Fruity Banana Bunchie	Spicy Ginger Cake	Fruit Shoots	Fruit Jelly	Raspberry Flapjacks
W/C: 28/4, 19/5, 6/5, 3/6, 21/7, 1/8, 22/9, 13/10				
MENU KEY:				

LUNCH Week 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main 1: Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Chicken Wrap & Rice	Roast Chicken	Pasta Bolognese	Fish & Chips
Main 2: Chorizo & Sweet Potato Curry	Chilli Vegetable Tray Bake	Cheese Potato & Lasagne	Summer Garden & New Potatoes	Crispy Nuggets & Choc
Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Carrots & Peas	Broccoli	Pasta & Baked Beans
Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Deserts: Rich Chocolate Brownie	Fatty Tomato & Onion Pudding	Fatty Jaffa Puds	Apricot & Orange Pudding	Fatty Trifle
W/C 5/5, 26/5, 16/6, 7/7, 8/9, 29/9, 20/10				
MENU KEY:				



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Iris - for showing more independence during her days at Pre-school.

Hadley - for continuing to do a fabulous job at labelling his work with a 'H'.

Grayson - for giving a very detailed account of Patch's stay.

Class 1

Noah - for his keen attitude to reading.

Ocean - for her perseverance in phonics.

Class 2

Ivie - for great sounding out in her writing.

Caitlin - for always being a kind and caring friend.

Class 3

Oliver - improved attitude towards his learning.

Isla - for always being her best.

Class 4

Cole - for making a huge effort with his handwriting.

Brandon - for improved efforts in his learning.

Attendance Snippet

How much could I be fined if my child misses school?

How many penalty notices can I get? From the 2024-25 school year, the fine for school absence penalty notices across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. If you do not pay the fine you may be prosecuted in court. If a parent receives a second penalty notice for the same child within any three-year period, the charge will be a flat rate of £160; there will be no reduction if paid within 21 days. Penalty notices for absence before the 2024-25 school year do not count. A parent cannot receive more than two penalty notices for the same child within any three-year period. This is because it is clear that previous penalty notices have not worked. Once this limit has been reached, another action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. Penalty notices for absence before the 2024-25 school year do not count in this limit.

Class Snippets

Pre-School – this week we have been looking at the Gruffalo story, a very familiar story with the children and they have loved describing the Gruffalo and his features.



The children have had a whale of a time in the Gruffalo crumble sensory tray - complete with carrot 'orange eyes' pea 'poisonous warts' and mini marshmallow 'horrible teeth' - making Gruffalo crumble! They have used lots of lovely mathematical and descriptive language, re telling the story, describing the Gruffalos features and sharing the space and 'ingredients'! They have also created their own Gruffalo face using various methods and materials. The children have really enjoyed looking at our initial letter sounds-SATPIN, where they have initiated adding magnetic letters to our display.

Class 1 – we have continued our learning about the moon this week and we learnt some interesting facts about how the moon has less gravity and no atmosphere, meaning humans cannot breathe on the moon. We have furthered this learning by exploring the first moon landing and connected our thoughts by realising why it was essential for Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin to wear space suits. In phonics reception sound has been 'er' and in maths we revisited the concept of more and fewer.

Class 2 had a brilliant week and amazed me with their fantastic work. In religion and worldviews the children learnt about Rakhi bracelets and the ceremony between siblings. They designed their own bracelets and made them using beads. In music they have been using amazing vocabulary to describe folk music and enjoyed dancing to Lord of the Dance. They are learning to clap to the beat and create their own improvised musical rhythms. In geography we explored countries on the Equator and counties in the Arctic to compare them. The children loved seeing arctic animals and the illuminated waters of Jamaica. Sounds for the week are ear- (air) pear and ear- (er) tear Y1 and kn silent k in knees for Y2s. We celebrated international hijab week by reading lots of stories, designing prayer mats and designing hijabs.

Class 3 have been working incredibly hard this week. In writing, the children have written and edited a set of instructions, focusing on imperative verbs, time adverbials and clear, detailed steps. They are looking forward to publishing their work next week. In maths, Year 4 have completed their addition unit and begun exploring formal written methods for subtraction, while Year 3 have started work on column addition. In PE, the children practised passing the baton in relay races, and in RE they explored and compared different Christian denominations. A great penultimate week of the term.

Class 4 have worked hard this week to write their Just So stories - they have had some really creative ideas about their plots and how certain features of animals came to be. In Maths, Y6 have been exploring and consolidating their knowledge about 3D shapes and Year 5 have started their new unit on multiplication and division - they are learning formal methods for both of these operations, including long multiplication and short division. In Geography, they have been exploring the different biomes within South America due to the size of the continent and in Science, they have conducted an investigation into how humans grow at different rates. The children considered the type of graph they would need for this and how they could represent their data. Thank you to the children who represented our school at the Football Tournament; the feedback has been positive and they had a great time.

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.

February Half Term at the Museum!

It's a busy Half Term packed with hands-on activities, creative workshops and plenty for families to explore. Creative makes, family fun and brilliant ways to dive into history all week long.

Art Explorers: Arts & Crafts Trail Sat 14 - Sun 22 Feb | £2 per trail

Follow the trail through puppets, pottery and nature-loving makers, try creative challenges and design your own patterns. Finish it and you'll earn a nature-inspired stamper to take home.

Making Folk: Crafting Charms and Folk Motifs Sat 14 Feb, 1-4 pm | £5

Get creative with natural materials, beads and fabric as you make your own charms or stitch folk-inspired motifs. For all ages, proudly part of Gloucester Folk Trail.

Hands On History: Object Handling with the Birdlip Mirror Sun 15 & Wed 18 Feb | £1 donation

Take a closer look at our Birdlip Mirror replicas and discover their stories with our Visitor Experience Assistant. This relaxed drop-in is free, with a suggested £1 donation. Great for families aged 3+.

Brick Builders Club: The Great Outdoors Tue 17 Feb, 10am - 1pm | £3 per child

Get creative with nature-themed LEGO challenges inspired by our Arts & Crafts displays. Build landscapes, dream up wild creatures or invent something totally new. Pick up fun prompts and let your imagination take over. Suitable for ages 5+.

Glorious Glevum Tour Wed 18 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Explore Roman Glevum with Lucius Sita, our resident auxiliary soldier. Discover why the Romans chose Gloucester, what daily life looked like and the hidden treasures inside the museum.

Medieval Mercenary Tour of the Eastgate Chamber Sat 21 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Join Sir Miles, our medieval mercenary, for a fascinating trip into the Eastgate Chamber. Explore its history, uncover old myths and hear the superstitions that have surrounded this hidden space for centuries.



Newent Community School & Sixth Form Centre



YEAR 6 OPEN DAY
Wednesday 4th March 2026 10.00am - 12 noon.

The HEART of our school



**Honesty
Excellence
Accountability
Respect
Teamwork**



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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