



Steam Mills Primary

11.07.2025



Dear Parents/Carers

Staff

We said a sad goodbye and good luck to Miss Stones from Class 1 yesterday and are looking forward to welcoming back Miss Byrnes from Maternity Leave on Monday. We also welcome back Mrs Warren, our Family Support Worker/Teaching Assistant, from her Maternity Leave on Monday. Thank you to Miss Carlson for covering this Family Support Role and to Mrs Dickinson for covering the Teaching Assistant role whilst Mrs Warren has been away.

Party Invites

Please ensure that any party invites are handed out by Parents/Carers in the playground wherever possible and not sent into school for the teaching staff to action this. The school is not able to communicate with Parents/Carers on your behalf to chase missing responses. Please, if your child does receive a party invite, could you rsvp directly to the invitee to say yes or no. Thank you.

Mrs Thomas – 3 Peaks Challenge

Mrs Thomas will be taking part in a National 3 Peaks Challenge during the school holidays; supporting the charity, Mind. Some parents have requested the fundraising link so here it is if you wish to support and donate.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/jen-doz-3-peaks?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Good luck Mrs Thomas!



Diary Dates

Summer Term 2025

28th April-21st July

INSET days:

21st July

Diary Dates (incl. Federation events) July

14th KS2 Performance Dress Rehearsal

15th KS2 Parents Performances
9:30am and 5:30pm

17th FoSM Summer Disco

18th Year 6 Leavers Service 1:30
Last Day of Term 6 for children
NO ASC CLUBS

21st Inset Training Day

September

1st Inset Training Day

2nd Start of Term 1
Class 3 Start Swimming

17th Rags to Riches collection

26th Nasal Flu Vaccinations – whole school

October

16th Reading Cafe

Breakfast Club and After School Club Expansion from September

As part of the national wraparound childcare programme and the Government's ambition that by 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it will be able to access term time childcare in their local area from 8am-6pm, we are expanding our After School Club until 6pm from September. The programme will enable parents to work a full day with travel time. To reflect this expansion we will have extra places and our timings/charges have been adjusted, as follows:

Breakfast Club from September :

7:45am-8:45am £4 (Free to FSM families)

8:00am-8:45am £3 (Free to FSM families)

7:45am-9:00am (Pre-school) £5

8:00am-9:00am (Pre-school) £4

After School Club from September:

3:00pm-4:30pm (Pre-school) £6

3:00pm-6:00pm (Pre-school) £12

3:15pm-4:30pm £5

3:15pm-6:00pm £11

Booking forms are available from reception and all payments are via ParentPay **in advance**. Please ask at the school office if you have any questions or queries.

This provision and changes will be monitored and under constant review.



Prostars

Prostars are looking for new players for our district groups. If there are any talented football players at our school, please make contact using the forms below. If parents have any questions, please contact Mark Yearly.

Under 5/6s- <https://forms.gle/bz8hCmnKu2k9oHVcA>
Girls Group (Year 3-7)-

<https://forms.gle/WGS7nYh7wGFqf5pH8>

Under 7/8/9/10/11/14s-

<https://forms.gle/7cRe4MB2FLGRPtL9>

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.

End of Year Reports

The children's reports will be sent home via email again this year, during the last week of term, directly from our school systems. It is really important that we have your up to date **email address** details in order for you to receive the report. Please let Miss Agg know if you need to update your email details. The report will give an attendance overview; should you require a full SIMS Attendance Report, please contact Miss Agg.

FoSM Summer Discos – Thursday 17th July

The end of year Summer Discos will take place on Thursday 17th July.

KS1 Disco 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm (Pre-school, Reception, 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 18th July - 1:30pm

Our Leavers Service will take place on Friday 18th 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.**

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.



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Noah - Showing more resilience in play

Jude - Showing more confidence amongst his peers.

Class 1

The whole of Class 1 – for being amazing and making Miss Stones very proud!

Class 2

Tate - wonderful manners, always friendly and kind.
Charlie W - fantastic bravery, what a great improvement in swimming.

Elodie - excellent information about Victorians.

Daphne - beautiful blending of watercolours.

Class 3

Emmie - for excellent effort in all areas of learning.

Sonny - for being helpful during science experiments.

Class 4

Pacey & Luca - For thoughtful and sensitive responses in SRE as part of our PSHE learning.



New AIP Menus from September

The menus have been uploaded to ParentPay ready for September. Please let the school office know if you have any issues booking lunches.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken & Sweet Potato	Beef & Cheddar	Beef Chosen with Roast Potatoes	Beef & Cheddar	Beef & Cheddar
Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Peas	Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Peas	Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Peas	Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Peas	Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Peas
Salad & Fruit	Salad & Fruit	Salad & Fruit	Salad & Fruit	Salad & Fruit
Apple & Cheese	Apple & Cheese	Apple & Cheese	Apple & Cheese	Apple & Cheese

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Salad & Fruit	Salad & Fruit	Salad & Fruit	Salad & Fruit	Salad & Fruit
Apple & Cheese	Apple & Cheese	Apple & Cheese	Apple & Cheese	Apple & Cheese

Class Snippets

Pre-school - this week the children have enjoyed lots of water play, developing their fine motor skills by using syringes to squirt objects and one another, pouring, filling, emptying and transporting the water from different places and containers; we even enjoyed a few cheeky paddles....getting our feet out and cooling off! The Preschool leavers celebrated the end of their Preschool journey with a little party on Wednesday, too.



Class 1 – we have enjoyed water play outside this week and also produced our water colour beach scenes, which incorporated everything we enjoyed from our visit last week to the beach. In Phonics, we recapped our high frequency words and in English we finished reading The Lighthouse Keeper Lunch and from this discussed our favourite foods. We then had some of these foods as part of a lovely picnic snack; this was a little goodbye treat from Miss Stones.

Class 2 – we've been busy again this week in Class 2! The children have been working hard on retelling Goldilocks and reading stories with different perspectives. We did some role play of Goldilocks and the 3 bears; the children loved this and always enjoy acting like characters from our stories. We have also been working on our art project. We have looked at L S Lowry, we will be creating a final piece to share very soon! The children have also begun a non-chronological report to share their knowledge about the Victorians.

Class 3 enjoyed their violin performance on Wednesday. It was lovely to see parents/family members at the concert - thank you. They did an amazing job and have learnt lots of musical skills over the last few weeks. We have been busy rehearsing for the end of year performance and the children joined Class 4 for the choir. Please remember to bring children back to school on Tuesday evening for the evening performance. In DT, we made flavoured flatbreads and evaluated the flavours. The children enjoyed the stringy cheese flavours and chocolate chips in sweet flatbreads.

Class 4 have had a creative week this week. First completing their free verse poetry! They were able to choose their own topic for each poem to give them creative freedom. There was a variety of topics from Christmas to Fishing and it was lovely to read all their ideas. Today has been a fun filled day with Prostar's providing a darts morning and then water activities in the afternoon – a lovely way to wind down after a busy school year. They have also been hard at work perfecting and finalising the Leavers' Play. We are so proud of the hard work they are putting in and all of Class 4 cannot wait to show you next week!

[Holiday free school meal vouchers - Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Applications for the Holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme for Summer 2025 holidays will open on 24th June 2025. To register for the upcoming school holiday free school meal vouchers, please use the link below when it becomes available. **Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for the summer holiday vouchers.** [Free school meals | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

We have received additional contact details if needed or you are struggling to access the new HAF system:

Email: HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Phone: 01452 427960 Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm, from 12pm Monday 30th June

Live Chat (New): We are now able to provide support via a live chat feature on the new HAF booking system website, this will be available Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm, from 12noon on Monday 30th June.

To sign up to the HAF website (Beebot): <https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/>

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.

What's On This Summer!	
Sat 12 Jul	Behind The Scenes Tour Join us for a unique tour of the museum galleries and storage areas.
Sat 19 Jul - Sun 31 Aug	Museum in a Cube - Family Trail Museum in a Cube is a hands-on, interactive adventure through the museum... designed for families to enjoy together! Ages 3+
Sat 19 Jul	Moominmamma Jam of Kindness : Story & Craft Adventure A Moomin-inspired session celebrating kindness through storytelling and creative sharing. Ages 3+
Sat 19 Jul	Roman Soldier Tour of Eastgate Chamber Join our friendly Roman Soldier, Lucius, for a self-guided tour of the Eastgate Chamber. Ages 3+
Tue 22 Jul & Fri 20 Aug	Moomin Tales & Adventure: Storytelling with Exhibition Visit Enjoy magical tales, then explore the enchanting world of the Moomins ABC exhibition! Ages 3+
Thu 24 Jul & Sat 16 Aug	LEGO Moominvalley: Moomitroll's Maker Time A creative adventure to design and construct your own piece of Moominvalley. Ages 5+
Sat 26 Jul & Wed 27 Aug	Doc Saurus: Fossil Hunter Dig for fossils, uncover hidden treasures, and learn fascinating facts about ancient civilisations.
Wed 30 Jul	Glorious Glevum Tour A guided introduction to Roman Glevum and its secrets. Suitable for the museum.
Tue 5 Aug	LEGO Moominvalley: Snufkins Quiet Corner Enjoy building in a quiet environment with soft lighting, calming sounds. Ages 3+
Wed 6 Aug & Wed 13 Aug	Ghosts & Ancestors: A Moomin Story & Craft Adventure A magical storytelling journey with Moomintroll, then craft your dreams into paper ships and collect in a water bottle! Ages 3+
Sat 9 Aug & Sat 13 Sep	Comet Wishes: A Moomin Story & Craft Adventure A magical storytelling journey with Moomintroll, then craft your dreams into paper ships and collect in a water bottle! Ages 3+
Tue 19 Aug	LEGO Moominvalley: Little My's Fidgety Fun Explore, create, and play out with ages 3+

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