



Steam Mills Primary 12.12.2025



Parents/Carers

Christmas Trips!

Here are some photos of the recent trip to Raglan farm Park, including the cheeky Elf from Class 2!



FoSM Christmas Fayre – Friday 5th December

As promised, here is the total raised from the Christmas Fayre, we raised an amazing **£659.75** which will go towards the next events and trips for the children.

EYFS and KS1 Performance – Born in a Barn

Tickets have now been sent home next week and extra tickets released where possible. Please remember that children will need to be in school at **4:30pm** on **Tuesday 16th December** to prepare for the evening performance.



Christingle Service at the Church – Classes 2-4

We now have enough volunteers for the walk to the church next week - **Wednesday 17th December (1:30pm)** but you are still welcome to join us if you have not volunteered. Thank you.



Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2025

1st Sept-19th December

Spring Term 2026

5th January-27th March

Summer Term 2026

13th April-20th July

Half Terms

27th October-31st October

16th February-20th February

25th May-29th May

INSET days: 5th January, 22nd May & 20th July

Diary Dates (incl. Federation events)

December

15th EYFS/KS1 Nativity Rehearsal

16th EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performances
9:30am and 5:00pm

17th Christmas Dinner Day &
Christmas Jumper Day
Christingles and walk to the Church

18th Christmas Parties

19th Last Day of Term 2
Christmas Carol Service-1:30pm
(no Prostars or ASC)

January

5th Start of Term 3 - Inset Training Day

6th Children in for 1st day of term
C4 Start Swimming Lessons (pm)



Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 17th December

Please remember to book your child's Christmas Lunch, please could this be done by Monday. Please book via ParentPay, there is a Christmas Roast option, Vegetarian option or sandwiches; please note that there are no Jacket Potato options on this day (we are unable to remove them from ParentPay on this day). Please contact Miss Agg if you have any queries. Thank you.



Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Lunch Day is also Christmas Jumper Day! All children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their School Jumper, all other uniform should be as usual. We will be collecting £1 per child for Save the Children for those that would like to donate. Thank you.



Christmas Party Day - Thursday 18th December

Next Thursday is Christmas Party Day for all the children and they can come into school with non-school uniform/party wear on this day. Please note sensible shoes are still required (no high heels) and appropriate clothing (eg. no cropped tops).



Carol Concert – Friday 19th December

Our annual Christmas Carol Concert will be taking place in the school hall at 1:30pm on Friday 19th December. All parent/carers are welcome to attend. This marks the end of the school term and children are welcome to leave after, with their Parent/Carer. This should be at approximately 2:15pm. Children not leaving early will stay in their class until the usual collection time of 3:15pm (3:00pm for Pre-school).



After School Club and Prostars Club –Friday 19th December

With this last Friday being an optional early finish for children, approx. 2:15pm after the Carol Service, there will be no Prostars Clubs running. As we have not heard from any parents, After School Club will not be running on this day. Thank you.

Class Snippets - (Article 28- children have the right to an Education. Article 29- Education should develop a child's talents, personalities and beliefs)

Pre-school – this week has been very busy; Preschool have created sparkly stars and fingerprint Christmas lights. We have also been practising our beautiful singing for the nativity. The Preschool building has slowly got emptier as the week has gone on and the children have coped so wonderfully and embraced the changes and space so well.

Class 1 – lots of Christmas activities this week. In the continuous provision the children could write letters to Father Christmas, use their coordination and fine motor skills to wrap presents and lots of Christmas colouring. We have also been doing a lot of nativity practise ready for next week. Our sound this week is ar for farm and we have been revisiting HFW's from the past term. In maths we were looking at zero and the importance of it being a place holder. We have been using our



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Sienna – great perseverance and confidence when forming letters from her name.

Jay – for super tidying independently.

Grayson – for showing more independence.

Hero – great effort during the Nativity practice.

Ella – being so kind and caring to a child during their tester session.

Class 1

Tilly - for her focus during nativity practise.

Nori - for always being brilliant at tidying.

Star Readers - Reggie, Locke, Noah, Logan, Livvie-Mae, Layton.

Class 2

Tobiasz – for lovely clear speaking in Nativity practice.

Toby – for swimming on his front and back for a whole width with a noodle.

Class 3

Lily - for great effort in writing.

Alfie - for having a great learning attitude.

Class 4

Poppy – for increased perseverance and effort in Maths.

Blake P – for listening to feedback and striving to improve.

maths skills to write how many children were in class each day and to do the calendar. All children have been given a Christmas booklet to complete over the Christmas holidays.

Class 2 – in Phonics Year 2 have been working on suffixes and contractions and Year 1's have been learning ew (cool blue). In Maths Year 1 have been doing addition and subtraction facts for 10 and Year 2 have been counting in steps of 3, repeated addition and multiplication. Excellent rehearsals again for the Nativity performance and they are all looking forward to performing for you next week.

Class 3 - we've had another fantastic week! The children have completed their information texts based on this term's science learning and have enjoyed reading an adapted version of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, particularly exploring the character of Ebenezer Scrooge. Both year groups have now finished their maths units for the year—well done! We also welcomed Charlotte L. Taylor on Tuesday to learn about the legend of Grýla and create our own comic strips. To top it off, we've been practising our songs for next week's carol concert, and the festive excitement is building!

Class 4 have been writing their final pieces in English this week, with explanations of how their Mars Rover designs work, and with an introductory paragraph. The children have tried hard to use upscale language and have considered what capabilities their robots will need; their final pieces have been looking great! In Geography, they have been using grid references to crack codes and in Science, they have started to use their learning to write their own non-chronological reports about Space. During PE, they were testing their heart rates at different stations to see which type of exercise caused their heart rate to rise the most. The children were set Homework last week to invite parents to a show and share next Thursday 18th December at 2.30pm. Please come and join us to see what the children have achieved this term!



During the Christmas holidays the Coleford distribution centre at the Salvation Army in Broadwell GL16 7BX will be open on Wednesday 24th December but then all the distribution centres will be closed over the Christmas period. The last session before Christmas for Lydney distribution centre will be on 16th December and for Cinderford will be 18th December. Lydney distribution centre at the River Family and children's centre, Naas Lane Lydney GL15 5AU

opens after Christmas on 6th January 2026, Coleford opens on 7th January 2026 and Cinderford at The Forest Community church will be open on 8th January 2026.

To get help look on our website <https://theforest.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and thank you all for the tremendous support that all schools in the area give to us.

**DI BURNETT PRE CHRISTMAS
DRAMA WORKSHOP**
7 - 12yrs
DEC 22nd & 23rd
9am - 6pm

Venue:
The Forns
Mitcheldean GL17 0BG

**£30.00 day/
£50.00 2 days
£5 reduction
daily siblings**

**CONFIDENCE
SKILLS
FRIENDS
FUN**

07977 147273

ABOUT DI BURNETT AND THE BURNETTS
It is a great thing to have Theatre in schools for a number of years and we are all looking forward to the 20th anniversary of the Burnetts Theatre. We have a special offer for schools to book a workshop for their children. The Burnetts Theatre has been running for over 20 years and is dedicated to giving children the opportunity to experience the magic of Theatre. We are a company of professional actors and we are happy to share our knowledge and experience with the children of the Forest of Dean. We are a company of professional actors and we are happy to share our knowledge and experience with the children of the Forest of Dean.

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CONTACT DETAILS:
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**PROSTARS
FOOTBALL CAMP**

Three Dates, 10am - 12pm

Bookings:
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CHRISTMAS

**PROSTARS
HOLIDAY CLUBS**
FOREST OF DEAN
Join us for camps full of
festive games, activities,
sports and crafts.

PAID BOOKINGS:
Prostars.ipalbookings.com

HAF BOOKINGS:
familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/forestofdean-haf

VENUES:
Primrose Hill - Lydney
Berry Hill - Coleford

**Gloucestershire
HAF**

BOOKS of the BIBLE
LEARN ABOUT JESUS
BRING MATES
OLD **NEW**

Scripture
xsite
Forest of Dean

AGES 7-YR7
FUN + GAMES
Music

**Saturday 17th
January 2026
5pm-7pm St
James Church
Centre, Bream**

**Contact us @
xsiteforestofdean
@gmail.com**

A light snack will be served

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