



# Steam Mills Primary

13.06.2025



Dear Parents/Carers

## School Parliaments visit the Houses of Parliament.

On Tuesday 10th June the children of the School Councils of the The Forest Federation schools of Soudley, Steam Mills and Woodside visited the Houses of Parliament to learn more about how Parliament works. Leaving the Forest at an early start of 6:30am, the children and accompanying staff enjoyed a full day in London.

A great day was had by all - we had a great tour of the palace; we got to enter the palace through the royal entrance and then went through the House of Lords. We got to see a real-life debate on clean energy in the House of Commons, then we had our workshop to explain in more detail how laws are made. Matt Bishop, our MP for the Forest of Dean, then came to speak to us. We had lunch and a stroll past parliament to the gift shop. The children seemed to really enjoy the day and were a credit to all of the schools. It was a long day but well worth it! The children fed back to the school via an assembly (Class 3 will have an update in due course via their Council Members).



## Sports Morning

Thank you to all those that joined us for Sports Morning, it is always such a lovely occasion. The children did so well with the races/events and the weather was thankfully kind to us in the end!



## Diary Dates

### Summer Term 2025

28<sup>th</sup> April-21<sup>st</sup> July

### Half Term

26<sup>th</sup> May - 30<sup>th</sup> May

### INSET days:

21<sup>st</sup> July

### Diary Dates (incl. Federation events) June

19<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 to Woodside for Federation Sports

Reading Café – all welcome

20<sup>th</sup> Judo Sessions for all classes

23<sup>rd</sup> Bump up Morning

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27<sup>th</sup> Class 2 Trip to SS Great Britain Summer Fayre

30<sup>th</sup> Five Acres Welcome Week

### July

1<sup>st</sup> Extra Bump up morning EYFS, KS1 and Class 3

2<sup>nd</sup> Class 2 Whole school assembly – 2:30pm

3<sup>rd</sup> YR/Y1 & Y2 Trip seaside trip to Porthcawl

8<sup>th</sup> Extra Bump up morning EYFS & KS1

9<sup>th</sup> Class 3 Violin Performance

14<sup>th</sup> KS2 Performance Dress Rehearsal

15<sup>th</sup> KS2 Parents Performances 9:30am and 5:30pm

17<sup>th</sup> FoSM Summer Disco

18<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Leavers Service (pm) – details TBA

Last Day of Term for children

21<sup>st</sup> Inset Training Day

### September

1<sup>st</sup> Inset Training Day

2<sup>nd</sup> Start of Term 1



### Reading Café – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June

We have our final reading cafe of the school year on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June. This will be open to all children and there will be squash, biscuits, tea and coffee. This is a brilliant opportunity to visit the library with your child and share a book together.



### Nut Free

Please could we remind Parents/Carers that the school is a Nut Free School (this includes all confectionery items/snack bars that may contain nuts).



### Class 2 Assembly - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 2:30pm

This term, Class 2 will be working on something very special. We would like to invite parents, carers and family in for a special whole school assembly. Parents from all classes are welcome to join us for this, please add it to your diary for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 2:30pm.

### Violin Performance

Class 3 have been having violin lessons for the last few weeks and this will continue through the summer term. They will be performing as a class on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 11:40. Parents are welcome to join us for the performance in the school hall. Please arrive at 11:30 for a 11:40 start. Thank you.

### Miss Leeman

Class 2 will be saying a very sad goodbye to Miss Leeman (our Student Teacher) on Wednesday next week. She has been such an asset to our class and school during her placement. The children have grown very fond of her and she has been so wonderful to have in our classroom. We wish her all the very best for the next two years of her training and we are so lucky that she has kindly agreed to visit us again before the year ends.

### Class Snippets

**Pre-school** - this week has been all about Sports Day!! We have been busy doing lots of practising and cheering each other along. We even managed to hold a Superhero Sports Day using smaller versions of our resources. To help the children we have read The Jungle Run - which helps the children with the whole aspect of joining in and having fun. We have also made lovely Fathers' Day cards and talked about all of the special male role models in our lives x

**Class 1** - this week we have really been getting stuck into our topic of the seaside. We have been learning all about coasts and what a beach holiday would have looked like in the past. We thought about our favourite things to do at the beach, and we even made dioramas of what a beach can look like. We have loved reading our new book in English 'Oi Frog' and have a lot of fun coming up with funny rhymes for our own rhyming stories based off the book. We have also loved both practicing and participating in Sports Day.



### Star of the Week Certificates



#### Pre-school

**Aurora** - being so engaged and focused during sports day practice.

**Nela** - For being super helpful.

#### Class 1

**Zachary** - for brilliant independent writing using rhyming words.

**Benahim** - for joining in positively with class discussions about the beach and coasts.

#### Class 2

**Luca** - fantastic finger spaces and use of phonics for writing.

**Marley** - great listening in maths!

#### Class 3

**Jax** - for always trying hard in maths.

**Alfie B** - for being a kind learning partner and friend.

#### Class 4

**Tallulah** - for a great effort with her writing.

**Isla-Mae** - for showing a determined attitude towards learning.



**Class 2** - We have been enjoying watching our caterpillars grow this week. They have more than doubled in size and are webbing (which I hear is a good sign). The children have been working scientifically to observe their changes and every few days we record their progress. The Y1s did their phonics screening check this week and worked very hard with their sounding out. They should be very proud of themselves. In PE, we have been practicing for sports day and we are definitely ready for it now! In maths, the Y1s have been working on some multiplication and division strategies; while the Y2s have continued their statistics work - focusing on block diagrams and pictograms.



**Class 3** - have had a busy couple of weeks week visiting Woodside and St Whites. On Wednesday last week, the class visited Woodside for a sporting event. They played dodgeball, cricket, archery, golf and got to try curling for the first time. The children all listened well, followed instructions and it was lovely to see how they were such kind friends to other children within the federation. On Thursday last week, we visited St Whites to perform in a music concert. The children played a selection of songs they have been learning on the violin, along with St Briavels school. They again showed their shiny selves and were a credit to the school. The Y4 children have completed their MTC check last week and have been working hard to develop their times tables knowledge. We had a fantastic time at Caerleon Roman museum this week being Roman soldiers for the day and exploring what life would have been like. The children tried on armour, helmets, shields and swords. We visited the Amphitheatre to see where gladiators would have fought.



**Class 4** have had a great first couple of weeks back since half term. The children are continuing their learning about the Ancient Greeks and have been learning about their life back then by analysing pottery. In English, they have been working hard on writing their journalistic reports about Oberon and the events in A Midsummer Night's Dream. Rehearsals are starting now for the KS2 Production of Shakespeare Rocks and the children are looking forward to this production.

#### 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

### 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.

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<p>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 19:00 - 20:00 <b>FREE</b></p>		<p><b>Supporting Healthy Screen Use</b> Screens are here to stay. Identifying the issues and step by step guide to reduce the negative impact.</p>
<p>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 10:00 - 11:30 £24 <small>recording available</small></p>		<p><b>Supporting a Child with ADHD</b> Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.</p>
<p>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 10:00 - 11:30 £24 <small>recording available</small></p>		<p><b>Facing Defiance</b> Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.</p>
<p>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 10:00 - 11:30 £24 <small>recording available</small></p>		<p><b>Anxiety Based School Avoidance</b> Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.</p>

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 Week 3: 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> August      Week 6: 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> August

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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.

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