



Steam Mills Primary

27.06.2025



Dear Parents/Carers

Sponsored Walk Update

The grand total raised now stands at **£983!** Please do still hand in sponsor money if you have not done so. Thank you!

School Fayre

We hope you all enjoy the School Fayre today. A big

THANK YOU to FoSM for

organising, it is always such a lot of work, we really do appreciate it. We will let you know the amount raised next week.



Staffing Update

As you know, there are some changes happening in school with staffing. We would like to inform you who will be teaching which class so it is clear in readiness for September:

Preschool - Mrs Stevens (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri), Miss Stevens (all week) and Mrs Molyneux (Wednesdays)

Class 1 - Miss Byrnes (Mon-Thurs AM) and Mrs Evans (Thurs PM and Fri)

Class 2 - Mrs Gibbs (Tues - Fri) and Miss Barber (Mondays)

Class 3 - Mrs Mclean (Mon - Thurs) and Miss Carlson (Fridays)

Class 4 - Miss Carlson (Mon, Tues, Weds PM) and Mrs Thomas (Weds AM, Thurs, Fri)

There are more bump up days to come in July so some staff members will be in their new classes to get to know the children.

Uniform

We have a huge amount of unnamed and unclaimed uniform at present. Please can we ask all parents/carers to ensure that all items are named. It is impossible for the school to help with finding any items that are unnamed. When we find named uniform, it is returned to the pupil.

Class 2 Assembly - Wednesday 2nd 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 2nd July at 2:30pm

Violin Performance – Wednesday 9th July at 11:40am

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 9th July at 11:40am. 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.

Diary Dates

Summer Term 2025

28th April-21st July

INSET days:

21st July

Diary Dates (incl. Federation events)

June

30th Five Acres Welcome Week

July

1st Extra Bump up morning EYFS, KS1 and Class 3

2nd Class 2 Whole school assembly – 2:30pm

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

8th Extra Bump up morning EYFS&KS1

9th Class 3 Violin Performance
Pre-school Leavers Graduation Party

14th KS2 Performance Dress Rehearsal

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

17th FoSM Summer Disco

18th Year 6 Leavers Service (pm) – details TBA

Last Day of Term for children

21st Inset Training Day

September

1st Inset Training Day

2nd Start of Term 1

Nut Free

Again, this week nuts were seen in lunch boxes. 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 Snippets

Pre-school – the children have enjoyed running their own ice cream parlour and this extended to designing their own ice creams. They delighted in creating some sea water, anemones and seaweed using fly swatters in paint and then we made colourful fish, crabs and jellyfish to add to our large ongoing sea picture. We have balanced marbles, matched numbers to quantities and had lots of sand and water play. We have shared lots of seaside inspired stories such as The Singing Mermaid and What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside.

Class 1 – this week Class 1 were very excited to have their first bump up mornings getting to spend time with their new teachers. They did lots of fun crafts and even enjoyed a teddy bear's picnic. In Class 1, we have started reading a new book in English 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch'. We have had class discussions centred around what the book is about and what our favourite part of the book is, using this information to make a book review. Linked to our topic of the seaside, we have also started exploring the topic of pirates thinking about who they are and what they might have done. In phonics this week, we have been working hard to use our sounding out to spell and write different words with our high frequency words this week 'their' and 'our'.

Class 2 – this week has been so exciting in Class 2 - we have had some of our butterflies emerge from their cocoons. It has been really interesting to watch this development and the children have been very careful when observing the process. The children in Class 2 have created some lovely acrostic poetry based on our butterflies. We look forward to sharing some of these during our class assembly next Wednesday. We have also been so lucky to have a zoom from Mary Seacole from the Florence Nightingale Museum in London! The children got to learn about Mary's life and how her story is often forgotten when we talk about nurses of the past. The children listened so well and remembered so much information. A HUGE thank you to FOSM for paying for us to have this experience!



Class 3 have worked hard to create their innovated stories based on 'The Wolves in the Walls'. They have chosen many different animals to write their stories about and have amazed me with the features they have included in their writing. The children completed their maths assessments this week and all tried their best. The children have shown great maturity during PSHE sessions and our work on growing and changing. We had some extra play on Thursday afternoon to enjoy some sunshine!

Class 4 - Bump Up days were very successful in C4 this week. The children got to take part in lots of activities including Maths Magic and Get to Know You Bingo. We also had team building challenges - this showed how great listening and communication were important parts to working together; some teams got very close to finishing the second challenge! Y5 have been working hard to complete their assessments this week and the Y6s we have had this week have been busy sorting the stage ready for the production. Gymnastics was great with some children showing off their core strength on the rings; sweaty hands made this very tricky for lots of them but they all enjoyed landing in the foam pit! Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine everyone!



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Callie and Reggie - Being so kind and helpful to both their peers and the adults

Class 1

Penny - for being brave and using her words to stand up for herself.

Theo - for always being super kind, polite and respectful to both adults and peers.

Class 2

Evie and Sunneigh - wonderful listening skills and a great attitude in swimming!

Class 3

Xander - for a well written diary in the role of a wolf.

Edward - for positive contributions in maths.

Class 4

Mollie - for being a great team player and setting a great example.

Paige - for being brave at gymnastics.

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](#)

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**
- **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.

The Orchard Trust
summer fair 2025
Sunday 6th July 2025

Live Music:
Lydbrook Training Band
Two Rivers Choir
Lightly Twined
Rum Collective

Stalls Games
Punch & Judy
Henna

BBQ Bar
Ice Creams
Cakes

1pm - 4pm
Upper Stowfield, Lower Lydbrook GL17 9PP
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- Agree 9-18
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DATES: WC 21ST JULY AND WC 28TH JULY
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It's completely free for eligible HAF families, scan the QR code below to claim your child's spot.

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Gloucestershire HAF holiday activities & food

Department for Education

HANDS-ON FUN

Design a Resilient Home 31st July '25

STEM WORKS

Lego Robotics 30th July '25

30th & 31st July 2025
Berry Hill Primary School, Nine Wells Road, Coleford, GL16 7AT
See details & book your place using the new HAF Family Hub Booking system....

SCAN ME

SUMMER DRAMA WEEKS

DI BURNETT 7 - 12yrs

IMAGINE CREATE PERFORM

More Skills
More Confidence
More Fun
More Friends

July 21st - 25th
July 28th - Aug 1st

10.00am - 5.00pm Daily
£30.00 day
£110.00 for full week
£5.00 reduction daily for siblings
Wk 1: Full week + performance
Wk 2: Daily workshops

07977 147273

ABOUT DI BURNETT AND THE SUMMERS

Di Burnett, Young Theatre, is run by a family of actors and teachers, all having trained in the UK drama schools. Known for her unique approach to drama Di has worked with young people in the theatre since she was 12 years old and is delighted to now run workshops in The Forest of Dean, welcoming all abilities.

Di is delighted to be joined by her husband and other members of the team this summer.

OUR AIM WITH THE GROUPS

To build confidence, make new friends, improve creativity and expand the imagination through role play, character work and improvisation. Through all this we will be developing stage skills and techniques, making us ready for most importantly we want each child to have the BEST EXPERIENCE EVER.

ABOUT THE DRAMA EXPERIENCE

Wk 1: The group decide their play around a set theme, with a performance on Friday for family & on Wk 2: Separate daily workshops.

THIS IS SO MUCH MORE THAN DRAMA.

OUR AIM: For the young people to have fun, build confidence, make new friends and have fun learning through this experience. Most importantly HAVE FUN.

PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM AND SEND VIA EMAIL OR POST. ALTERNATIVELY BOOK OVER THE PHONE.

NAME OF CHILD: _____

DOB: _____

PARENT/S OR CARER'S NAME/S: _____

TEL NO: _____

EMAIL: _____

PREFERRED DATES: 21st - 25th 28th 29th 30th 31st 1st

July July July July July Aug

Please email or send to: Di Burnett, 'The Ferns', Townsend, Mitcheldean GL17 0BG. Confirmation with payment details will follow on receipt of form.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)

CONTACT DETAILS: 07977 147273
teenactors@msn.com

Forest School summer holiday club

£15 half day For children in Reception - Year 6 £25 all day

At Bream C of E Primary School

Session times: 9:00-12:00 12:30-3:15 or 9:00-3:15

Week 1 - 28th July - 1st August
Week 2 - 4th - 7th August

Meet new people, make new friends, gain new experiences.

Activities: Fire lighting, Tool work, Team challenges, Den building, Bug Hunting, plus much more

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SCHOOL TRENDS

GROWN OUT BEFORE WORN OUT



FREE online talk



Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay. What are the potential harms and how can we reduce them?

To book your place go to the **PARENTS** page (facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

HAF Summer 2025 is coming!

Make sure you're signed up to our new Holiday Activities and Food programme booking site!

Bookings open 30 June 2025 (viewable from 16 June).

Scan the QR code and press 'start onboarding' to begin your sign-up process. Visit <https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk>

SCAN HERE

KIDS Summer HOLIDAY CLUBS

Open for children 5-11 Yrs old

Running this Summer it's:

- Forest Of Dean
- Herefordshire + Ross
- Gloucester + Cheltenham
- Cheltenham + Stroud

Join us for for new themes EVERY WEEK:

- Summer Week
- Wet & Wild week
- Rockin' Sports Week
- Super Heroes
- Summer Carnival

BOOK NOW!!

www.prostars.ipalbookings.com // info@prostars-fse.com

All policies are available upon request. Prostars are exempt from children registration

SUMMER FOOTBALL Camp

Join Us for an Unforgettable Summer of Football Fun!

ONLY £18 per day District children Discount!!

Our football camp is making its return for our BIGGEST SUMMER YET! With the Women's Euros right around the corner, Street Soccer, Fantasy Football, Badminton, League "Pro-Season" and so much more! We've got every week packed with new themes, challenges, tournaments, medals. Book now to secure your place in the County's biggest football camp.

Who Can Join? Boys & Girls Ages 5-13

All skill levels are welcome!

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- Week 1: 22nd - 24th July
- Week 2: 29th - 31st July
- Week 3: 5th - 7th August
- Week 4: 12th - 14th August
- Week 5: 19th - 21st August
- Week 6: 26th - 28th 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.

Our Safeguarding, Behaviour, Complaints and other policies are available on our school website.