



Steam Mills Primary

11.04.2025



Dear Parents/Carers

Rights Respecting Article of the Week

Wednesday 9th April - Autism awareness month

Article 24- Children should access the best possible healthcare.

Article 23- Children with disabilities should access a full life in society.

Equality and mutual respect



Tesco – Blue Tokens

From Monday 31st March, Steam Mills will be an option for the Tesco Blue Token Scheme in Cinderford, Coleford and Lydney stores. Please, if you are shopping at the Tesco store, think of Steam Mills and our Play Equipment Fundraising. Every little helps! You can find more information here: <https://www.tescopl.com/sustainability/stronger-starts/blue-token-scheme>



Scholastic Book Fayre

Thank you to everyone who attended the Book Fayre, we took an amazing £457.00. Based on our commission payment, we were then able to purchase a few books for the school. Thank you.



Breakfast Club and After School Club Bookings

As usual we will be rolling over any regular bookings to Term 5. However, if you need to amend any hours/days, please contact Miss Agg as soon as possible. Thank you.

FoSM Easter Raffle & Non-School Uniform Day

Thank you for your support in these events. We raised £220 for the raffle and £81.90 for non-school uniform. All money raised will go towards future events and resources for the children.

Congratulations to the raffle winners: 1st Prize Mrs Gibbs, 2nd Prize Willow C1, 3rd Prize Reggie PS, 4th Prize Eva C4, 5th Prize Jasmine C3 and 6th Prize Lily M C3.

Bowling Club Open Day – Saturday 12th April

The Bowling Club have been in touch to say they are holding an open day on Saturday 12th April and would like to invite parents and children. They hope you can make it to have a try at bowling!

Class 1 – Forest School

We would like to begin Forest School sessions after Easter. The children really enjoy their time learning in the woods, however, in order to take them all safely, we need some extra adult help. If you are able to help on a Friday morning from 9:15am to 10:30am, please speak to Mrs Evans or Miss Stone. Thank you.



Diary Dates

Spring term 2025

6th January-11th April

Half Term

17th-21st February

Summer Term 2025

28th April-21st July

Half Term

26th May - 30th May

INSET days:

11th April and 21st July

Diary Dates (incl. Federation events)

April

11th Inset Training Day

28th Start of Term 5

May

8th Tempest Photography – Class photos and leavers photos

12th KS2 SATS Monday-Thursday
Rags to Riches Collection

22nd Y6 Author visit at Books for Bugs
TBA

23rd Sponsored Walk – pm only
(collection from Beechenhurst) Details to follow

June

10th Federation Trip to Houses of
Parliament

11th Class 3 Trip to Caerleon

12th Cyber Bullying Session for
Parents – 2pm

13th Sports Morning

25th Class 2 Trip to SS Great Britain

27th Summer Fayre

Rags 2 Riches Collection – 12th May 2025

Our next Rags 2 Riches collection will be taking place on Monday 12th May. Please could all bags be left in the playground opposite the main gate (weather permitting) between 7:45am and 9:00am on the day. Many thanks.



Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.
Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jewellery and Accessories
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paired Shoes and Footwear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk



WE DO NOT ACCEPT
POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date: _____

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

**Star of the Week Certificates**

Pre-school
Cooper – independently demonstrating skills learned with Rose.
Nela – settling well and trying lots of new things.

Class 1
Penny – for her perseverance and resilience in both gymnastics and PE.
Toby – for try something that he found tricky (play dough disco).

Class 2
Theo – for being a wonderful part of Steam Mills. You will be missed by everyone!
Bella L – very speedy and focused maths work!

Class 3
Harry – for determination in all areas.
Freddie – for scientific explanations.

Class 4
Elsa – for improved focus in SATS boosters.
Sam – for being kind and helpful in class.

Class Snippets

Pre-school – the children have had lots of Easter fun this week creating Easter baskets, decorating eggs and the Easter Bunny left eggs in our garden today for us to find! We have danced to lots of Easter themed songs, including Techno versions of “Hop Little Bunnies” by Lenny Pearce and DJ Raphi, which has been a big hit!

Class 1 – we have enjoyed making the most of the sunshine for this final week of term spending lots of time playing and learning outside. We finished up our English topic looking at 'I will not ever NEVER eat a tomato ready for a new text next term. We sadly had our last gymnastics session this week but have really enjoyed getting to explore all the different gym equipment. We have also been busy with some Easter activities this week including an egg hunt and card making. Hopefully everyone has a restful holiday ready for the summer term.

Class 2 – this week we have had a lot of fun! We have still been busy with maths and phonics; however, we have been doing some activities instead of our usual English lessons. We created a travel leaflet for Australia to support the end of our topic. The children thought carefully about what we had learnt this term to describe where Australia is in the world, as well as give some top tips for if you were going! In science, they used their knowledge of habitats to guess animals based on clues they had been given. To end the term, we made Easter egg cakes and did an egg hunt!

Class 3 had an egg-siting week writing Easter poems. They amazed me with their knowledge about different types of poems that we have explored through the year and then wrote their own examples. The children applied their colour mixing knowledge to make an Easter card. In maths the Y3 children have completed their work on money and Y4 children continued their work on decimals. I hope you all have a lovely Easter holidays and enjoy some sunshine!

Class 4 have completed their learning on Rivers this week and have really showcased their knowledge. They had walkabout bingo to check and compare their knowledge and have produced some great non-chronological reports, with pictures and a glossary. In Maths, Y5 have started learning about fractions and Y6s have been calculating percentages - we had teachers in from another school yesterday and they were really impressed with the children and their learning - in particular how they use the resources to help them. Swimming is now finished for Class 4 and the children really enjoyed their last session. To note, next term the children will have PE on a Tuesday afternoon and on Fridays - please ensure their kits are in on those days and this will be for the entire Summer Term. Enjoy the break Class 4 - you have earned it!

Pre-school Survey

<https://forms.office.com/e/nWJ4s7ROYz>

Provision for two year old children at Steam Mills Primary School pre-school?

Our pre-school provision is currently for three and four year olds.

We would like to find out if there is a need in our community for provision at Steam Mills Primary for two year olds.

Please click the link below or scan the QR code to answer a short questionnaire.

<https://forms.office.com/e/nWJ4s7ROYz>

Thank you for your help.





The Forest Federation
of Soudley, Steam Mills and Woodside Primary Schools

AiP New Menus

New menus which have been loaded to ParentPay ready for after the Easter break.



LUNCH Week 1					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Roasted Tomato Pasta Bake	Chicken Curry	Roast Chicken	Meat Feast Pizza	Fish Fingers with Chips	
Beetroot Bunt & Waffles	Vegetable Rice	Cheese & Potato Farty	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegetarian Burger & Chips	
Seasonal Vegetables	Onion Beans	Risotto	Seasonal Vegetables	Pies & Baked Beans	
Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	
Chocolate & Strawberry Bruschetta	Daily Lemon Coozie	Fruity Crunch Pot	Carrot Cake Tray Bake	Fruity Yogurt Tubs	
W/C 21/4, 12/5, 2/6, 23/6, 14/7, 15/9, 6/10					

LUNCH Week 2					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Meat & Cheese	Harrier's Chicken	Roast Chicken	Roast Lamb	Fish Fingers & Chips	
Five Bean Chili & Rice	Spicy Vegetables & Noodles	Handmade Vegetarian Sausage Roll	Crispy Potato Skins & Roasted Tomato Salad	Onion Bread & Beer	
Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Spiced Carrots	Spring Beans & Potatoes	Pies & Baked Beans	
Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	
Fruity Summer Sundae	Spiced Orange Cake	Fruit Breadroll	Fruit Jelly	Raspberry Flapjack	
W/C 28/4, 19/5, 9/6, 30/6, 21/7, 1/9, 22/9, 13/10					

LUNCH Week 3					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Chicken Wrap & Rice	Roast Chicken	Pasta Bolognaise	Fish & Chips	
Chicken & Roast Potato Curry	Crispy Vegetables & Tray Bake	Onion Bread & Beer	Summer Quiche & New Potatoes	Crispy Nuggies & Chips	
Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Carrots & Potatoes	Broccoli	Pies & Baked Beans	
Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	
Rich Chocolate Biscuits	Fruity Spiced Cake	Fruity Jelly Pots	Antoni Sponge Pudding	Fruity Tubs	
W/C 5/5, 26/5, 16/6, 7/7, 8/9, 29/9, 20/10					

Breakfast Club/After School Club

Please could we remind parents to keep their ParentPay accounts in credit at all times. Please check that you have credited upon making your booking. Regular debt could result in your child being refused these important services. Thank you.



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.

Department for Education Gloucestershire HAF holiday activities & food

HANDS-ON FUN

Join Us at Berry Hill Primary School for an Unmissable Hands-On STEM Workshop!

Get ready to unleash your creativity and dive into the exciting world of STEM with activities that blend fun and learning. This time, you'll have the chance to:

- Design and build your very own wind-powered vehicles
- Create biodegradable plant pots and plant fresh herbs to take home

And that's not all—fuel your day with a delicious, home-style warm lunch to keep your energy high!

Don't wait—spaces are limited!

Visit the HAF website or simply scan the QR code to secure your spot and find out more.

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THE GREAT SPRING STEM OFF!

2025 HAF

Tuesday 22nd April 2025
The Wesley, Forest of Dean Community & Arts Centre

10AM-12NOON
CRAFTING COOL MACHINES

12.30PM - 2.30PM
EGG DROP PARACHUTES - SEN SESSION

<https://forestofdeandistrict.co.uk/nate.cloud/project/65768>

Fully funded for children in Gloucestershire who are entitled to benefit-related free school meals.

Email: accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com Contact Us: 0208 150 3767

SCHOOL TRENDZ

15% discount with offer code: EASTER15

Ends 21st April

Have a wonderful Easter break and see you back in school on Monday 28th April!

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.