



Steam Mills Primary

16.05.2025



Dear Parents/Carers

URGENT - Sponsored walk

Please could all parents/carers ensure that you have returned your Sponsored Walk slip to school ready for Friday and please remind your child to hand these in. It is a safeguarding requirement that we know who to expect to collect your child from Beechenhurst at home-time on Friday. Thank you.

We now have a FoSM Just Giving page for fund raising for this event, here is the link and QR code :

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/steammills-primaryschool?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL



Rags 2 Riches Collection

Thank you to those who donated unwanted clothing for our Rags 2 Riches collection. We raised **£36.52** on this occasion for FoSM. Many thanks again.



Staffing

As we have previously announced, Miss Chamberlin is leaving Steam Mills at the end of the academic year and recruitment for the teaching post was carried out late last term. We are pleased to say that Mrs Mclean will be joining our school from September 2025. Mrs Mclean is already a part of our Federation and we are looking forward to welcoming her later in the year and she will be teaching in Class 3 (Year 3 and 4), in September. Mrs Mclean will be in to meet the children she will be teaching during the summer term - she is very excited to see them all!



Mrs Gibbs is going to be moving to Class 2, in September, to teach Year 1 and 2 and she is very excited about this move to KS1. Mrs Gibbs will be popping into C2 throughout the summer term, as well as the Bump Up days we have planned in June.

Track Update

Thank you so very much to those parents that offered to help with the pot-hole work on the track recently. We have now, however, had a parent come forward that has access to heavy plant equipment and we are so grateful that this work is scheduled to take place on Saturday 17th May. Thank you once again and thank you to Mr Oversby for offering his services.

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:

21st July

Diary Dates (incl. Federation events)

May

20th KS2 History Day

22nd Y6 Author visit at Books for Bugs
Elmer Day for EYFS & KS1

23rd Sponsored Walk – pm only
(collection from
Beechenhurst)
End of Term 5

June

2nd Start of Term 6

3rd Class 4 Trip to Bristol Museum &
Art Gallery

10th Federation Trip to Houses of
Parliament

11th Class 3 Trip to Caerleon

12th Cyber Bullying Session for
Parents – 2pm

13th Sports Morning

20th Judo Sessions for all classes

23rd Bump up Morning

24th Bump up Morning

25th Class 2 Trip to SS Great Britain

27th Summer Fayre

30th Five Acres Welcome Week

July

1st Extra Bump up morning
EYFS&KS1

8th Extra Bump up morning
EYFS&KS1

14th KS2 Performance Dress
Rehearsal

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

17th FoSM Summer Disco

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.



Elmer Day 2025

This year, EYFS and KS1 children will celebrate Elmer day on Thursday 22nd May. They will be completing Elmer themed activities in their classes on this day and we encourage children to wear a brightly coloured item, in addition to their normal school uniform on this day e.g. bright coloured socks, bright headband. If your child has any Elmer books at home, they are welcome to bring them to school on this day to share with their class.

Advance Warning – Demolition of Pavilion (on playing fields) 30th June – 11th July

Just to warn all users that the track will be accessed by the demolition team during this period and there will be a lot of 2 way traffic. We have agreed with Cinderford Town Council that the start time be delayed each day until 9:30am so that Drop & Go can still be used, but please at all other times, during this period, use the usual school access (car park gate), rather than the track.

Class Snippets

Pre-school - our story this week has been, What the Ladybird Heard.... We have talked about the different animals in the story, maps and directions. We have been keeping a daily check on our beans and watering them and have also enjoyed lots of water play and sensory play in shaving foam this week. We have just returned from Forest school, where the children have been climbing trees, racing and chasing and have also been very interested in tree bark and moss, asking lots of questions.



Class 1 – this week we have been continuing our learning around Izzy Gizmo. We have written letters of encouragement to Izzy thinking about how we could cheer someone up when they wanted to give up. We also thought about what tools Izzy might use to build her inventions writing lists of what she may need. In maths we have loved learning how to use the Rekenreks and making patterns on them. In phonics we have continued looking at CVCC words with our learnt digraphs with the HFW (here, your, saw).

Class 2 – this week Class 2 have been learning all about the Victorian era and the toys that Victorians would've had. We compared the toys and discussed what materials they would've been made of. The children really impressed me by remembering our autumn topic of everyday materials. In English, they have been using but and because in sentences to expand their ideas. This week in maths, the year ones have begun learning about time. They have started the topic by thinking about the days of the week and the months of the year; they ordered these in chronological order. The year two have continued to work with money; They have been adding different amounts and subtracting by calculating the change. We have been amazed to see how quickly our sunflowers have been growing. In only two weeks lots of the plants have grown taller than 5 cm. We have been keeping a diary of the growth every week.



Star of the Week Certificates

Pre-school
Logan - Being a Preschool superstar!
Sienna - For helping her peers and being brave.
Joey - Chief car washer at the toy car wash!

Class 1
Willow - for always being super enthusiastic about learning and excited to complete activities.
Toby - for great effort in swimming.

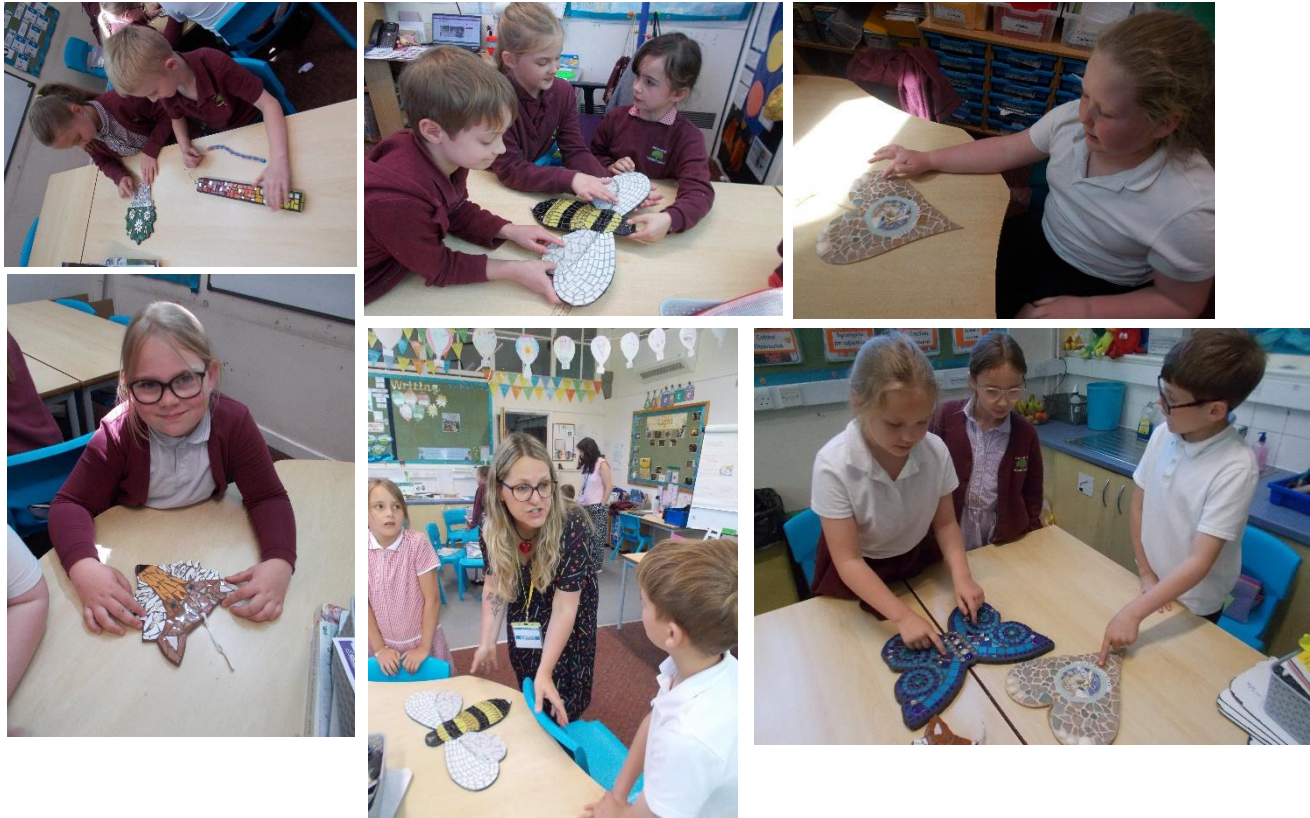
Class 2
Adam, Charlie W and Toby - great attitude and enthusiasm at swimming.
Poppy - wonderful enthusiasm when reading.

Class 3
Ava - for great effort in all areas of her learning and for being helpful.
Esmee-Rose - for continued effort to apply grammatical features in her writing.

Class 4
Toby - for improved ownership of his learning.
Paige - for a great effort in maths.

Class 3 explored mosaics this week with a visit from local artist Rachel Shilston. They got to handle mosaics that she has made, using tiles, shells, sea glass and mirrored tiles. The children were inspired by her talk and are looking forward to making mosaic photo frames next week. A big thank you to FOSM for funding this activity and workshop.

In maths, the Y3's have been working on time, reading both analogue and digital clocks. It would be beneficial to practice this skill at home with your child. The Y4's have been working on writing decimals and fractions. They will also be working on time in the next few weeks so it would be great to explore 12 and 24 hour digital clocks at home.



Class 4 have had a very busy week. Year 6 have completed their SATs and we have been very proud of them. They have tried really hard and showed lots of resilience - whatever the outcomes, they have been absolutely amazing and should be really proud of themselves. Y5 have worked well this week in the hall and have been a great support to Y6 throughout. In the afternoons, the children have had lots of opportunities to learn with History on Monday and key events that happened in the Ancient Greek period, circuits on Tuesday where they tried to improve their agility and speed and yesterday, they had fun playing Rounders! A great week overall - we hope you all have a lovely, well-deserved weekend in the sunshine!

STEM

Last week, the children enjoyed taking part in a STEM workshop. They used VR headsets to explore Stone Age and dinosaurs, robo drawing to programme a robot to draw shapes and use iPads to control robotic cars. The children used problem solving skills in this session and experienced a wide range of technology.



KS2 History Day - Tuesday 20th May

KS2 will be marking History Day and KS2 Parents/Carers are welcome to attend school from 2.30pm to see what the children create etc.

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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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.