



# Steam Mills Primary

26.09.2025



Dear Parents/Carers

## Solar Panel Display Winner!

Thank you to all the children who submitted such wonderful pictures in a bid to win the chance of their design being chosen for our Solar Panel Display Cover. The winning design was from Joseph in Class 2!



## Information for parents about National Curriculum assessments

Please find attached information regarding assessments which are at key points in the primary school 'journey' however the schools assess in a variety of ways on a daily/weekly/termly basis to inform day-to-day teaching, as best practice.

## Drop & Go

Children from Classes 3 & 4 who are dropped as part of the Drop & Go service, are to stay with Mrs Dickinson until it is time to go into class. Other parents are not permitted to take children into their care unless we receive an instruction from the child's parent. Thank you

## Tempest Photography- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

All children will have their Individual portrait photos taken during the school morning and those that have siblings in school will also have a sibling photo taken (including Pre-school children). If you have a younger child who does not attend the setting or is not in Pre-school on this day and would like a sibling photo taken, please arrive at school between 8:30-8:45am and this can then be done.

## Diary Dates

### Autumn Term 2025

1<sup>st</sup> September-19<sup>th</sup> December

### Spring Term 2026

5<sup>th</sup> January-27<sup>th</sup> March

### Summer Term 2026

13<sup>th</sup> April-20<sup>th</sup> July

### Half Terms

27<sup>th</sup> October-31<sup>st</sup> October

16<sup>th</sup> February-20<sup>th</sup> February

25<sup>th</sup> May-29<sup>th</sup> May

**INSET days:** 24<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 22<sup>nd</sup> May & 20<sup>th</sup> July

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

30<sup>th</sup> Tempest Photography – Individual/Sibling Portraits

### October

13<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Federation Trip to Cheltenham Literature Fest.

14<sup>th</sup> Parents Evenings

15<sup>th</sup> Parents Evenings

16<sup>th</sup> Reading Café

21<sup>st</sup> Y1/2 Harvest Crafts for Federation at Steam Mills

20<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival Food Bank Collection

22<sup>nd</sup> FoSM Halloween Discos

23<sup>rd</sup> Harvest Festival Assembly – Parents welcome 2:45pm  
FoSM Non-school Uniform Day

24<sup>th</sup> INSET Training Day

27<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 1

### November

3<sup>rd</sup> Start of Term 2

10<sup>th</sup> Anti-bullying week

7<sup>th</sup> FoSM Meeting (Christmas Planning) 3:15pm

11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day

12<sup>th</sup> C2 Trip to Aerospace Bristol

14<sup>th</sup> Children in Need Day

20<sup>th</sup> C4 Trip to Birmingham Think Tank

28<sup>th</sup> FoSM Non-school Uniform Day  
FoSM Wreath Making

### December

w/c 1<sup>st</sup> FoSM EYFS & KS1 Trip to Raglan Farm Park

3<sup>rd</sup> FoSM KS2 Panto Trip

5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fayre - 1:30pm

8<sup>th</sup> Short Reports to Parents/Carers

17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day

## Parents Evenings – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

We are holding Parents Evenings on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October & Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Bookings for classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 are made via our eSchools system which is open for booking. The meetings are in 10 minute slots, please adhere to this time limit. Please let Miss Agg (school office) know if you would also like to see Miss Barber (SENCO) and she will book this for you. If you have any issues booking for your child/ren, please contact Miss Agg. Pre-school Parents Evenings will be on the same days, bookings can be made with the Pre-school staff.

### Xmas 4 Schools

Your child should have brought home information regarding this year's Xmas 4 Schools campaign. The children are invited to draw their own Christmas design which then needs to be returned to school by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October**. The designs will be sent to Xmas 4 Schools and parents will be sent details of how to order items for Christmas.

### Harvest Festival Food Bank Collection w/c 20<sup>th</sup> October

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we will once again be collecting donations for the Forest Food Bank. Please send donations into school w/c 20<sup>th</sup> October, the Food Bank find that the following items are particularly useful:

*Tinned Tomatoes, UHT Fruit Juice, Smash, Sponge Puddings, Jelly, Angel Delight, Jam, Packet Soup, instant Noodles, Multipack Crisps, UHT Milk, Tinned Spaghetti and Pasta Sauce. Toiletries and household products such as Washing Powder, Toilet Rolls and Washing-up Liquid are also useful.*

### Friends of Steam Mills Halloween School Discos!!!

FoSM have set the date for the next school disco for **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**.

**KS1 Disco 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm**

(Pre-school, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Pre-school and Reception parents to stay with their children please. Year 1 & 2 parents to drop children off and leave, please ensure you are back promptly to collect.

**KS2 Disco 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

(Year 3 – Year 6)

Parents to drop children off and leave; please ensure you are back promptly to collect.

Tickets will be £1 on the door (please bring exact money). Tuckshop will be available; please no more than £2 per child to bring on the day.

**Please can we ask, if at all possible, if you have siblings in the two different key stage groups that arrangements are made for them to be brought to their discos separately? We have very limited space in the school hall. Thank you**



### Star of the Week Certificates



#### Pre-school

**Izaak** - fabulous sharing of the new toys with his peers.

**Hadley** - super concentration in Yoga.

#### Class 1

**Brodie** - for his cutting and sticking in English, being independent and taking care of his work.

**Harrison** - for taking care of himself and belongings when getting dressed for PE.

#### Class 2

**Joseph** - for a winning entry for the Solar Panel competition.

**Zachary** - amazing independent writing.

**Tate** - for always being kind and helpful.

**Star Reader - Bella** - reading 25 times.

#### Class 3

**Freddie** - amazing story writing and use of vocabulary.

**Evie A-R** - improved confidence in class, especially contributing in maths.

#### Class 4

**Luca** - for writing some brilliant relative clauses in English.

**Blair** - for always showing perseverance in her learning.



## Harvest Festival Assembly/FoSM Non-school Uniform Day – 23<sup>rd</sup> October

We will also be holding a Harvest Festival Assembly on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 2:40pm, all Parents/Carers are welcome. Collection of children will then be at the normal time (3:00pm for Pre-school and 3:15pm for C1-4) from your usual collection point.

This day will also be a non-school uniform day and FoSM are asking for donations of bottles for the Christmas Fayre bottle tombola please, rather than the usual £1.

### 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 in Preschool we have enjoyed using lots of fallen autumn leaves and other natural resources to create face pictures, make Autumn tree suncatchers and just generally investigate and discuss the many lovely colours and textures. We have been eating some yummy apples from our own garden for snacks and the children also used their fine motor skills to ice owl features onto large marshmallows to create some owl babies, linked to the story.

**Class 1** – this week Class 1 have been reading Owl Babies for their English topic. The children have been sequencing key events from the story and then retelling the story through pictures. Reception sounds this week (i, n) and HFW's (is, it, an, in). In maths we have been practising our counting skills by helping Freddy Fox to understand useful strategies to count successfully. In the afternoons we have been looking at historical pictures of Steam Mills Primary School and the children recognised that the pictures were old and that some structures of the building were different compared to more up to date pictures.

**Class 2** have had a busy week. In phonics the Y1s have been learning oi, ay and oy. The Y2s have been learning wr and kn as silent letters. They really impressed me in maths this week with finding 1 more for Y1s and 10 more for Y2s. In geography we sang the ocean song to learn the 5 names of the oceans. We have also had a visit from a creature that has left behind green fur! We described a monster and created our own wanted posters to find it!

**Class 3** – we kicked off with a *gross-but-great* science lesson, creating a working model of the digestive system. The children were both amazed and a little disgusted—but their brilliant use of scientific vocabulary was impressive! In writing, they've crafted alternative viewpoint stories inspired by *Hortense and the Shadow*. In maths, Year 3 have been exploring 10s and 100s in 3-digit numbers, while Year 4 have been rounding up to 4-digit numbers. The class has also been earning stars for their fantastic listening, kindness, and teamwork—a wonderful week all round!

**Class 4** - this week Class 4 had a visitor from one of our local churches as part of our Religion and world views topic. This was an active and insightful visit where the children made Trinity circles and understood how we are all part of one puzzle – each part is of equal importance. This did not just teach us about Christianity but helped us to link ideas of how Christians live not being that dissimilar to our own ways of life and morals such as kindness, thinking of others and respect. In English, the class have considered which of the inspiring women from NASA's history they will be writing a memoir as (Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson or Dorothy Vaughan). They have also been further perfecting their Haka dances in PE with some great facial expressions to go along with the moves they have learnt!

### 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
- All medication to come to school office – no medication in children's bags
- 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.

### Personal Details/Medical Information

Please could all Parents/Carers ensure that the school has your latest and most to date information for you and your child. If you have changed email address, phone number, address etc. please let Miss Agg know in the school office. You are welcome to email : [admin@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk) or pop in when you are in school. It is also really important to ensure any medical information for your child is up to date, please do ask if you need to check the information we have currently on our system for your child.

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**



**HALLOWEEN AT THE MUSEUM**

**Tessy Tumblepot's Potion Trail**  
14 Oct - 2 Nov | Daily  
£2 per trail - Special prize included!

**Brick or Treat - Halloween LEGO Sessions**  
28 Oct | 10am, 11am, 12pm & 1pm  
£3 per child - parents go free!

**Potions & Cauldrons: The Legend of Ceridwen the Witch**  
10 Oct | 10am, 11am, 12pm & 1pm  
£6 per child - parents go free!

**Ghosts & Giggles: Family Ghost Tour**  
Oct 31 | 5pm - 7pm  
Adult: £15 & Child: £10 (12+)

**Ghosts & Giggles: Family Tour of Haunted Gloucester**  
21 Dec & 13 Feb | 5pm - 7pm  
Adult: £15 & Child £10 (12+)

**MUSEUM OF GLOUCESTER**

**BOOK NOW!**




**OPEN EVENING INVITATION**  
2nd October 4 - 6pm

**SGS Forest High School**



**Forest High is a small school with big ambitions.**

By every measure, Cinderford's secondary school is the best it has ever been, and will continue to get even better.

We would love you to join us for our **Open Evening on Thursday 2nd October** from 4-6pm, with talks from Headteacher Nicola Mooney at 4pm and 5pm. **No need to book.**

Or you can arrange a tour during a school day by emailing [info@foresthgigh.org.uk](mailto:info@foresthgigh.org.uk) or calling **01594 822257**.

We look forward to seeing you soon.  
[www.foresthigh.org.uk](http://www.foresthigh.org.uk) f X



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