

# Steam Mills Primary

20.06.2025

Dear Parents/Carers

## FoSM Summer Fayre – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June!!!

We have our annual Summer Fayre next Friday and would encourage all to attend, it is always such a lovely event. We have some wonderful stalls planned and a BBQ! There will also be a HUGE pre-loved Uniform Sale and a Baby Toy Sale 🤗 Please do come along and support if you possibly can, all proceeds to FoSM for the children's extra curricular events and resources. **FoSM are still in need of donations for the Tombolla/Raffle, Jolly Jars and Bottle Tombolla, if you weren't able to donate for the non-school uniform day, please could you donate before the Fayre.** Thank you.

A colorful illustration for a Summer Fayre. At the top, a banner reads 'FRIDAY 27TH JUNE | 3PM ONWARDS'. Below it, a Ferris wheel and roller coaster are visible. A central banner says 'JOIN US FOR THE 2025 SUMMER FAYRE'. At the bottom, five children are holding hands and jumping joyfully. The background is light blue with clouds and colorful balloons.

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

BBQ | REFRESHMENTS | CAKES | TOMBOLAS  
GAMES | RAFFLE | FACE PAINTING | STOCKS

FROM 3PM ONWARDS. CASH ONLY.  
RAISING FUNDS FOR FRIENDS OF STEAM MILLS SCHOOL PTA TO  
BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ACTIVITIES, EQUIPMENT AND MEMORIES  
FOR ALL PUPILS.

## Diary Dates

### Summer Term 2025

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

#### INSET days:

21<sup>st</sup> July

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

23<sup>rd</sup> Bump up Morning  
Dene Magna Induction week  
24<sup>th</sup> Bump up Morning  
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

## 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).

## Judo!


Thank you so much to Mr Borman (Alfie's Dad) for organising our whole school Judo sessions today. The children were very excited to try something new and very much enjoyed the sessions. Please make enquiries to Apollo Judo Club if your child is interested in taking this further. QR code below.

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CLARITY.**

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### Star of the Week Certificates



#### Pre-school

**Nori** - For overcoming her fears and joining in with Sports Day!

**Hero** - Forming all of the letters from her name independently in her Fathers' Day card.

#### Class 1

**Tommy** - for trying hard to come up with different rhyming words for his story.

**Penny** - for consistently trying super hard in her phonics and writing.

#### Class 2

**Texas** - wonderful attitude to every lesson.

**Lewis** - lovely retelling of our class book.

#### Class 3

**Blair** - for a great understanding when converting units of measure.

**Caitlin** - great recall of our class trip and asking lots of questions.

#### Class 4

**Fergie** - for listening to feedback and persevering.

**Bailey** - for asking great questions in class about learning.



Session	Session Time	Cost
Junior Under 8s	Mondays 6.00 pm to 6.30pm	£1.50
Juniors 8 - 15	Mondays 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm	£3
Seniors	Mondays 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm	£4



## 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 some bump up days next week and early July so some staff members will be in their new classes to get to know the children.

## 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 – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Class Snippets

**Pre-school** – Preschool have enjoyed lots of sand and water play all week - Moon sand, using sand moulds and shells to make prints, sandpit with buckets, spades and cars, water channelling, using various sized containers to explore pouring, filling and emptying. We went to the 'beach' - paddling our feet in the 'sea' and delighted in using small syringes for water play and squirting each other!! Today we have our very own Ice cream parlour, using cones, scoops, moon sand and ice cream props



**Class 1** – this week in class one we have really enjoyed continuing our learning about the beach and coasts thinking about how the coastline changes over time. We have spent a lot of time in the outside area being creative with sand and building many towers. In English we designed main characters for our own versions of 'Oi Frog' thinking about rhyming words and what the characters would say. We have also had some lovely discussions as a class this week about the things that we have learnt and times that we have shown kindness to others. In phonics this week we worked together to read 'The Enormous Turnip' and learned the high frequency words (called, asked, looked).

**Class 2** – This week the children have been very busy. On Thursday, Mrs Evans spent a whole day doing RE and music with them. They created some creation artwork based on the Christian beliefs of the start of the world. In maths, the Y2s have been exploring capacity including litres and millilitres. The Y1s have begun a topic about recognising different coins and notes and understanding the value of money. We have also been exploring the differences between Victorian schools and modern schools. The children have continued to monitor the development of their caterpillars- many of them are now cocooning! A special thank you to Mr Borman for the wonderful Judo session - thank you for teaching us in this heat!



**Class 3** have been working hard on their assessments this week and have nearly completed them all. They amazed me with their reading paper and how they applied their learning on their grammar paper. We had a fun afternoon tasting different breads, ahead of designing our own flatbread to make in a few weeks-time. The children tried fruit loaf, bagels, wraps and ciabatta. Violin is going well and we remind parents that we have a concert on Wednesday 9th July at 11:40, where you can hear the children playing their instruments. As the hot weather continues, please remember sun hats, sun cream and water bottles.

**Class 4** have had a very busy but enjoyable week! In History, the children have learnt about the difference and similarities between Athens and Sparta, and in English we have started to analyse The Odyssey. We got to make a model of 'blood' in Science and identify the four parts of it using resources. With it being National Sports Week, the children have enjoyed their scheduled gymnastics session and the children thoroughly enjoyed their Federation Sports afternoon at Soudley; they were great ambassadors for our school. They have also had a taste of Judo, today, and got to see Mr Boreman throw Miss Carlson in a demonstration! A great week for all of the children. Good Luck to the Y6s off to some of their secondary schools next week - we know you will have a lovely time and do us proud 😊



## 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](#)

### Car Exhaust Fumes

A polite request to parents/carers not to leave their car engines running when parked next to the school in the morning or while waiting for pick up time. As well as the obvious health issues, the fumes are making it unpleasant for everyone standing in the playground. Thank you.



### Party Invites

If sending out birthday invitations, please could parents/carers hand these out after school to ensure fairness and avoid upset of children who are not invited. 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**
- **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.



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.**