



# Steam Mills Primary

28.06.2024



Dear Parents and Carers

## School Lunches

If your child requires school lunches next week, please check now that you have ordered them on Parentpay. We have a 48 hr cut-off for all orders. Thank you. Our caterers (Alliance in Partnership) have given notice of a price increase from **September 2024**. The meal price will be increased to **£2.75** per meal – meals will remain free of charge to those on means tested Free School Meals and Universal Free School Meals (Years R-2).

## Relationships & Health Education Lessons

Relationships and Health Education lessons will be taking place in the summer term. If you would like to find out more information, you can check the Relationships and Health Education Policy available on the school website.

[Steam Mills Primary School - Policies](#)

## Sports Day Morning

What a lovely morning! The children all enjoyed their activities at Sports Day and did so well 😊 We hope those parents/carers that we able to come and spectate also enjoyed the morning. Here are a few photos:



## Term Dates 2023-24

### Summer Term 2024

8<sup>th</sup> April—22<sup>nd</sup> July

### Autumn Term 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> September–20<sup>th</sup> December

### Half Term

28<sup>th</sup> October–

### INSET days:

22<sup>nd</sup> July

2<sup>nd</sup> September

25<sup>th</sup> October

### Diary Dates

(including Federation activities)

### June

### July

2<sup>nd</sup> Five Acres Taster Day for Y6

3<sup>rd</sup> C4 Residential

5<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> Come & Play Day – Rec 2024

10<sup>th</sup> Federation Picnic for  
Class 1 and 2 at Soudley

11<sup>th</sup> School Discos

12<sup>th</sup> FoSM Summer Fayre

15<sup>th</sup> Reports week

16<sup>th</sup> Leavers Performances –  
9:30am and 5:00pm

19<sup>th</sup> Last Day for children

22<sup>nd</sup> Inset Training Day

### September

2<sup>nd</sup> Inset Training Day

3<sup>rd</sup> Start of Term 1

30<sup>th</sup> Rags2Riches Collection

### Class 4 Residential Trip – 3<sup>rd</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> July

Please could we remind parents/carers that children will need a **packed lunch** for Wednesday, the first day of this residential trip. We have a number already ordered from school, if you would like to order one, please do so by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July** or provide a packed lunch from home. Any children bringing medication, such as hay fever/allergy medication or pain relief etc will have to have an accompanying **Medical Authorisation Form**. Please complete a form from the school office. Many thanks

### Upcoming Federation Trip

We have a federation trip on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July for **Class 1 and 2**. The children will be visiting Soudley School for a picnic and various outdoor activities. Please let Miss Agg know if you have not received an email with this trip letter information. Please could parents not order hot school dinners on this day as both classes will need packed lunches. However, you can order a school packed lunch in advance for your child, these will be delivered to school on Tuesday, ready for Wednesday. Please contact Miss Agg if you have any queries.

### FoSM School Discos – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

The next school discos will take place on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July**.

**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 age 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

### FoSM Summer Fayre – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

The School Summer Fayre will now be taking place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 3:15pm and finishing at approx. 5:30pm. There will be lots for families and friends, including; a Raffle, Tombola, Jingle Jars, BBQ, Bar, Games and more. We hope that you are able to attend and support FoSM with this fundraising which will go towards the next Pantomime Trip.

**KS2 Prostars** will be cancelled on this day as Mr Yearly will be providing games at the Fayre, parents will be refunded.



### Star of the Week Certificates



#### Pre-school

**Zachary** - for his confidence and enjoyment in Class 1 during his bump up morning.

**Riley** - for his confidence going to Class 1 bump up morning.

#### Class 1

**Bella** - for her confidence with transitioning into Class 2.

**Reggie** - for being brave on bump up day. (Pre-school)

**Rosie** - for making a great impression in Class 1. (Pre-school)

**Star readers: Mason, Elodie**

#### Class 2

**Carla** - being brave and resilient.

**Winnie** - excellent effort in your writing.

**Poppy** - making a wonderful impression during bump up day.

#### Class 3

**Khloe** - asking excellent questions on our trip.

**Bertie** - speaking clearly and confidently when presenting his poster about mining.

#### Class 4

**Charlie** - being supportive with the new Y5's.

**Elwood** - a great non-chron report.



### **Sponsored Walk**

Thank you so much to those that have handed in Sponsored Walk money that children have collected. We have an amazing total of £739 so far which will go towards the next Pantomime Trip. If you still have money to hand in, please do so next week if at all possible.

### **Leavers Performances – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Parents/carers should have received a letter regarding the Leavers Plays taking place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Please let Miss Agg know if you need another letter. Please ensure tickets are ordered by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July** as admission is per ticket. Requests for additional tickets will be processed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July where possible.

### **Prostars KS1 Club – September 2024**

Due to the historical low numbers of children taking part in the Monday KS1 Prostars Club, the school are considering cancelling this club for the next school year. Please could you let Miss Agg know if you were considering your child joining the club (this will be Y1&Y2 in September), this will then be taken into consideration with regards to the viability and decision going forward.

### **End of Year Reports**

The children's reports will be sent home via email this year, directly from our school systems. It is really important that we have your up to date **email address** details in order for you to receive the report. Please let Miss Agg know if you need to update your email details. The report will give an attendance overview; should you require a full SIMS Attendance Report, please contact Miss Agg.

### **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 we have been enjoying the warm weather in the sun! The children have taken part in large scale painting, sand play and water play looking at capacity and experimenting with pouring and filling. We have also enjoyed ice cream and ice pops for afternoon snacks! The children going to Class 1 in September enjoyed their bump up mornings and Miss Byrnes was really pleased with them all. Sports Day was a hit! All of the children joined in in all of the races with big smiles on their faces! The parent's race was great too - thank you parents!! Our sound this week has been i and our number has been 6.

**Class 1** – the children have had an exciting week, transitioning into their new classes, and meeting their new classmates. The children enjoyed a well-deserved tiptop after their efforts at sports day. In maths we have been looking at number bonds (besties) of 10, using a variety of resources to explore those number bonds. In phonics we have done lots of revisiting of HFW's and the new HFW's for this week are (their, our). In English, we have introduced our new book 'The Rainbow Fish' and have been focussing the book's vocabulary and we have been writing definitions of specific vocabulary.

**Class 2** – what a busy week! Bump up days were a wonderful time; all the children were so welcoming and resilient! We have also continued our reading comprehension on the Magic Finger this week. The children used their inference skills to think about what the characters were feeling. The year 1s started a new maths topic of money and have been exploring 1p and 2p coins this week. The year 2s have started to recap addition and subtraction. Sports day was also a success, all of the children were fantastic in their activities!

**Class 3** enjoyed welcoming the Y2 children this week for their bump up days. They created birthday cards for next year, affirmation balloons to decorate the classroom, got to know each other with bingo and played some games together. The children settled in really well on these mornings and enjoyed their time together. The children enjoyed taking part in Sports Day morning and all enjoyed a well-earned picnic lunch on the school field after. Well done Class 3!

**Class 4** - this week has been a busy week! The current year 5's have enjoyed being year 6's for 2 mornings and welcoming the new year 5s! How is it that time of year already!? The Year 6's that were not on their secondary transition days this week have made us very proud helping out around the school and supporting other children with these changes. We have continued our DT topic where the children have been designing and making their own Mayan masks. We are at the stage where they are using their collage skills to bring their designs to life.

Sports day was a success with our year 6 students once again showing their maturity by helping the KS1 children. Well done to everyone and thank you to parents/carers who came to support us. There were lots of happy faces and it was great to see the whole class supporting each other throughout. We are all very much looking forward to our residential trip to Viney Hill next week; have a restful weekend ready for an exciting week ahead!

### Author Visit – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

We have an author visit on the afternoon of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a whole school assembly, followed by a workshop of Classes 3 and 4.

If parents would like to, they can purchase a copy via [linktr.ee/bwareauthor](https://linktr.ee/bwareauthor) for their child to bring along on the day for the author to sign. B. Ware will also be selling signed copies at the end of the school day (via cash or card payments). **WARNING: Magic Can Be Dangerous!** retails at £8.99. (The link above also contains her social media handles).

### Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme, is returning once again this summer to provide enriching activities as well as delicious and nutritious food. HAF activities are available for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. This summer we are also able to extend this offer to any child who may benefit from attending the programme, through our grant funded Holiday Activities Programme (HAP).

From 12pm on 17 June, families will be able to view activities that will be on offer this summer in their district to start planning their summer fun. Activities will be marked HAF, HAP, or both. From 12pm on 1 July, families will be able to book activities using our Children Activities Booking System (CABS). Activities will be available throughout the summer holiday period. If you have any queries, please email [HAFparentenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:HAFparentenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk)



## YEAR 5 SHOWCASE AFTERNOONS

An interactive afternoon where you and your Year 5 child can experience some of the subjects we offer at Five Acres High School

#### DATE & TIME

Monday 8 July & Tuesday 9 July 2024

3:15-5:15pm

Five Acres High School, Beech Avenue,  
Berry Hill, Glos GL16 7QW



Monday 8 July 3:15-4:15pm

Design Technology / Science / Maths / English / Spanish

Monday 8 July 4:15-5:15pm

Maths / English / Geography

Tuesday 9 July 3:15-4:15pm

Economics / Business Studies / History / MFL / English / Maths

Tuesday 9 July 4:15-5:15pm

Maths / Religious Education / English

To book your preferred day and subject choices please complete the booking form here: <https://forms.gle/tMHidSMs22j3idfE9>

## Who is doing School Uniform discounts this Summer?



25% off School Uniform, starting on Tuesday 23rd July.



25% off School Uniform until Thursday 27th June.



20% off all School Uniform from Thursday 2nd July.



£5 School Uniform Bundle available from Thursday 4th July.



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.**

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