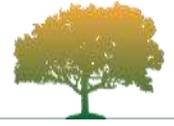




Steam Mills Primary

04.07.2025



Dear Parents/Carers

School Fayre

We hope you all enjoyed the School Fayre last week. FoSM have made an amazing £1025.21 profit. This money will go towards our next Pantomime Trip, other events and extra resources for the school. Thank you again to FoSM for organising, for all your donations and all those that supported the Fayre.



Breakfast Club and After School Club Expansion from September

As part of the national wraparound childcare programme and the Government's ambition that by 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it will be able to access term time childcare in their local area from 8am-6pm, we are expanding our After School Club until 6pm from September. The programme will enable parents to work a full day with travel time. To reflect this expansion we will have extra places and our timings/charges have been adjusted, as follows:

Breakfast Club from September :

- 7:45am-8:45am £4 (Free to FSM families)
- 8:00am-8:45am £3 (Free to FSM families)
- 7:45am-9:00am (Pre-school) £5
- 8:00am-9:00am (Pre-school) £4

After School Club from September:

- 3:00pm-4:30pm (Pre-school) £6
- 3:00pm-6:00pm (Pre-school) £12
- 3:15pm-4:30pm £5
- 3:15pm-6:00pm £11



Diary Dates

Summer Term 2025

28th April-21st July

INSET days:

21st July

Diary Dates (incl. Federation events)

July

- 8th Extra Bump up morning EYFS&KS1
- 9th Class 3 Violin Performance
Pre-school Leavers Graduation Party
- 11th Pre-loved Uniform Sale
- 14th KS2 Performance Dress Rehearsal
- 15th KS2 Parents Performances 9:30am and 5:30pm
- 17th FoSM Summer Disco
- 18th Year 6 Leavers Service 1:30
Last Day of Term 6 for children
NO ASC CLUBS
- 21st Inset Training Day

September

- 1st Inset Training Day
- 2nd Start of Term 1
Class 3 Start Swimming
- 17th Rags to Riches collection
- 26th Nasal Flu Vaccinations – whole school

October

- 16th Reading Cafe

Booking forms are available from reception and all payments are via ParentPay **in advance**. Regular users will be sent a new booking form to complete ready for September. Please ask at the school office if you have any questions or queries. **This provision and changes will be monitored and under constant review.**

ParentPay Leavers

Please could Parents/Carers of Pre-school and Year 6 leavers check their ParentPay accounts and let Miss Agg know if there are any balances that you would like to have refunded. Pre-school children starting in Reception class in September will have a **new ParentPay account** and the old Pre-school one will be closed. Thank you.

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). Thank you.

ICEPACKS - We are missing lots of Ice-packs again. Please could you check if your child has brought any home from school and return. Thank you.

End of Year Reports

The children's reports will be sent home via email again this year, during the last week of term, 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.

Violin Performance – Wednesday 9th 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 9th 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.

Pre-loved Uniform Sale – Friday 11th July (3:00pm-3:30pm)

We will be running another uniform sale next Friday in the playground in case some missed this at the fayre.

All items are £1 and money raised will go to FoSM. Please do have a look as it is always handy to have extras for the next school year.



Leavers Performances – Tuesday 15th July

Parents/carers should have received a letter regarding the Leavers Performances taking place on Tuesday 15th July. All tickets will be sent home on Monday next week and extra tickets issued where possible.

FoSM Summer Discos – Thursday 17th July

The end of year Summer Discos will take place on Thursday 17th July.

KS1 Disco 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm (Pre-school, Reception, Year 1 & 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

Leavers Service – Friday 18th July - 1:30pm

Our Leavers Service will take place on Friday 18th July at 1:30pm, all parents/carers are welcome to attend. The service should last approx. 40 minutes then parents are welcome to collect children from class after to leave school early if they wish. Children are welcome to stay until 3:15pm if you are unable to collect earlier. **There are no After School Clubs on this day.**

Federation Trip to the Beach

What a wonderful trip for Class 1 & 2 with Soudley and Woodside Schools yesterday! Here are some beautiful photos ☺



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Layton - great problem solving-independently using a timer to wait for a toy.
Roffi - showing great resilience and conquering the Fireman's pole without help.
Lottie - being a great support and friend to her peers on bump up day.

Class 1

Benjamin - for being super kind and helping his peers.
Riley - for trying really hard to follow instructions, completing his tasks.

Class 2

Elliott - for a great attitude on our trip!
Poppy - wonderful perseverance even when it's tough 😊

Class 3

Dexter - for always trying his best with his learning.
Alfie B - for showing an enthusiastic learning attitude to everything he does.

Class 4

Cole, Isla-Mae and Ruby - for being really brave at Gymnastics.



Class Snippets

Pre-school - we have shared more seaside themed stories including Commotion in the Ocean and Ben and Holly's Trip to the Seaside. The children have used beach themed subitising cards to match amounts to numerals 1-5. We have made lovely mermaid pictures using colour by number and enjoyed painting with watercolours. We continue to enjoy lots of sand and water play in this lovely weather.



Class 1 – at the start of this week class one had another brilliant bump up morning in class two and are now very excited for next year. We then had a fantastic time visiting the beach. It was a lovely day at Weston, paddling in the sea, finding shells, building sandcastles and even having an ice cream. It was amazing. Back in class we then made some beautiful paintings of the beach using watercolours, thinking about what our favourite part of the trip was. We have also continued enjoying our story 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' in English, thinking about what we would want to have in our lunch. In phonics this week we have continued working on sounding and blending to read longer words and our high frequency words were (Mr, Mrs, don't).

Class 2 – what a wonderful week we've had! A huge THANK YOU to all the parents and staff who supported on our trips over the last week! We had a great day last Friday at the SS Great Britain - we got to dress up in Victorian clothes, use ink pens to write and play with Victorian toys! On Thursday, this week we went to Weston beach and had a wonderful day! We got to dip our toes in the sea and get very messy with sand. Thank you also to all of the parents who attended our butterfly assembly on Wednesday; the children performed some poetry and songs, as well as reading a story. We then released our butterflies with the rest of the school watching!



Class 3 have enjoyed writing and sharing their own stories this week based on The Wolves in the Walls. We had stories about elephants, lions, cats and eagles. They loved reading them to their tables and used lots of narrative features. We explored the Rebellion of Boudicca in history and wrote newspaper

reports about this event. The children amazed me with their knowledge of newspapers and applied their skills from English in this writing. In yoga, they got to make up their own poses and everyone had to try them out. We had another busy week rehearsing songs for the KS2 play. On Thursday, we were very lucky to have a visit from local author, Charlotte L Taylor, who helped us write our own nature inspired poems. The children write haikus and rhyming poems that will be entered into the Bream Book Festival, with the chance to win a book voucher prize. Entries will be judged on Sunday 17th August at the festival. If you do not wish for your child's poem to be entered, please let Mrs Gibbs know by 11th July.

Class 4 have invested a lot of time this week in to play rehearsals - some children have done really well with covering roles when others have not been here, which has been lovely to see. Some of our Y6s have been at their new secondary schools this week and have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In Science, we investigated heart rates when the children were doing dynamic or static exercises and they learnt how to count their pulse... when they found them! The children wrote the next chapter in the Odyssey for Odysseus' adventure after the Laestrygonian Island and they had some very creative ideas and the Greek theme continued in Art where the children decorated their Greek pots and vases - they were very proud of them.

[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](#)

We have received additional contact details if needed or you are struggling to access the new HAF system:

Email: HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Phone: 01452 427960 Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm, from 12pm Monday 30th June

Live Chat (New): We are now able to provide support via a live chat feature on the new HAF booking system website, this will be available Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm, from 12noon on Monday 30th June.

To sign up to the HAF website (Beebot): <https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/>

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.

Orchard Trust Summer Fair 2025

Sunday 6th July 2025

Live Music:

- Lydbrook Training Band
- Two Rivers Choir
- Lightly Twined
- Rum Collective



Stalls Games Punch & Judy Henna

BBQ Bar Ice Creams Cakes

1pm - 4pm

Upper Skewfield, Lower Lydbrook GL17 9PP
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Department for Education Gloucestershire HAF

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SUMMER DRAMA WEEKS

DI BURNETT 7 - 12yrs

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July 21st - 25th
July 28th - Aug 1st

10:00am - 5:00pm Daily
£30.00/day
£110.00 for full week
£5.00 reduction daily for children
M1: Full week + performance
M2: Daily sessions

07977 147273

ABOUT THE DRAMA EXPERIENCE

At Berry Hill Primary School, we offer a unique opportunity for children to explore their creativity and imagination through the art of drama. This experience is designed to help children develop their communication skills, self-confidence, and teamwork. Through role-play and improvisation, children will learn to express their thoughts and feelings in a safe and supportive environment. The program includes workshops on scriptwriting, stagecraft, and performance techniques. Children will have the chance to perform their own plays in front of an audience, building their confidence and stage presence. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to explore their talents and have fun while learning.

NAME OF CHILD: _____
 DOB: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 TEL NO: _____
 EMAIL: _____

PLEASE SEND TO: _____
 Berry Hill Primary School, Nine Wells Road, Coleford, Gloucestershire GL16 7AT

CONTACT DETAILS: 07977 147273
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Forest School summer holiday club

At Broom C of E Primary School

Activities: Fire lighting, Team work, Team challenges, Fire building, Fire Hasting, and much more!

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Make sure you're signed up to our new Holiday Activities and Food programme booking site!

Bookings open 30 June 2025 (viewable from 16 June).
Scan the QR code and press 'next' continuously to begin your sign-up process.
Visit <https://familyhub.glosaccessions.gov.uk>

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U11 OPEN TRAINING

Starts Wednesday 9th July
From 6pm - 7:15pm

Harrow Hill AFC, Larksfield Rd, Drybrook, GL17 9JP

Contact Liam Davies on 07565 309330 for further information

FACE August Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each or FREE with School Membership - 90 minutes long
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Anxiety Explained	4th 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4th 7pm
What is ACT?	5th 10am
Introduction to OCD	5th 7pm
Raising Self Esteem	11th 10am
Decreasing Depression	11th 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	12th 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	12th 7pm
Improving Family Communication	18th 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	18th 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	19th 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	19th 7pm
Understanding Anger	25th 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25th 7pm
Facing Defiance	26th 10am

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Fun for ALL the Family!

SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST
1:00PM - 5:00PM

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Children FREE

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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.