



Steam Mills Primary

23.05.2025



Dear Parents/Carers

KS2 History Day!

Thank you to all the Parents/Carers that were able to visit their child's class on Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed seeing what that the children have been learning about Roman and Greek History.



FoSM Non-school Uniform Day – Friday 6th June

FoSM are holding a non-school uniform day on Friday 6th June in aid of the Summer Fayre. FoSM are asking for the following donations please:

- EYFS & KS1- Jingle Jangle Jars (jars filled with sweets/stationery/hair bobbles/toys etc
- KS2 – Bottles for Bottle Tombola

FoSM are also in need of general Tombola and Raffle prizes if you are able to donate or if you know any local business who are willing to donate a prize. Thank you!

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](#)

Tempest Photography – Class Photos

We emailed out the secure link for the class photos earlier this week. Please follow the on-line instructions to order. Please note there is free delivery to school available for the first 10-14 days. Thank you

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

23rd End of Term 5

June

2nd Start of Term 6

3rd Class 4 Trip to Bristol Museum & Art Gallery

4th Y3/4 to Woodside for Federation Sports 11:30-15:00

6th FoSM Non School Uniform Day – items for Summer Fayre

10th Federation Trip to Houses of Parliament

11th Class 3 Trip to Caerleon

12th Cyber Bullying Session for Parents – 2pm

13th Sports Morning

19th Y5/6 to Woodside for Federation Sports - TBC

20th Judo Sessions for all classes

23rd Bump up Morning

24th Bump up Morning

27th Class 2 Trip to SS Great Britain Summer Fayre

30th Five Acres Welcome Week

July

1st Extra Bump up morning EYFS&KS1

8th Extra Bump up morning EYFS&KS1

9th Class 3 Violin Performance

14th KS2 Performance Dress Rehearsal

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

17th FoSM Summer Disco

Violin Performance

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 11:40. 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.

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.



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 **Were going on a Bear hunt**, we have recalled the story and sequenced some pictures in story order, engaged in our own Bear Hunt's- firstly with small world play- using rice for snow, water and bark for squelchy mud. Today we have been on a Bear hunt on a larger scale, using material for the different parts of the journey. We have really enjoyed watching a very animated Michael Rosen tell the story, complete with actions and sound effects! For Elmer Day we have created our own patchwork elephants and spotted characters from the stories on an Elmer hunt in the garden, with the children ticking off each animal as they have found them.

Class 1 – this week in class one we wrapped up our English focused on 'Izzy Gizmo' by designing inventions of our own that could help animals with different problems. We have also really enjoyed celebrating Elmer day thinking about all the things that make us unique and how we can be a good friend to everyone. In phonics we have been looking at CCVVCC and our HFW time, out, about, house.

Class 2 – this week in Class 2 we have been completing our guidebooks about 'How to Look After a Dragon'. This has finished our sequence of lessons based on the text Dragon Post and the children have really enjoyed this term's book. On Monday, many children brought in a toy to compare them to Victorian toys. The children generated some ideas about how toys have changed over time - for example, toys in the Victorian times did not use electricity and may not have been as colourful as modern toys. We have also been thinking carefully about what plants need to be healthy. The children created a life cycle of a plant - using some very important vocabulary of 'germination' and 'seed dispersal'. We have been very busy!

Class 3 had a brilliant Roman day on Tuesday. They dressed as Romans and the costumes were fantastic! The children enjoyed code cracking using Roman numerals and explored the link between Latin and English words. They were amazed by the word Porcus meaning pig. We also explored artefacts and created our own mini-museum in the afternoon to share with parents. In art, the children finished their mosaic animal in the style of Gaudi and designed their mosaic photo frames. In maths, the



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Roffi – for asking lots of good questions.
Freddie - showing great water safety knowledge when Puddle the Duck visited this week
Locke - excellent concentration and focus in Yoga.

Class 1

Reggie - for always positively engaging in maths mastery.
Ava-Gracie - for using her imagination to make great predictions about what happens next in the story.

Class 2

Charlie M - always being a kind and wonderful member of Steam Mills.

Class 3

Ariana - for always trying her best and great contributions during class discussions.
Rowan - for always being helpful and trustworthy.

Class 4

Y6 for their effort and determination in SATs Week - well done! We are proud of you!



children in Y3 have continued to work on telling the time to the time to the nearest minute and write in 12 hour digital. The Y4s will be moving onto time after the half term break. It would be beneficial to practise telling the time at home too.



Class 4 have had a busy last week of term. In Science, we explored different microorganisms and the differences between fungi, viruses and bacteria. We have explored some Shakespearean language and how he played with rhyme and other figurative devices in his writing to aid with the comedy in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. We had a great day for our history day - thank you to those that dressed up; we made Greek Masks and had our own Mini Olympics - the Class 4 Octathlon. Year 6 have also been lucky enough to go and meet Matt Goodfellow, the author of *The Final Year*, and they really enjoyed it and found it very interesting. A very busy half term!

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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Half Term Fun at The Museum of Gloucester!

Moomin 80: Moomin ABC Exhibition
Open until Sunday 5 October | Tickets from £5

Family Trail: Mysteries of May
Saturday 24 May - Sunday 1 June | £2 per trail

Doc Saurus: Fossil Hunter
Wednesday 28 May, Sessions 10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm | £2.50 per person

Moomin Tales & Adventure: Storytelling Session with Exhibition Visit
Wednesday 28 May, 11am - 12:30 & 2pm - 3:30pm | £12.50 per child - Adults go free!

Recycled Moomin Magic: Create your Own Blue House
Thursday 29 May, sessions running 11am - 2pm | £6.50 per child - Adults go free!

Glorious Glevum Tour
Saturday 31 May, 2pm - 3pm | Tickets from £5

MUSEUM OF GLOUCESTER

BOOK NOW!

Have a lovely half-term break!

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.