

Steam Mills Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers



Term Dates 2023-24

Summer Term 2024

8th April—22nd July

Autumn Term 2024

2nd September–20th December

Half Term

28th October–

INSET days:

22nd July

2nd September

25th October

Diary Dates

(including Federation activities)

June

July

8th Come & Play Day – Rec 2024

10th Federation Picnic for
Class 1 and 2 at Soudley

11th School Discos

12th FoSM Summer Fayre

15th Reports week

16th Leavers Performances –
9:30am and 5:00pm

19th Last Day for children

22nd Inset Training Day

September

2nd Inset Training Day

3rd Start of Term 1

25th Maths Fest!

30th Rags2Riches Collection

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](#)

Breakfast Club and After School Club Provision - Wraparound Childcare Reform Survey

National changes are planned regarding wraparound childcare. There is a link below to the survey, please could you complete to help us with planning our provision. Thank you.

[Parent survey on wraparound care](#)

Breakfast Club and After School Club Bookings from September

Please could you complete a new booking form request for the next school year if you are going to require Breakfast Club or After School Club. Miss Agg will send booking forms home for regular users to complete, but if you require a booking for the first time, please collect a form from the school office. Thank you

Parent Handbook - Hair

We have attached our Parent Handbook for your information again. There have been a few hairstyles with shaved tram-lines recently, which are not acceptable in school. Thank you.

Class 4 Residential Trip

Well done to Class 4 children and staff for a very successful and enjoyable residential trip this week. The weather was fairly kind and the children enjoyed lots of different activities on the site at Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre. Here are a few pictures of the trip :



Upcoming Federation Trip

We have a federation trip on Wednesday 10th 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.

Author Visit – Wednesday 10th July

We have an author visit on the afternoon of Wednesday 10th 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 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



Star of the Week Certificates



Pre-school

Locke - being a confident superstar at Sports Day!

Georgie - fabulous confidence and getting stuck into all the races at Sports Day!

Zachary - completing every race with the biggest smile at Sports Day!

Class 1

Tate- for always being sensible and kind.

Daphne- for always trying her best with her learning.

Class 2

Lily - showing perseverance in your poetry reading.

Caillin and Bella - amazing bravery in swimming.

Edward - wonderful noun phrases to describe people on the bus!

Class 3

Harper - always trying her best in maths.

Jack - Being a kind learning partner.

Class 4

Isabelle and Jack – for effort and performances in the play.

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).

FoSM School Discos – Thursday 11th July

The next school discos will take place on **Thursday 11th 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

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 **£1079** 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 16th July

Parents/carers should have received a letter regarding the Leavers Plays taking place on Tuesday 16th July. Please let Miss Agg know if you need another letter. Please ensure tickets are ordered by **Monday 1st July** as admission is per ticket. Requests for additional tickets will be processed on Monday 8th 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 the children have enjoyed lots of water play in many forms; using bamboo and plastic channelling, small scoops and mastering the small syringes; exploring cause and effect and problem solving when challenges occur. The children have extended their own play with lots of their own ideas; making a stage and kitchen from milk crates and exploring paint, making ice-cream handprint pictures and sandcastles using a variety of textured collage.

Class 1 – this week we have been looking closely at The Rainbow Fish and writing a book review. In maths we have been practising our number bonds of 10, the children will be bringing home a number bond rainbow to display as a reminder of their number bonds over the summer. In Geography we have been continuing our learning of coasts, and this week we were looking at

water defences on the coasts and we experimented with water and glitter to make a class water defence. High frequency words for reception are- Mr, Mrs, don't, people, could

Class 2 – this week we have started a new book in English, Last Stop on Market Street. The children created and performed some poetry, they have used adjectives to describe and created questions. They have really enjoyed looking at the bright illustrations the book has. We have finished our reading comprehension unit based on The Magic Finger and watched a lovely stage show of this book online. In PSHE we have thought about the importance of hygiene routines and helped Harold sequence his morning routine.

Class 3 - had a busy week at gymnastics. They tried the trampolines and a high beam. They enjoyed jumping into the foam pit and lots of children found their 'brave' when trying this new equipment. In DT, we have designed and planned out mines to make next week. The children have thought carefully about the materials they will use and have remembered very well the features that they saw in the coal mine. We are looking forward to making them next week. In writing, we have planned a report all about tea and will be writing these next week.

Class 4 – as mentioned above, Class 4 children have attended their residential trip this week and arrived back at school today. The few children from the class that were in school had a very busy time working across the school, helping teachers as well as completing tasks relating to their learning and topic work.

Gloucestershire Families Magazine

Here is the [link](#) to the next issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine July/August 2024](#) for you. Our magazine is packed full of useful information for parents including:

- Fun learning activities for the summer break
- Summer water safety
- Make a Kit Kat ice cream downloadable
- Free printable activities for primary age
- 'Must visit' UK castles
- Best UK beaches for toddlers
- Family walks featuring water
- and much more.....

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

LAS IGUANAS Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main	MORRISONS Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.
ASDA Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.	TESCO CAFES 1 Free Kids meal with every 50p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales
SAINSBURY'S CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.	GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants
PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm	YO! SUSHI From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).
THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult	WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased
TOI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)	BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.
PUREZZA Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased	COCONUT TREE One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily 12pm - 4pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.
TRAVELodge & PREMIER INN Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free	SOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!
KEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am	TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!
SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.	HUNSEY HOUSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays
BEEFEATER & BREWERS PAYNE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!	FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.
PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms	

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Save the date...

MATHS FEST 2024

25th September 2024.

Parents are invited into their children's classrooms in the morning or afternoon, to see what happens in a Maths lesson, what resources we use and how FUN Maths can be! We will share more information about this after the summer holidays but **SAVE THE DATE!**



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Dear Families of Year 4, 5, and 6 Students,

I am writing to acknowledge the increasing online presence of children in today's digital age. As educators and guardians, I recognise the immense opportunities that the internet provides for learning and growth. However, I am equally aware of the challenges and potential risks associated with online activities.

Our commitment is to ensure that our students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly and also offer parents the guidance in supporting their child in using the internet safely. In partnership with you, I aim to foster a secure and enriching online environment for your children.

Therefore, SGS Forest High would like to invite parents of local primary schools to an information evening about how to keep your child safe online.

This will be delivered by PC Simon Williams who will be covering a range of topics about online safety and a chance for questions at the end.

This will be happening on Wednesday 10th July at SGS Forest high 3.30-5.30pm. If you are interested in attending please sign up using the link below.
<https://forms.office.com/e/AznFKS3qMX>

I look forward to meeting you and working together to ensure the safety and well-being of our students in the digital world.

April Booker
Assistant Headteacher
Head of Symonds Yat House



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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.