



Class 1 trip – Thursday 9th May

A little reminder that the children in class 1 are going to Burford Wildlife Park on Thursday. They will need to be in school on time in uniform and with a packed lunch. The weather is due to improve but a waterproof coat would be useful. They do not need their book bags in school. The coach is due to leave Burford at 3pm so that they can get the maximum time there and should be back at school before 4pm. The children in Year 3, 4 and 5 will be taught together for the day and the Y6 are having a SATs revision day ahead of their assessments the following week.

After school clubs

There is no maths or Sats club on Tuesday due to a Y3/4 sporting event and no Spanish club on Thursday due to the school trip. Wraparound care is running til 5pm as usual.

Allotment in the community garden

We need more help to support our allotment in the community garden if we are wanting to keep it going. If this is something you are able to help with then please let me know.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is visiting Gloucester

If you would like to attend the service then Please [Register your interest in attending the service here →](#)

Sponsored Colour Run

Earlier this week you received an email about the small school colour run, hopefully this is an event that we can all support. Last year we hosted the first of these combined small school events and it is great that Ampney Crucis have taken on the baton to run this years event. If you can let me know if you have registered your child I would be very grateful. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate then here is the link - https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/downampneycolourrun2024?utm_medium=campaign&utm_content=campaign%2Fdownampneycolourrun2024&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Get ready for Y6 booster sessions

As mentioned in last weeks update we will not be running teacher led clubs in term 6 but instead will be offering get ready for Y6 sessions. I have been really impressed with the number of year 5s who have signed up for these and I have sent emails out to those parents. I will share the timetable for sessions soon. Wraparound club will continue to be open to all children til 5pm each evening in Term 6.

Book Amnesty

Please can you all check at home for any school books especially phonics books as we are missing some. If you happen to come across any then please just return them to the porch or your child's class teacher. Thank you

Reception starters for September 2024

We are really excited to have started to welcome the new reception starters for September 2024, if you are aware of any families who are not happy with their allocation then do let them know to get in touch. We are hoping that many of the new families will join us at the family picnic on May 24th and we can welcome them to our school community.

Spare uniform

If you have any uniform that your children have grown out of then please consider donating it to school, we have a new girl joining class 1 this week and she is keen to have some whilst waiting for her order.

Read for Good – readathon

As part of our ‘year of reading’ activities we will be sending out read for good readathon cards next week for the children to complete over a 3 week period either side and including half term. Due to other school events we are not asking for sponsorship but keen for all children to share their love of reading and complete the cards. We will then share them and any photos and book reviews as part of the celebration of reading later this year. If anyone would like to make a donation to the read for good charity there will information on the reading cards.

School fete preparation

If you are having a spring clean this bank holiday weekend then please start to put some things aside for the school fete, we will be looking for donations of books, teddies, games, etc. If you have any **plastic flower pots** we would love these now so that we can start some planting for the plant sale. We would be grateful if you can do any planting at home for this stall too. The PTA will be sending out more details of how to get involved soon but for now please ensure you all have 6th July in your diaries. Raffle tickets will come home soon for this, we are currently **looking for raffle prizes** so if you have any or know of any companies that could donate or sponsor a stall then please let me or the PTA know.

Policy information

We regularly review our policies and they are all on our website for you to see. We have recently updated our acceptable use policy - <https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-02-25-Acceptable-Use-Policy.pdf>

Our behaviour and positive relationship policy https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-02-25_Behaviour-and-positive-relationships-Policy.pdf

And our relationships and health education policy <https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2024-02-25-Relationships-and-Health-Education-Policy.pdf>

Printed copies of the acceptable use policy forms will be coming home next week for families and children to sign.

Key Dates	
7th May	Quad Kids
9th May	Class 1 trip
13 th – 16 th May	Y6 SATs
17th May	PTA children’s DISCO at the FOOTBALL CLUB!
17th May	Class 3 Team building day with Rodmarton School ahead of our joint residential
20th May	On non-school uniform day, children are to bring chocolate or bottles for the tombolas at the school fete.
21st May	Orienteering Y5/6
24th May	Sports day and family picnic – Sports day starting at 11 am (if dry)
24th May	End of Term 5
3rd June	Term 6 starts

3 rd – 14 th June	Multiplication Tables Check Y4
10 th June	Class 3 Team building day with Rodmarton School ahead of our joint residential
10 th – 14 th June	Phonics Screening Assessments Y1
11 th June	In the Net – internet safety play Year 4
12 th June	Leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral
15 th June	Small school fundraising event
17 th – 21 st June	Careers week
18 th June	Rounders Year 5/6
24 th - 26 th June	Residential for Class 3 (more details to follow)
26 th -26 th June	Commonweal open days
28 th June	PTA school quiz night
Week of 1 st July	Crypt Open day
2 nd and 3 rd July	Farmors Induction Day
6 th July	School Fete
10 th July	Schoolbeat visit for class 3
10 th July	Year 2/3 multisports
July 11 th and 12 th	Deer Park induction days
15 th July	Make the rules day
19 th July	Last day of term for pupils – 1:15 p.m. finish
22 nd July	INSET day