



## 2024-25 Week 35 Update

### This week

Another busy and rather warm week at Down Ampney. There has been several science experiments happening in school this week with raspberries decaying in various conditions within Class 3, eggs being added to various solutions in Class 2 and data loggers recording temperature and sound in Fieldwork Club.

In addition, Class 3 have enjoyed a STEM day creating vehicles and young engineers Amy and Erin will represent the school at RIAT at the end of term. We have enjoyed welcoming Miss Chakroborty into school again for three days this week to get to know all the children. Some of our Year 6 children have also started visiting their secondary schools.

A massive thank you to everyone who donated a bottle today for non-uniform day that will be a great help to the school fete preparations.

\*\*we have just heard that tennis this afternoon is cancelled – we are trying to add a session to the end of our 5-week block to replace this one. \*\*

### Small schools' fundraiser

Tomorrow is the small school joint fundraiser which is this year hosted by Meysey Hampton school. I hope to see lots of you there. I am aware that some people are unable to make it and requested a link to make a donation instead. Any money donated on this link will go straight to our PTA to help to support activities within school next year. This is also the link that those that are doing the sponsored dance-a-thon can pledge their money.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/flourishdance2025>

### Advanced Notice

**IMPORTANT – there is no wraparound care after school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July**, all children will need to be collected at 3:15pm.

### Next Week

Monday - District sports for Year 3, 4, 5 and. These children need to be in PE kit and have water bottles and snacks. Residential meeting for current Year 4 and 5 parents at 4pm.

Tuesday – reserve district sports day – hopefully not needed!

Thursday – Area sports – we will send information to those children who get through after Mondays event.

### Rest of term reminders

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Class 3 play, children need to return to at 5:40pm. Play at 6pm in village hall. Help is needed to put up and take down stage. Please send in costumes.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July – moving up days

3<sup>rd</sup> July – skillzone trip NOW ONLY CLASS 3

4<sup>th</sup> July – school fete – 4-6pm

10<sup>th</sup> July – Roman Cirencester trip NOW ONLY CLASS 2

11<sup>th</sup> July – No after school club

17<sup>th</sup> July – iSing Pop concerts at 2pm and 6pm – packed lunches needed

18<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers service at 10am

### Next academic year

The term dates are on the website and I will be aiming to send out key dates for the year before the end of term. Please look at the term dates when booking holidays to avoid term time holidays as these will not be authorised.



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**Last call** for donations for Miss HG present to Lily's mum please as this is being bought and made next week, thank you.

### Attendance update

Attendance across the school has dipped in the last couple of weeks. I am aware there are summer colds and illnesses going around. Attendance levels will be reported on along with annual reports.

### School Fete – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 4-6pm

Please can you return your sold Raffle ticket books to the box in the porch, there are more tickets available if you would like to sell more.

Any other donations of teddies, puzzles, books are now welcome.

If you can make any cakes for the event that would be amazing!

### Book amnesty

It is that time of year again when we are asking you to look at home for any books that might belong to school and return them, we know we are missing some! We will put a box in the porch for them.

### Teacher led clubs

These have now finished for the year except for rounders club for those that are taking part in the rounders tournament. Next year we will have a year-round outdoor club on a Monday with limited spaces – places not available yet. Other teacher clubs will start from October

### Breakfast club bookings

Please continue to book these via parentmail. You can choose 7:45-8am which comes at a small charge or 8-8:30am which is free. If you book the 7:45-8am slot, we will assume they are staying until school starts so you do not need to click onto both.

### Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who donated to the Raisin Challenge. We have a message from Sam Frost regarding the donation for her marathon.

*I wanted to say a huge thank you to Down Ampney for supporting my London marathon and raising a great amount towards my fundraiser. I have seen the trust have paid it on now and my total is over £4500 so I am very pleased and appreciate the support the school gave me.*

Key Dates – for the full year see the website – new dates or information in yellow

21 <sup>st</sup> June	Small school fundraising event
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	District Sports
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Area Sports
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 3 play – 6pm
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Farmors Induction days and class moving up days
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Class 3 to Skillzone
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Kingshill induction day and School Fete
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 2 Roman History trip to Cirencester and Corinium Museum
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Ising Pop concerts at 2pm and 6pm – year 6 sleepover