



Newsletter 35 – 19th June 2026

DAY	WHAT'S ON
MONDAY 22ND JUNE	- Year 5&6 Bikeability Mon-Wed – Bring bikes to school on Monday. - Mr Bateman Music Lessons - Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm pick up at the field TBC - ASC 3.15-5.15
TUESDAY 23RD JUNE	- NO Chess Club this week. - NO Year 5 & 6 Water Safety this week. - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE	- Mr Meade Music Lessons - Forest School Rec, Year 1 & Year 4 - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 25TH JUNE	3.15pm pick up at the Field, Cricket Club 3.15-4.15pm collection from Field - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - Pick up after 4.15pm is from School
FRIDAY 26TH JUNE	- No Musical Mania Today - Area Sports for qualifiers. - Southrop Sculpture Show from 3.00pm.
SATURDAY 27TH JUNE	Mud Madness in Kempsford
MONDAY 29TH JUNE	- Mr Bateman Music Lessons - Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm pick up at the field weather permitting. - ASC 3.15-5.15
TUESDAY 30TH JUNE	- Move up Day - Some Year 6 to Farmor's - Chess Club at lunchtime 5 & 6 Water Safety this week. - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm
WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY	- Forest School Rec, Year 1 & Year 5 - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - KS2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 2ND JULY	3.15pm pick up at the Field, Cricket Club 3.15-4.15pm collection from Field - ASC 3.15-4.15 & 4.15-5.15pm - Pick up after 4.15pm is from School
FRIDAY 3RD JULY	- Year 4&5 Girls Active at Kingshill - Musical Mania - Southrop Sculpture Show from 3.00pm.

Coming up6th July PTA Colour Run, 9th July Sports Day, 14th July Swan Class Play, 16th July Leavers' Service, 17th July end of Term 1.30pm

Stars of the Week

Cygnets: Maggie for her wonderful writing.

Swans: Rupert, Charlotte & Mia for getting through to Area Sports

PE on Monday – Gazebos? It is going to be very hot on Monday, do any parents have gazebos that they would be able to put up at the field for us to take shelter? If not, we will have PE and Sports Club here at school. Thank you.

Message from Miss Davies

Free School Meals Update

I would like to make parents aware of an important change to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility that will come into effect from September 2026.

The Government has announced that all children whose parents or carers receive Universal Credit will now qualify for Free School Meals. This means that many more families may be entitled to support and we encourage parents to check their eligibility and apply if they have not already done so.

There will now be two categories of Free School Meals:

- **Targeted FSM** – for families with a household income below £7,400. These pupils will continue to attract Pupil Premium funding for the school.
- **Expanded FSM** – for families receiving Universal Credit. These pupils will be entitled to Free School Meals but will not attract Pupil Premium funding.

For families already registered, Gloucestershire County Council will be reviewing and updating eligibility records over the summer. Universal Infant Free School Meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 remain unchanged.

We strongly encourage all eligible families to apply through Gloucestershire County Council, even if your child currently receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, as this helps ensure that families receive all the support available to them and enables schools to access additional funding where applicable.

To apply for Free School Meals, please visit the Gloucestershire County Council application portal: <https://emsonline.gloucestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en/FreeSchoolMeals/Home>

Head Teacher for the Day

By Miss E. Roberts and Miss A. Mahoney

We have had a busy week so far because we have gone to the Sculpture Show. We saw some amazing sculptures.

The Swans had a great time at District Sports. Congratulations to Charlotte, Rupert and Mia for qualifying for the Area Sports event, and an extra well done to Kiera, Phoebe and Ari for coming third.

The Year 5 and Year 6 children also had a great time at swimming, where they learned about water safety and how to keep safe around the edge of the pool.

Please could you make sure that your children do not bring fidget toys to school, as they are becoming too much of a distraction. However, we are aware that some children benefit from using a fidget toy to support their learning. If you feel that your child would benefit from this, please speak to their class teacher. Children will not need to bring in their own fidget toys, as some can be oversized and may break. Each classroom will have a box of suitable fidget toys available for children who need them.

Thank you to the cricket coach for helping us.

And finally, thank you to the staff and PTA for making today happen.



Reminder – Year 5 & 6 Bikeability Next Week

Year 5 & 6 Bikeability takes place from Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th June. Please remember to bring your bikes and helmets to school on Monday morning.

Swans

It has been assessment week in KS2 week. The children have been working hard and show lots of tenacity – some even quite enjoyed the opportunity to show off their learning! On Thursday we had an outdoor day with district sports in the morning, followed by cricket coaching at the field in the afternoon. It was lovely to see the children showing great sporting attitude and holding their own against some much larger cohorts. Several of the children went through to the next level and we did particularly well in the skipping races! In cricket we continued to improve our batting skills by playing a 3 player rotation game which involved hitting the ball with accuracy to get it in the goal.



Year 5 and 6 have had a busy couple of weeks filled with a range of activities! We've had the residential, the Year 6 Leaver's Service at Gloucester Cathedral, swimming lessons and district sports day. Alongside this, we have managed to fit in some of our lessons!

In English, we have done an independent piece of assessment writing where we described a fictional organism that we designed in Science. We have also begun planning a non-chronological report on the Benin Kingdom based on our unit in English.

In Maths, Year 5 have been working on adding fractions, both with the same denominators and denominators that are multiples. Year 6 begun a new unit on algebra, calculating formulae written in words.

In Science, we have begun our unit on sex and relationships. In Computing, we have looked at how computers can use binary to send images using pixels.

In English the Y3&4s have been getting into, The Thames and Tide Club, which is an exciting fantasy mystery. They have been exploring an underwater London in the Thames and writing a tourist brochure for it. They are now going on to create some dialogue between the mudlarking children and the highly volatile Queen Barbara and write their own fantasy mystery.

In Science, Y3&4 have been using classification keys and creating their own. This week we enjoyed a pond dip in the wildlife garden, looking at the animals and plants, which included leeches, water lice, flag irises, water mint, willow herb and sedge grass.



In Computing, Year 3&4 completed their book recommendation website by adding emphasis, accents and link to other webpages. We have now gone onto our new unit, Computational Thinking, and have been solving puzzles to understand decomposition and designing school playgrounds with a theme to understand abstraction.

In Art we have started to create posters and zines about topics the children feel strongly about using collage and stencilling. On Monday we enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Fresh Air Sculpture show, kindly organised by Mrs Dawson. We came back buzzing with our own ideas for sculptures for a Southrop Sculpture show and have created our own designs. Next week we will build our creations ready for you to enjoy at our show on Friday afternoon.



In History we have been finding out about the different forms of crime and punishment in Roman and Anglo-Saxon Britain. This week enacted an Anglo-Saxon toland (court) and Oswald (played by Rupert) was found guilty of his crime. Then we went on to look at how Tudor crimes and punishments, 500 year later, compared.

In DT last week Year 3 completed their food technology unit. The children designed season tarts using a range of seasonal fruit and vegetables, some from our own vegetable garden. The learnt to chop vegetables safely and scored the pasty cases. They also thought about the visual impact of their tart and how the flavours would work together.

In Music we have been busy learning the songs for our end of year play, however we were very excited to have some visitors from the Voice Collective in week 1. All of KS2 had the opportunity to do some song writing and composing and together we have composed a school song around our three values.

In Maths Y3&4 have been learning about Measurement. The Y4s have been learning about measurement of time and are now moving onto converting units. The Y3s have been learning about mass and comparing and order mass.

Cygnets

What a busy and exciting term we have had so far!

The children have fully immersed themselves in our new Eco Warrior topic and have enjoyed exploring a range of engaging learning opportunities across the curriculum.

In English, the children have been reading about The Tiny Seed and its incredible adventure. We have been thinking carefully about the conditions plants need to grow and what we can do to help them thrive. Using this knowledge, the children have created their own growing instruction leaflets, which they will soon publish in their English books.

In Maths, Year 1 and Year 2 children have been using multiplication to solve practical problems and learning about arrays. More recently, they have begun exploring coins, their values, and their different uses. The children had some thoughtful discussions about money and came up with many excellent ideas about how it is used in everyday life.

In Science, we have been conducting experiments to investigate how plants grow in different conditions. We tested seeds in darkness, without water, and in freezing temperatures, observing closely to see whether they germinated. We have also learned about the differences between bulbs and seeds, as well as the life cycle of a seed and the process of germination.

In Religious Education, we have been learning about special places of worship for different faiths. The children have explored synagogues, churches, and mosques, enjoying the opportunity to investigate and compare these important places.

In Geography, we have carried out a study of the physical and human features found in Southrop. The children have used Google Earth to explore the local area and have created their own maps of Southrop. This week, we have also been learning about the continents of the world and practising our map-labelling skills.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity, and hard work the children have shown this term, and we look forward to continuing our Eco Warrior learning journey in the weeks ahead.

Fresh Air Sculpture Young Students Carnival of the Animals Competition

The Fresh Air Sculpture Show is inviting children from local schools and the community to become sculptors and take part in a fun mini competition. Your child can complete their entry at home or take some time next week when we are preparing our sculptures for our Southrop Sculpture Show. Whether you're a budding artist or a student under 18, this is your chance to shine—and win big in three age categories:

Up to 10 years • 11-14 years • 15-18 years

Win cash prizes – 1st prize £100, 2nd prize £30, 3rd prize £20 for each age category.

Deadline for entries: Friday 3rd July at 5pm

See <https://www.freshairsculpture.com/carnival-of-the-animals/> for further information and the entry form.



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PTA NEWSLETTER

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Colour Run Marathon! Monday 6th July

Our annual marathon is fast approaching, and we're delighted to be bringing back the colours! All children will take part by running as many laps of the field as they can. There will be prizes in both Cygnets and Swans for the most laps completed and for best effort. Sponsorship forms will be coming home soon, and we'd be grateful if you could ask friends, family, neighbours, and colleagues if they would like to sponsor your child. Please remember to send your child in with some form of eyewear. Anything from ski goggles and swimming goggles to sunglasses will do the job! We will also have white T-shirts available for anyone who needs one, with more details to follow closer to the event.

We're on the lookout for any large squeeze bottles (think Fairy Liquid-style bottles) that we can use for the colour powder. The bigger, the better! If you have any spare, please bring them into school.

Finally, if you'd like the very important job of helping throw paint at the children, we'd love to hear from you! We can't wait for what promises to be a fun, colourful, and memorable day for everyone!

Uniform Sale Wednesday 24th - Pick Up Thursday 25th - Drop Off

We will have all the uniform available on these days. If you have anything to donate, please can you bring it in before the Wednesday if possible.

Last Day of Term Party

We are hoping to book Eastleach Village Hall and some outdoor inflatables for Friday 17th July. This will be straight after school to continue the celebration of the end of another fantastic term and all of our leavers!!! Pizzas will be provided, BYOB. This is a free event for everyone. Confirmation of this will be sent soon so please save the date!

Sssshh, don't tell the kids!

We are hoping to have the new playground markings installed on Monday 29th June, while the children are at the field for PE. To celebrate, we'll be holding a Grand Opening on Tuesday morning with a special PTA breakfast of croissants and other tasty treats and we'd love you to join us! Please note this is weather dependent, and any updates will be shared via the WhatsApp groups.

