



This term in 'Life in all its Fullness' curriculum, we are focusing on:



This term's value is **Respect**

Friday 11th April 2025

Life in all its Fullness

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Newsletter

Children who have shown 'Life in all its Fullness'

Well done to the following children:



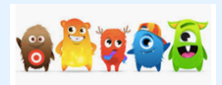
GEM POWERS

Children who showed our school values in their gem powers over the last couple of weeks:

Vasilis K, Martha G, Jaxson Jen, Laylah M, Faith H, Rupert C, Josh T, Phoenix M, Hamish E, Archie C, Teddy J, Hugo W, Sam B, Laurence C, Daniel F.

SPORTS SUPER HEROES

Dennis M-S, Archie C, Edith W, Wilfred W, Max B, Ellie M, Sam B, Mia M, Rosie W-P, Lena V, Ollie E, Charlotte G, Oliver B, Poppy W.



DOJO CERTIFICATE

Archie A, Louise F, Liam H, Lily S, Penny S, Mollie F, Rowan M, Betsy S-T, Archie A, Autumn M-H, Martha G, Ashton P, Nirvana P, Tabitha F, James M, Max B, Oscar B, Nora D.

HOUSES

The house with the most DOJO POINTS this week were: **Tyndale**

The classes with the highest number of DOJO POINTS this week are: **Year 1**, **Year 5** & **Year 3** who have earned extra play.

Well done to all of our children!

BIG WALK AND WHEEL 2025 – FINAL UPDATE

Well done to all our children who were able to walk and wheel into school throughout this years' challenge! Totals for week 2:

355 children have walked

79 children have travelled by scooter

28 children have travelled on a bike

This brings our 2-week total to an amazing 815 total journeys! This means that a daily whole-school average of children walking, scooting or cycling to school across the two weeks is **45.88%**!



Legendary Longleat

On Friday 4th April Year 4 went to Longleat to learn more about the endangered animals that live there. Fortunately, we had amazing luck looking at the animals as they were all out and about! We saw lions, tigers, cheetahs, African painted dogs, lemurs, macaws, koalas, wombats crocodiles, giant otters, meerkats, rhinos, red pandas, giraffes and many other amazing animals.



We particularly enjoyed the koalas because they were awake, which was incredible as this species is only awake for 4 hours a day, so we arrived at the right time. Monty really enjoyed having his photo taken! During our animal encounter workshop, we learnt lots about the effects of climate change on koalas and we really enjoyed trying to spot the different koalas by looking at their noses and ears.

The grey wolves were asleep when we arrived, but once the coach stopped, they woke up, walked towards us and started to play and run around like children playing tag. As we drove through the tiger enclosure, we got a fantastic view of the one-year-old cubs. Sadly, we didn't see Anne the Elephant because she was probably enjoying some hay inside her haven! After spending 50 years as a circus elephant, we were glad that she was rescued and found a safe home in Longleat.



We really enjoyed our time on Tarren Tours and learnt lots of interesting and amazing facts. Thank you to Mrs Tarren and Mrs Fox for taking us, and to Mrs Barthram, Mrs Bevan and Mrs Smit for volunteering to help. We enjoyed all the extra snacks too!

Reported by Sam Bevan and Max Barthram

End of Spring Term - Attendance Update

Thank you for your continued support with raising school attendance for all pupils. It is the national expectation that children are in school every day.

School attendance is currently: **95.9%** The national average is currently: **94.6%**

Attendance Update – Requests for Holidays during term-time

Schools are not permitted to approve absences related term-time holidays. An absence related to a term-time holiday will be recorded as unauthorised. For each unauthorised day of holiday taken during term-time, 2 unauthorised sessions are recorded in the school register, one for the morning session and one for the afternoon.



If your child has **10 or more sessions** of unauthorised absence within **10 school weeks**, you may receive a 'Notice to Improve' notification, sent via email on behalf of the school and issued by Gloucestershire County Council. **These 10 weeks can span different terms, academic years, and even different educational settings, such as transitions to secondary school or in-year school changes.** Unauthorised absences include:

- unauthorised absence, where there is no reasonable circumstance for the absence taking place;
- arriving late after the register has closed; or
- a combination of these, with holidays taken during term time.

Example: if your child misses 3 days of school for a holiday in July (6 sessions) and is late after the register closes on 4 occasions (4 sessions) between September and October, you may be issued a 'Notice to Improve' notification.

However, under the national rules, all schools are required to consider a Penalty Notice when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

Penalty Notice

A penalty notices will usually be issued when a notice to improve has not been effective. However, they may also be issued directly for any holiday-related absence that includes 10 sessions in 10 weeks.

Example: if your child misses 2 days of school for holiday at the start of term 1 (4 sessions), 1 day at the end of the term 1 (2 sessions), and 2 days at the beginning of term 2 (4 sessions), you may be issued directly with a Penalty Notice.

From September 2024, the penalty fine is £160 (reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days for the first offence). If a parent receives a second penalty notice within a three-year, continuous period, the fine is £160 and there would be no option to pay the fine at a reduced rate.

The primary goal of these measures is to ensure that children do not miss out on their education.

For every day absent (2 sessions) from school, your child will miss approximately 5 lessons. If your child is absent from school for 3 days for an unauthorised holiday, they will miss approximately 15 lessons. 5 days absence from school is the equivalent of missing 25 lessons.

Every lesson is a crucial part of your child's learning journey, and frequent absences can significantly hinder their progress.

SPORTS DAY 2025

Sports Day is being held on **Tuesday 20th May**. Parents/family members are invited to attend to watch their children.

KS1 will be doing sports in the morning & KS2 will be in the afternoon.

There will then be the opportunity for parents/family members to have a picnic lunch with children from both KS1 & KS2 on the school field over lunchtime.

We will send out specific timings closer to the time!



EASTER EGG COLLECTION FOR GL11 FOOD BANK

Thank you to all those who have contributed Easter Eggs to be donated to GL11 Food Bank – they are being delivered to GL11 in next few days 😊



PARENT PAY

Please remember to keep an eye on your Parent Pay account balances. Please pay any outstanding school lunch debts as soon as possible. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school office.

If your circumstances have changed, you may be entitled to free school meals. To apply, please go to [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – SUMMER TERM 1 2025

Monday 28th April

W/C 28th April

Thursday 1st May

Mon 4th May

Thursday 8th May

Fri 9th May

W/C 12th May

Thurs 15th May

Mon 19th May

Tuesday 20th May

Wednesday 21st May

Friday 23rd May

Term 5 STARTS

Year 5 Bikeability Sessions

Nature Quiz Round 2 at Cam Hopton

Year 2 Swimming

Early May Bank Holiday

Year 2 Swimming

Reception Cake Sale

Year 6 SATs Week

Year 2 Swim

DSP Photography – Leavers and Class photos

KNEX Challenge Final (selected children)

Sports Day (more info to follow)

Year 6 Trip to Black Country Living Museum

END OF TERM 5

All SUMMER TERM dates can be found [HERE](#)

PTA UPDATES!



**Come and Join Cam Hopton Primary School on their hunt
for hounds around the surrounding area!**

**£3 a map – Available from Cam Hopton School or
the corner of Budding Way on Littlecombe**

Cakes and refreshments available at the school and on the route

Every completed map will be entered for our prize draw at the end of the day

Date : Sunday 11th May 2025

Time : 10am – 4pm



Approx route is 4km and suitable for push chairs as mostly pavement based

PTA 2024 -25 Dates for Diaries

Cake Sales

Reception - Friday 9th May

Break the Rules – Friday 11th April 2025

Hound Hunt – Sunday 11th May 2025

We need your help!

THE EASTER STORY TRAIL

WELCOME!

Can you help find Peter, Pilate, The Centurion, Mary and the Angel? Find them and they'll tell you their story.

Find the 5 story cards and use your phone to watch the stories!

Psst... here's a hint: start with Peter!



**Come and join in at St George's Church on
Good Friday, 18th April
11:30am -1pm
With Refreshments**



Holy Week Services



Mon 14th, April, Tues 15th, Weds 16th

7pm Prayer and Reflection on the Stations of the Cross at St George

17th April Maundy Thursday

No Café at St Georges this week!
7pm Communion Service with Foot Washing at St George

18th April Good Friday

9:45am Meet for the Walk of Witness to Cam Peak
11:30am Family fun and hot cross buns at St George
2pm Reflections At the Cross at St Cyr

20th April Easter Sunday

7:30am Sun Rise Service at St George
9:30am All Age Communion Service at St George
11:10am Holy Communion at St Cyr



St George
AND
St Cyr
CAM AND STINCHCOMBE

Berkeley Races

Saturday 26th April

Pony Racing from 12 noon
First horse race from 2pm



Big Prize Draw: WIN £500!

Trade Stands - Food Court - Premier Parking
Kids Zone - Public Bar

Picnicking on the Berkeley Bank, with views of the course

Buy discounted tickets at:

www.berkeleyraces.co.uk/tickets



VE DAY CELEBRATION

MONDAY 5TH MAY 2025

ULEY PAVILION & PLAYING FIELD,

SHADWELL, GL11 5BW

12PM START - BLESSING OF THE MEMORIAL TREES

SPORTS DAY STARTS AT 12.15PM

WHAT'S ON

TUG OF WAR 3 LEGGED RACE SACK RACE EGG &
SPOON WHEELBARROW RACE BEAN BAG RACE
RELAY RACE SPACE HOPPER RACE FANCY DRESS

WELLY WANGING BEAT THE GOALIE RAFFLE
BOUNCY CASTLE HOOK-A-DUCK BUZZER GAME
SPLAT THE RAT COCONUT SHY SKITTLES
FACE PAINTING MEMORIBILA EXHIBITION
1940'S BEST DRESSED COMPETITION

PIZZA BURGERS ICE CREAMS CAKES/JAMS TEAS
BAR PIMMS SWEETS

