



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



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Friday 26th September

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

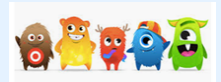
Children who showed our school values in their gem powers over the last couple of weeks:

Rosie W-P, Jessica J, Chloe C, Oliver E, Connie N, Huey F, Nirvana P, Isla H, Liam H, Ralph B, Harley W, Molly R.

SPORTS SUPER HEROES

Elsie F, Thea P, Samuel W, Emily F, Jack V, Finley W, Edith W, Henry B, Otie S, Lola H, Lilly-Rose J, Elliott S.

DOJO CERTIFICATE



Ollie J, Rex P, Katy W, Charlotte G, Lucy E, Reuben W, Nevaeh-Rose W, Arabella N, Louise F, Florrie S, Megan P, Ruth F, Sam B, Katy W, Josh T, Thea P, Rafa S.

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 4** & **Year 1** who have earned extra play.

Well done to all our children!

RECEPTION CLASS 2026 OPEN MORNINGS

If you are thinking of joining our Cam Hopton family, we are delighted to be able to offer two Open Morning events for the September 2026 Reception intake.

Our Open Mornings will take place on **Tuesday 14th October 2025**, and **Tuesday 18th November**, 9:00am – 11am. You will be given a tour of the school by our Year 6 pupils and our Headteacher, Mrs Harris, will be available to discuss any questions you might have about the admissions process and education at Cam Hopton C of E Primary School. You do not need to book for these.

Until then, you may like to watch our [Reception Virtual Tour](#) which will introduce you to our school, staff and pupils.



PARENTS' EVENINGS

Following on from the email sent earlier this week, Parents' Evening booking is now open. They are being held on Monday 6th October and Thursday 9th October, from 3.30-6.30pm. The link to book appointments is:

<https://camhoptonce.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

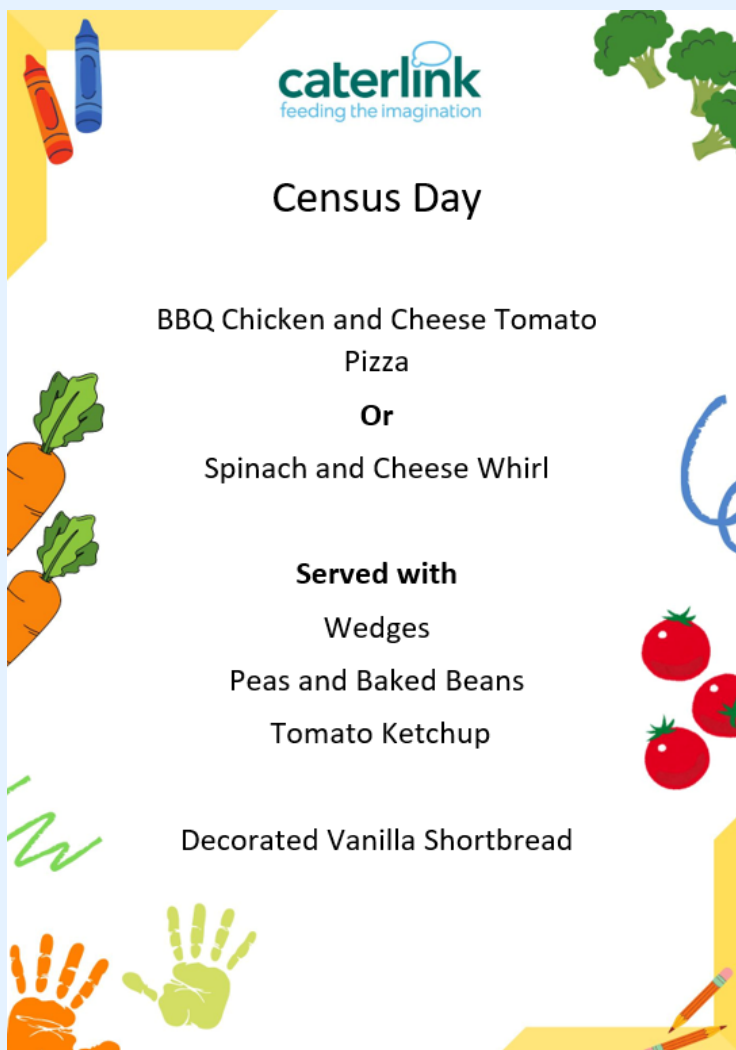
If you are having any trouble logging on or accessing the booking page, please get in touch with Mrs Arkle.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER



DSP Photography will be in school on **Monday 6th October** to take individual and sibling pictures. Please can parents ensure that children come to school wearing school uniform, **including jumpers** and NOT wearing PE kit. Please can children who are due to attend Netball/Gymnastics club bring their PE kit to change in to.

If you have younger children who are not at school and would like them to have a picture taken with their siblings, school will be open from 8:15am for parents to bring children in to have their photos taken. The photographer will be based in the school hall.

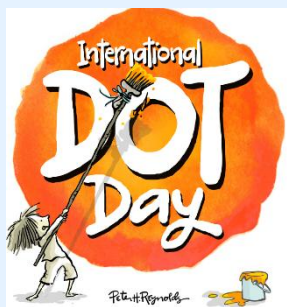


CATERLINK CENSUS DAY MENU

It is School Census Day on **Thursday 2nd October**.

This is an important day for us as it helps determine our school funding for the next year. The Government will only give us funding to pay for school lunches for the number of children in Reception, Year One and Two who actually eat a school meal on Census Day. As school budgets are extremely tight and forecasted to get tighter, we need as many children as possible to have a school meal in the Infants, so that we can receive the maximum amount of funding available. Our kitchen is holding a special menu on this day, please see adjacent. This will replace the normal menu on this day & children will be able to order their choice on the morning, as usual. **PLEASE NOTE: There will be no jacket potato option on this day.**

International Dot Day 2025



Every year, on September the 15th, children around the world celebrate International Dot Day by using their positivity and creativity to 'make a mark' on the world.

In 2009, a teacher named Terry Shay shared the book 'The Dot' with his class. 'The Dot' is an inspiring story of a young girl named Vashti, who believes that she is not very good at drawing. A caring teacher helps Vashti become confident enough to 'make her mark' and develop her drawing skills bit by bit. Vashti believes in herself more and even helps another child to 'make his mark' at the end of the story.



Terry Shay created International Dot Day to encourage children and adults to be courageous, collaborative and creative by producing dot inspired art. International Dot Day is celebrated by over 20 million children in 197 countries!

This year in Cam Hopton, each class explored an artist famous for using dots, circles, spheres and swirls in their artwork. They used this as inspiration to create their own unique piece of artwork.

Reception artwork inspired by Yayoi Kusama



Created by Naomi



Created by Ted



Created by Poppy

Year 1 artwork inspired by Yoritji Young



Created by Henrietta



Created by Rafa



Created by Archie S

Year 2 artwork inspired by Alexander Calder



Created by Thea



Created by Calson



Created by Lilly-Rose

Year 3 artwork inspired by Sonia Delaunay



Created by Jaxson



Created by Nirvana



Created by Megan

Year 4 artwork inspired by Wassily Kandinsky



Created by Charlie



Created by Tabby

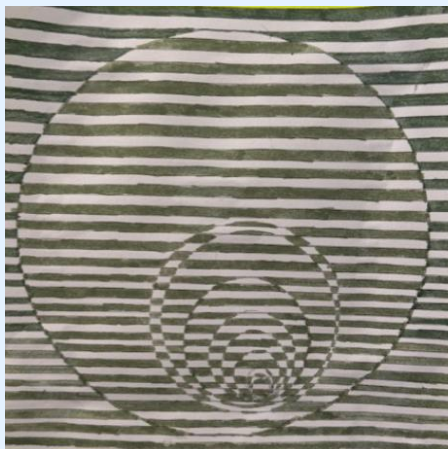


Created by Anabelle

Year 5 artwork inspired by Bridget Riley



Created by Maya



Created Maya



Created by Ruby

Year 6 artwork inspired by Mary Capan



Created by Ieuan



Created by Freya



Created by Betsy

A selection of the children's artwork is proudly displayed in the entrance corridor to school. We hope you enjoy viewing all of these wonderful creations when you next visit the school. 😊

Mrs Tarren – Art Subject Leader



We're running a Team 10K!

Cam Hopton - 30th Sep 2025

Your child is taking part in a fundraising event for Read With Me!

Read With Me volunteers hear children read at Cam Hopton and other schools across Gloucestershire.

The **Team 10k** is a really fun event and great way to get the children involved in **fundraising**!

On the day, your child will run as many laps as they can for their house and the chance to win the **Read With Me Cup**. There will also be **medals** on offer for the boy and girl from each year group who run the most laps!

A **sponsorship form** has been sent home with each child to raise as much as they can! All funds raised help us to continue offering our service to children across the county.

www.readwithme.org.uk

READ WITH ME 10K FOR YEARS 1-6

This year, Cam Hopton are hosting a Team 10K event to help raise funds for Read With Me!

What is Team 10K?

- Read With Me have entered a team in the Gloucester 10K for the past four years. As children are not able to run in the main event, they aim to bring the fun and excitement of the race to the pupils at school!
- Usually taking place over a couple of hours, children from Years 1-6 will run as many laps as they can for their house. The winning boy and girl from each year win a medal and the house that amasses the most laps will win the Team 10K cup!

- Each child takes home a sponsor form and raises as much money as they can from parents/friends/family.

Why are we running the event?

- The children love it! Every year Read With Me are blown away by how much the children enjoy competing for their houses - and medals, of course!
- The money raised helps Read With Me to continue offering their service to schools and helping the children of Gloucestershire learn to read well.
- Team 10K is a fantastic way to get your students involved in fundraising whilst also having fun!



YOUNGMINDS
Hello Yellow
FRIDAY 10 OCT

Wear it loud. Wear it proud.

This World Mental Health Day, 10th October, wear yellow and donate to YoungMinds.

Less than 1 in 3 young people are getting the support they need for their mental health. This needs to change. With your support – it can.

#HelloYellow

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YOUNG MINDS HELLO YELLOW NON-UNIFORM – FRIDAY 10 OCT

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 10th October and would love for everyone to wear something yellow! There's no donation required at this time. Children can wear all yellow or simply a yellow wristband—whatever they prefer. We'd also like to invite you to do something creative outside of school that supports our 5 Ways to Well-Being. We've included some ideas below to get you started, but feel free to come up with your own unique ideas!

All children who take part in the challenge will receive a certificate, and the child with the most creative entry will win a special prize. The closing date for entries is Thursday 6th November

Please send any photos of your creations or activities to:

fsw@camhopton.gloucs.sch.uk

MESSY CHURCH

Please join us for Messy Church at St George's this Sunday, 28th September from 3:30pm-5pm!

Here are the dates of upcoming sessions, all from 3.30-5pm:

- 26th October
- 23rd November

For more details get signed up to our WhatsApp group, contact Revd Fiona at fiona@camandstinchcombe.org.uk or visit our website www.camandstinchcombe.org.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 25 th Sept	Year 6 swimming
Tuesday 30 th Sept	Team 10k Read With Me – sponsored run (more info to follow)
Wednesday 1 st Oct	6.00pm - Year 6 PGL Residential Parents' Meeting in school hall
Thursday 2 nd Oct	Year 6 swimming
Monday 6 th Oct	DSP Individual & Sibling Photos 3.30pm – 6.30pm: Parents' Evening 1
Weds 8 th Oct	9.30am – Harvest Service at St George's Church
Thurs 9 th Oct	3.30pm – 6.30pm: Parents' Evening 2
Thursday 9 th Oct	Year 6 swimming
Tuesday 14 th Oct	9.00 – 11.00am: Reception 2026 Open Morning
Thursday 16 th Oct	Year 6 swim
W/C 20 th Oct	Year 6 Residential to PGL Liddington
Tuesday 21 st Oct	Rags 2 Riches collection
Thursday 23 rd Oct	Year 5 swim
Friday 24 th Oct	End of Term 1 for children

Monday 3rd November - INSET Day 2

Term 2 starts for children on Tuesday 4th November



DURSLEY RISING STARS NETBALL CLUB
Term 1 2025



Years 1-3

MONDAY 5-5.45

Years 4-6

MONDAY 5.45-6.30

Hosted with a qualified PE teacher and level 2 netball coach. This fun and engaging session will teach your child the skills, rules and tactics for netball! Club starts on Monday 29th September and will run until Monday 1st December on the MUGA at Rednock sports centre. £70 for the term.

Book online
skillupclubs.com



Any questions please e-mail
Dursleyrisingstars@outlook.com

PRIMARY ART CLUB!



6wks
starts 17th
Sept
£42/36
4.30-6pm

Ages 8-11 yrs (adults do not have to stay)

Local artist Abi Brown will introduce wonderful techniques and approaches to art in a relaxed and supportive environment. Emphasis is on exploring materials and creativity rather than the pressure to produce something perfect. This term Gelli plate printing, Charcoal and chalk, Weaving, Watercolour techniques/painting and Halloween masks

Whether they love doing art, or would benefit from a small, creative and nurturing environment we would love to welcome you.
Don't forget art is messy, please wear appropriate clothing/apron.



Info/book: www.quarrychapel.org.uk
The Quarry Chapel The Quarry Cam GL11 6JB



HARVEST COLLECTION 2025

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be collecting donations for Stroud Foodbank and Dursley Tab Community Food Hub over the next few weeks. Please check the 'shopping list' items that they are most in need of. There will be a box/basket located in the school office foyer for donations to be dropped off.

The past year has been both challenging and encouraging for Stroud District Foodbank. With the amazing help of their donors and supporters, they were able to provide 7,531 emergency food parcels (over 81 tonnes of food) to children and adults in crisis. Whilst this is fewer parcels than last year's record high, the need is still much greater than before the cost-of-living crisis, and sadly many families continue to struggle.

As demand continues to rise, your support this Harvest will be more crucial than ever in helping local households during their time of need.

We would welcome any long-life food donations: tinned soups, tinned veg/pulses and meat meals (for example, meat stews, meatballs, hot dogs), tinned fruit, rice pudding, cooking oil, UHT milk, packets of pasta/spaghetti, rice (incl. boil in the bag), cereals (suitable for families), stock cubes, snack bars.

Hygiene items needed include: baby wipes, shampoo/conditioner, shower gel, laundry powder, washing up liquid.



Harvest Appeal

Help support your food bank this Harvest

We're collecting donations to support local households across the district. Every gift makes a big difference!

Donate Food

Donate whilst you shop at:
Waitrose Stroud • Tesco Stroud, Cam &
Merrywalks • Sainsbury's Stroud • Most local
Co-ops

Or drop off at our warehouse:
Unit 19, Canal Iron Works, Hope Mill Lane,
Brimscombe, Stroud GL5 2SH
Monday to Friday 10am–12pm

Or visit us on our Open Days:
Thursday 23rd October 10am–4pm
Saturday 25th October 10am–12pm

Donate money

Prefer to give financially? Your donation helps cover the costs of buying, storing and distributing food, and supports sustainable projects for those facing hardship.



Shopping list

Tinned Ham

Fray Bentos Pie

Pasta Sauce

Tinned Potatoes

Nuts or Crisps

Biscuits

Fruit Juice (long-life)

Milk (UHT)

Shampoo & Conditioner

Laundry Detergent



FoodHub
Jan-Aug 2025

DURSLEY TABERNACLE URC
Community
FOODHUB

100's of tons of surplus food saved from landfill & shared amongst our community via our cart

24 Families
Receiving weekly deliveries

697 Family food bags

153 Gift bags

1735 visitors to FoodHub from January - August 2025

Testimonials:

- "Moving to Dursley, I felt quite lonely, until I started volunteering at the Food Hub. It has made a huge difference to me, especially socially - helping people and making friends."
- "Helping at the Food Hub makes me appreciate what I have."
- "When people are happy and appreciative, you go home feeling that you have made a difference."
- "Coming to the hub regularly has increased my self confidence & wellbeing. It gets me out of the house once a week!"
- "It is a lovely, friendly place and everyone is so kind"
- "When volunteering, I have wonderful conversations and love being a listening ear. It has made me more aware of the issues people are facing."
- "I am grateful for all the work the volunteers do to help me & my family"

Statistics:

- 131 Hub Sessions
- 146 Registered Service Users

Donating surplus stock include: Dursley Lidl & Sainsbury's, Cam and Quedgeley Tesco, Michaelwood Services KFC.

Co op customers have donated £1,200 of long-life stock

Local allotment holders & farmers donate their surplus supplies to the food cart.