



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



This term's we are focusing on the value **Thankfulness**

Friday 24th October 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

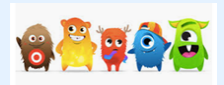
Children who showed our school values in their gem powers over the last couple of weeks:

Phoebe W, George C, Amirah D, Doug M, Wilf W, Evie J, Verity S, Lily L, Lyla B, Otie S, Tyler J, Toby J, Josh A.

SPORTS SUPER HEROES

Noah W, Isabelle H, Teddy S, Rafferty W, Lily S, Daisy W, Rosie W-P, Amelie F, Willow D, James M, Violet D.

DOJO CERTIFICATE



Iona R-D, Geroage R, Christos K-P, Bertie H, Ralphie M, Ruth F, Connie M, Huey F, Ismail K, Thea P, AJ S, Lucy E, Bruno N, Naomi B.

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

Well done to all our children!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - AUTUMN 2

All clubs are continuing after the half term. If anything changes, we will let parents/carers know ASAP.

There are a few spaces available at the following clubs after half-term:

Proformance Gymnastics Club – Year 1 & 2 - Mondays until 4.15pm

<https://pbbl.uk/47Ej3Je> - Please book spaces by clicking this link

Year 1+2 Football – Year 1 & 2 – Thursday until 4.15pm

<https://pbbl.uk/4o2taNE> - Please book spaces by clicking this link



DSP SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Children should have come home with their photo proofs for the individual and sibling photos from DSP Photography. Photos are now live and ready to purchase! The deadline for free delivery to school is **Wednesday 5th November**.

For any issue regarding Online Ordering Access Codes, please contact Mrs Arkle who will be able to help.

FLU IMMUNISATION SPRAY—WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER

The NHS team will be in school on **Wednesday 12th November** administering the nasal flu spray to pupils. The team have transitioned on to an electronic consent system. If you have not yet completed the consent, please check the ParentMail for details on how to access the consent system. **PLEASE NOTE:** Parents need to complete the online form **EVEN IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT HAVING THE SPRAY**, as the NHS team will be able to update their records and it will prevent any further contact from them. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



CHANGES TO HOT LUNCH ORDERING – ORDERING VIA PARENT PAY

A **BIG** thank you to everyone for your support with this process. Hopefully everyone will have seen the correspondence sent home over the last week regarding the change in process for ordering children's hot school lunches. From **Monday 3rd November**, parents/carers will be responsible for ordering children's hot lunches via Parent Pay. This will be the process for **ALL** children, including those who are entitled to free school meals (FSM) and universal free school meals (UFSM).

It is imperative that parents/carers have activated their Parent Pay accounts before 3rd November to ensure a hot lunch can be ordered if required.

If a child arrives at school expecting a hot lunch but has not had one ordered for them, we will be calling parents to bring a packed lunch.

The cut off for ordering lunches is 8am each morning, but lunches can be ordered up to 4 weeks in advance. **The menu is now live on Parent Pay if parents/carers would like to pre-order.**

We will be away from the office during half term, but able to respond to queries on Monday 3rd Nov (Inset Day 2).

There is a helpful guide attached with this newsletter (also with the initial ParentMail) that explains the process of ordering in detail.



MESSY CHURCH

Don't miss Messy Church this coming **Sunday, 26th October, 3.30-5.30pm**! Join us for lots of creative fun! This week we will be looking at 'LIGHT' and having a 'GLOW' party! If you would like to come dressed up in BRIGHT clothes/costumes, you are very welcome, although not compulsory!



WAR MEMORIAL

Please can parents/carers refrain from letting children climb on the War Memorial. As we are heading toward Remembrance Sunday, it may prove a good time to reflect on the past and meaning behind the memorial and why it should be treated with care and respect.

5 WAY TO WELLBEING CHALLENGE

There's still time to enter the '5 Ways to Well-Being' challenge. Here are the details again for anyone who has missed it! The deadline for entries is **Thursday 6th November 2025!**

We'd 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

Connect

- Spend quality time with family or friends by playing a board game, card game, or even designing your own game from scratch. You could create unique rules, design your own board, and challenge others to play it. Encourages creativity and teamwork.

Take Notice

- Be mindful of the world around you by taking small actions to protect the environment. This could include planting trees, cleaning up a local park, recycling creatively, or starting a compost bin. After your efforts, share your achievements by applying for a Blue Peter badge—it's a great way to celebrate your positive impact and inspire others.

Keep Learning

- Challenge yourself to learn something new that excites you. It could be a new language using apps or flashcards, trying out cooking recipes and experimenting with flavours, or developing a talent to showcase at school, such as magic tricks, art, coding, or playing an instrument. Document your progress and share it with others.

Be Active

- Keep your body moving by taking part in sports, dance, or fitness challenges. You could set a personal goal like running a certain distance, learning a new sport, or mastering a fitness routine. This not only improves physical health but also boosts confidence, energy, and focus for other activities.

Give

- Offer your time or skills to help someone in need—this could be volunteering at school, helping a neighbour, or supporting a local charity. Alternatively, create a handmade gift, card, or craft to brighten someone's day. Giving not only helps others but also builds empathy and a sense of accomplishment.



STROUD BOOK FESTIVAL

Below is a link to events that are taking place during this year's Stroud Book Festival – there are events taking place for all ages!

[Children's events - Stroud Book Festival](#)

RECEPTION CLASS 2026 OPEN MORNINGS

If you are thinking of joining our Cam Hopton family for September 2026, our remaining Open Morning will take place on **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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Autumn Term 2 2025

Monday 3 rd November	INSET Day 2
Tuesday 4 th November	Start of Term 2 for children
Thursday 6 th Nov	Year 5 Swim
Friday 7 th Nov	Year 5 Cake Sale
Wednesday 12 th Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisation Team in school
Thursday 13 th Nov	Year 5 Swim
Tuesday 18 th Nov	9.00am – 11.00am: Reception 2026 Open Morning
Thursday 20 th Nov	Year 5 Swim
W/C 24 th Nov	Showcase Week
Thursday 27 th Nov	Year 5 Swim
Thursday 4 th Dec	Year 5 Swim
Monday 8 th Dec	Nativity Dress Rehearsal to KS2 children
Tuesday 9 th Dec	9.30am – Nativity Performance to Parent/Carers
Wednesday 10 th Dec	13.30pm - Nativity Performance to Parent/Carers
	6.00pm - Nativity Performance to Parent/Carers
Thursday 11 th Dec	Year 4 Swim
Wednesday 17 th Dec	9.30am - KS2 Carol Service at St George's Church
	Caterlink Christmas Menu
Thursday 18 th Dec	Year 4 swim
	Term 2 ends for children
Friday 19 th Dec	INSET Day 3

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: **96.1%** The national average is currently: **95.5%**

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.



term
time.

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

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.

In-line with National Attendance updates, Gloucestershire County Council have produced the following leaflets to support parents with school attendance. For ease of access, these leaflets are available on our school website and paper copies are available from the school reception.





Many thanks to those of you who have already signed up to using the new Studybugs app. This app provides a more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

To report your child's absence, you will need to download the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school. We will also include a link on our school website page for those unable to use an app.

[Get the app or register now](#)

(<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health. (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

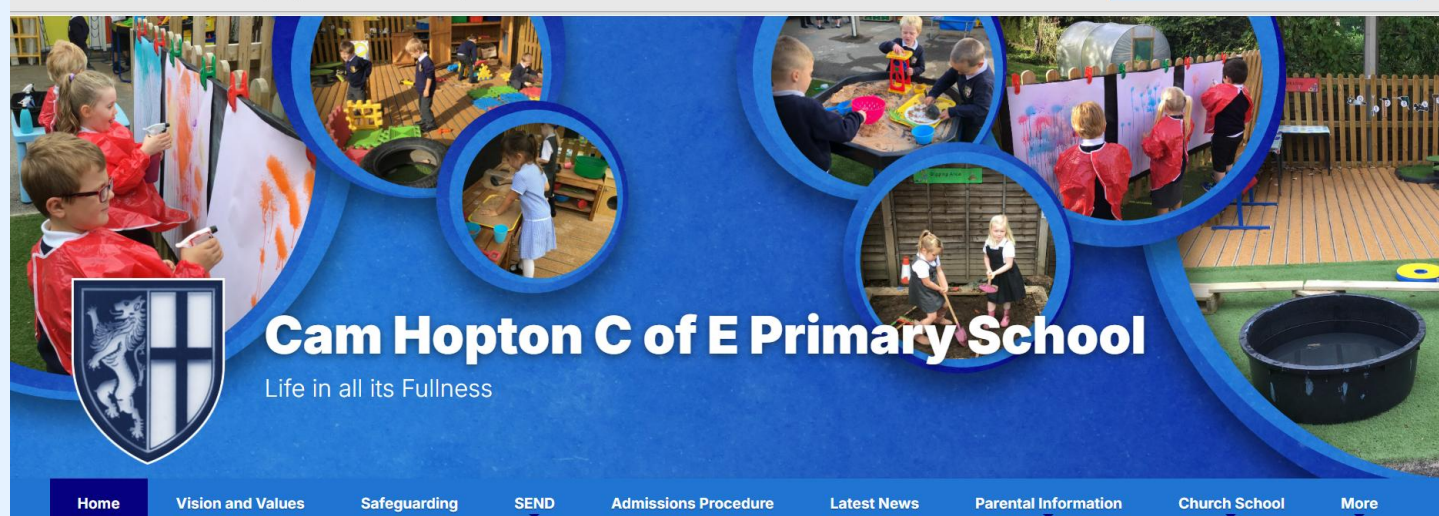


We have also included access to Studybugs on our school website. If you visit our home page [Cam Hopton C of E Primary School - Home Page](#), you will now see a banner at the top to direct parents to Studybugs to report absence.

Is your child ill?
If your child's ill and will be absent from school, you need to tell us.
We use a service called **Studybugs** which makes it easy.

x Not right now

 [Report Absence on Studybugs](#)



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If your child is absent for a reason other than illness, please continue to contact the school office as usual.

RAGS 2 RICHES

Thank you for all of your donations – we collected 161.1kg of donated items, which raised £40.42 for Cam Hopton PTA! Even small efforts by many make a big difference, thank you.



**WE ACCEPT CLEAN,
GOOD QUALITY, DRY,
REUSABLE CLOTHING**

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| ☒ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing | ☒ Jewellery and Accessories |
| ☒ Paired Shoes and Footwear | ☒ Belts and Handbags |

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

PTA 2025 -26 Dates for Diaries

Cake Sales

Year 5 – Friday 7th November
Year 4 – Friday 28th November
Year 3 – Friday 16th January 2026
Year 2 – Friday 13th February 2026
Year 1 – Friday 20th March 2026
Reception - Friday 24th April 2026

Wreath Making in School Hall – Weds 26th Nov
Advent Disco – Friday 5th December
Rags 2 Riches – 5th February 2026
Break the Rules – Friday 13th Feb 2026
Hound Hunt – Sunday 17th May 2026 (TBC)

Half Term Holiday Events at The Museum in the Park

**Stroud Valleys Project's
GREEN HALLOWEEN!**

**SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER
2.30PM TO 6PM**

Pumpkins in the Park - join our trail
Prizes for the best pumpkins!
Autumn crafts (2.30pm-5.30pm)



Carve your own pumpkin or lamp or lantern
Choose British grown
Bring it to Museum in the Park courtyard 2.30-5pm on Sunday 26 October
Price categories:
Primary / 1yr / Family
Come and see the Pumpkin Trail from 5.30-6pm

See our website for details:
stroudvalleysproject.org/events

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Stroud
GL8 1AP
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**ARTS COUNCIL
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Hands-on art activities, inspiring demos,
stories to spark the imagination & more!
FREE unless otherwise noted

Sat 25th Oct – Sun 2nd Nov
Museum Explorer Trails for all ages

Sun 26th October 2.30pm – 6pm
Autumn Celebration: Green Halloween
Don your homemade costume
& bring along your carved pumpkin
for a chance to win a prize! With SVP.
Craft activities 2.30 – 5.30pm
'Room on the Broom' film show at 5pm
See your carved pumpkin lanterns
lit up outside at 5.30pm

Tues 28th October
10.30am – 3.30pm (drop in)
Charcoal Making & Charcoal Drawing
with Natasha Houseago
& make an Autumn Leaf Crown

Wed 29th Thurs 30th & Fri 31st October
10.30am – 3.30pm (drop in)
Blacksmithing demos with Simon Bushell
of the nomadic Nowhere Forge &
art activities with students from Hereford
College of Arts. For ages 5+

Thursday 30th October
11am – 2pm (drop in)
Spooky Spiders & Scary Masks with
Gaynor from Stroudwater Textile Trust

Sun 2nd Nov
2.30pm: 'Story Anvil' for ages 5+
4.30pm: 'Folk Ore' for ages 12+
Spellbinding tales inspired by the myth
and magic of the blacksmith's craft.
With Fiona Eadie & Kirsty Hartsiotis
£5 / £3, booking required: 01453 763394

www.museuminthepark.org.uk

COMMUNITY



PRIMARY ART CLUB!

**6 weeks
£24/18
4.30-6pm
starts 5th
Nov**

Ages 6-10 yrs (adults do not have to stay with 8years+)

Local artist Abi Brown will introduce wonderful techniques and approaches to art in a relaxed, fun and supportive environment. We want kids to laugh while exploring materials and creativity with zero pressure to produce something perfect. This term we will try Gelli plate printing, charcoal and chalk drawing, weaving, watercolour painting and lots of Christmas crafts!

Whether your child loves being arty or would benefit from our small, nurturing group we would love to welcome you.

Workshops encourage cognitive development and confidence building. This subsidised course includes all materials, a drink and a snack

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



Wanted

U-6 Players

Yr Reception & 1

Where

**Rednock School
All Weather Pitch
GL11 4BY**

When

Thursday 5pm to 6pm

**Contact -
Leanne Oakley
07545 870948
leannetoye250483@hotmail.com**



October Half Term fun



Brimscombe Mills, Kids Stuff and The Long Table will be hosting **craft tables and activities** throughout the October Half Term holidays: 28th October - 1st November



Tuesday 28th October

Kids Stuff Craft Table - Autumn Snow Globe | 10am-12:30pm
Kids Stuff morning craft table. Make an autumn snow globe. No booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 3-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.



Crafternoon - Journal Workshop | 2-4pm

Join Elizabeth for a journal workshop. Design, build, and bind your very own journal from start to finish. Booking required at www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays



Crafternoon - Hiking Stick Workshop | 1-2:30pm & 3-4:30pm
Join Denius for a hiking stick workshop. Design, whittle and decorating a hiking stick. Booking required at www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays



Wednesday 29th October

Kids Stuff Craft Table - Autumnal Crown | 10am-12:30pm
Kids Stuff morning craft table. Make an autumn crown. No booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 3-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.



Unipiggle Magic Drawing Party with Hannah Shaw | 11am-12pm

Unipiggle Magic Drawing Party, story session, book sale and signing with author and illustrator Hannah Shaw. Dressing up encouraged-sparkles, unicorns, rainbows or your own chosen magic! Booking required at www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays



Long Table DJ Workshop | 2-4pm

Drop by and have a go on the decks with Long Table's free DJ workshop in the Sanctuary. It's designed with young people in mind- but open to all ages and abilities. No Booking required.



Thursday 30th October

Kids Stuff Craft Table - Pumpkin Carving | 10am-12:30pm
Come carve a pumpkin with Kids Stuff. No booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 3-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.



Family Evening | 5-7pm

Family Night at Brimscombe Mills. The Long Table Stroud serving family friendly food offered Pay-as-you-can from 5pm. Kids Stuff Shop open late till 6:30pm. Lego, Doodle Table, Ping-Pong, Snooker!



Long Table Silent Disco | 5-8pm

Book some headphones and let's fill the Mill with dance and disco vibes-minus the noise. Booking required at www.thelongtablestroud.com/kids-silent-disco Be quick it often sells out!



Friday 31st October

Kids Stuff Craft Table - Cotton Ball Ghosts | 10am-12:30pm
Kids Stuff morning craft table. Halloween inspired craft - make cotton ball ghosts. No Booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 3-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.



Saturday 1st November

Kids Stuff Craft Table - Autumn Wreath | 10am-12:30pm
Kids Stuff morning craft table. Autumn inspired craft - Wreath making. No Booking required, just drop-in and join-in. Aimed at 3-11 years. Offered Pay-as-you-can.



November Mini Makers Market | 11am-1pm

We are back shining a light on our young creators - showcasing artists, makers, and crafters aged 16 and under. To book a table please contact nancy@thelongtableonline.com



Scavenger Hunt | Everyday Tues-Sat- All day

All day- Join us for the Brimscombe Mill Scavenger hunt. Can you find all the hidden movie characters in their fancy dress. Find all 10 for a prize.

Some events booking required please check full schedule at www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays and www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk/activities *Activities subject to change. *Children must be supervised.

The Long Table will be providing Pay-as-you-can Jacket Potatoes and Hot Chocolates throughout the October Half Term Holidays. Lunchtimes daily, 12-2pm

All event details here: www.Brimscombe-mill.org.uk

Find us at: Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN

