



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



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Friday 14th November 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:

Bertie H, Hugo W, Lena V, Oliver B, Charlotte G, Charlie C, Charlotte C, Daisy W, Nevaeh-Rose W, Harper G, Luna D, Phoebe P, Imogen P.

SPORTS SUPER HEROES

William H, Ollie J, Rosa H, Oakley D, Keavie W, Teddy S-C, Anabelle A, Iestyn M, Indy M, Charlotte H, Oliver M.

DOJO CERTIFICATE



Archie C, Sotiris K, Lily S-T, Lily L, Ralph B, Sam H, Shelby-Rose W, Harley W, Christos, Arabella N, Louise F, Rosa H, Otie S, Amelia B, Ollie J, Josh Thurgood.

HOUSES

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

The classes with the highest number of DOJO POINTS this week are: **Reception** & **Year 3** 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 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.

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



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: **94.1%**

Requests for Holidays during term-time

It is coming to the time of year when schools receive requests for holidays leading up to the Christmas period. **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.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK 2025 – 16th TO 22nd NOVEMBER 2025

Safe vehicles save lives!

Every year, more than 1,700 people die on UK roads. Another 30,000 receive serious, life-changing injuries. The numbers are shocking, and there has been no significant reduction for more than a decade.

At Brake, we believe that every road crash is a preventable tragedy. We believe in a world where no one is killed or harmed on a road. Safe vehicles can help us get there...

This Road Safety Week, we want to make sure that every time we get in a vehicle we are as safe as possible, whoever we are and however we travel.

Because safe vehicles save lives!

What is a safe vehicle?

Safe vehicles are designed to prevent road crashes and protect people inside and outside the vehicle if a crash does happen

Safe vehicles...

- Prevent crashes - Automated driver assistance systems keep vehicles in the right lane and below speed limits, detect hazards and brake in an emergency.
- Protect people inside and outside the vehicle - Seatbelts, airbags and 'forgiving' vehicle parts protect people inside and outside the vehicle in a crash. Vehicles must pass stringent crash tests.
- Manage driver safety - Vehicle technology detects unsafe driving behaviour (e.g. due to tiredness) and informs authorities.
- Are roadworthy - Vehicles are maintained to the highest standards and drivers carry out checks before every journey.
- Record crashes - Event data recorders record what happens in a crash and notify emergency services immediately.

Safe vehicles are an important part of the safe systems approach to road safety – a shared approach to prevent death and serious injury from road crashes.

#RoadSafetyWeek

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Autumn Term 2 2025

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
Wednesday 3 rd Dec	9am - iRock Concert
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
Friday 12 th Dec	Year 4 Blue Abyss Theme Day
Wednesday 17 th Dec	9.30am - KS2 Carol Service at St George's Church
	Caterlink Christmas Menu
	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 18 th Dec	Year 4 swim
	Term 2 ends for children
Friday 19 th Dec	INSET Day 3

Term 3 starts for children on Monday 5th January 2026

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). (<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](#)

A large banner for Cam Hopton C of E Primary School. It features a blue background with several circular inset photos showing children in various school activities: painting, playing with blocks, and working on a project. On the left is the school's crest, which is a shield with a cross and a lion. The text 'Cam Hopton C of E Primary School' is prominently displayed in white, with the tagline 'Life in all its Fullness' underneath it.

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

PTA 2025 -26 Dates for Diaries

Cake Sales

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

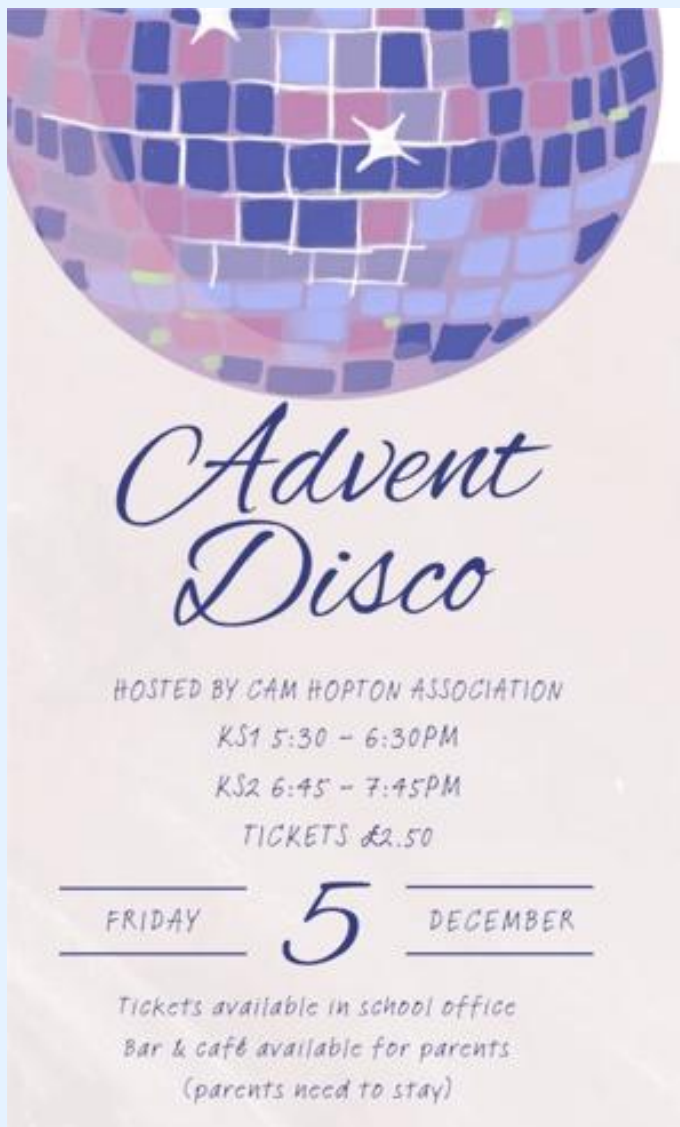
Wreath Making in School Hall – Weds 26th Nov

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)



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE HAMPERS & PTA CHRISTMAS DISCO & CAFÉ

SAVE THE DATE - **Friday 5th December** in the evening. **Further details to follow over the coming weeks with disco tickets and timings.**

Christmas raffle hamper boxes are in classrooms ready to accept donations. The theme is 'anything Christmas' such as food, drink, games, decorations, crackers etc. Can all donations please be in school by **Friday 28th November**, so we have time to wrap ready for the hamper prize draw at the school disco!

Raffle tickets should have come home with children. Ticket stubs, complete with contact details and funds, can be sent in with your child or handed into the office. If you need extra tickets, please ask Mrs Arkle. We will be selling additional tickets on school disco night, should you wish to purchase any.





SAVE THE DATE

Read With Me
Winter Fayre

Saturday, 15th Nov, 2025
10am - 4pm

St Mary's Church,
Wotton-under-Edge, GL12 7LS.



THANK YOU

FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS HARVEST!



You collected 13.70kgs of much needed donations. We couldn't do our work without your support.



Stroud District
Foodbank
Together with Trussell



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
leannetoyle250483@hotmail.com

MINI MAKERS MARKET

**COME DOWN AND SUPPORT THE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS
THAT HAVE BEEN BUSY MAKING AMAZING WARES TO SELL.**



**6TH DECEMBER 11-1 IN THE SANCTUARY, BRIMSCOMBE
MILL**

**CAKES.CRAFTS.GIFTS.PLANTS.CHRISTMAS
DECS.STATIONARY.JEWELLERY. CROCHET AND MORE**

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