



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



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Monday 1st December 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:



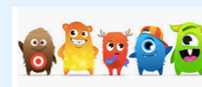
GEM POWERS

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

Bradley K, Martha G, Rupert B, Freya B, Brandon B, Jasmine C, Emily F, Xander-Kai W, Alma B, Arthur P, Finley W, Evie J.

SPORTS SUPER HEROES

Lenny H, Ollie J, Xavier W, Teddy J, Evie J, Violet D, Lola H, Rupert C.



DOJO CERTIFICATE

Enes K, Layah F, Poppy H, Orla E, Katy W, Anabelle A, Iestyn M, Amelie F, Edward A, Lucy E, Elise N, Ruby G, Ollie J, Sam H.

HOUSES

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

The classes with the highest number of DOJO POINTS this week are: **Reception**, **Year 2** & **Year 6** who have earned extra play.

Well done to all our children!



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. As a school we raised a grand total of **£213.87**! Making us the second biggest school collection in the Dursley/Wotton District!

Your support will make a real difference to those in the Armed Forces Community. Without your efforts The Royal British Legion couldn't do the work they do.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit www.rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal

CHRISTMAS PLANS AT CAM HOPTON

Christmas Cards Post Box

The Christmas card post box is back! It is situated next to the Year 5 classroom, outside of the hall.

When writing their cards, please can children be reminded to write their friends' first name and surname (or initial!) and most importantly, the class that the card is going to. Our Postie Elves will then sort and deliver the cards to the right rooms!

Christmas Parties

Teachers will organise these for the last couple of weeks of term. Please look out for messages from class teachers on Class Dojo with details.

PTA Advent Disco & Raffle—Friday 5th December

The Advent Disco and Raffle are being held on Friday 5th December, at the following times:

Rec/KS1: 5.30pm-6.30pm

KS2: 6.45pm-7.45pm

Tickets can be purchased from the school office.

'The BIG Little Nativity' Performances—Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th December

An email will be being sent at 5pm tonight for extra tickets – please keep an eye out! Thank you for your support, as always. We're sure you're all going to love the performances!

Christmas Jumper Day—Wednesday 17th December

Children can wear their jumpers on this day. We won't be asking for donations.

Caterlink Christmas Lunch—Wednesday 17th December

Our annual Christmas lunch is being held on Wednesday 17th December.

KS2 Carol Service—Wednesday 17th December

Join us for an hour of festive carols and readings, 9.30am at St George's Church. KS2 parents/family members are all welcome.

Last day of Term 2 – Thursday 18th December

End of term for children is Thursday 18th December. It will be a normal finish time on this day.

INSET DAY 3 – Friday 19th December

KS2 CAROL SERVICE – WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER

Join us for an hour of festive carols and readings, 9.30am at St George's Church. KS2 parents/family members are all welcome to attend! Children will be walking to and from the church, so please ensure that children are dressed appropriately and come to school with a raincoat, just in case!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Autumn Term 2 2025

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

Studybugs

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) (<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>)



Download the Studybugs app
for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



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EXCITING NEWS

As most of the school community is probably already aware Mrs Arkle is expecting her second child in February. We are excited to share this journey with her. We are looking for someone to cover while she is on maternity leave. Below in this newsletter is the advert that will be appearing on the Gloucestershire County Council website and our school website, shortly. If you/any one you know may be interested in this post, please share the details or contact the school office.

PTA UPDATES

PTA 2025 -26 Dates for Diaries

Cake Sales

Year 3 – Friday 16th January 2026

Year 2 – Friday 13th February 2026

Year 1 – Friday 20th March 2026

Reception - Friday 24th April 2026

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)

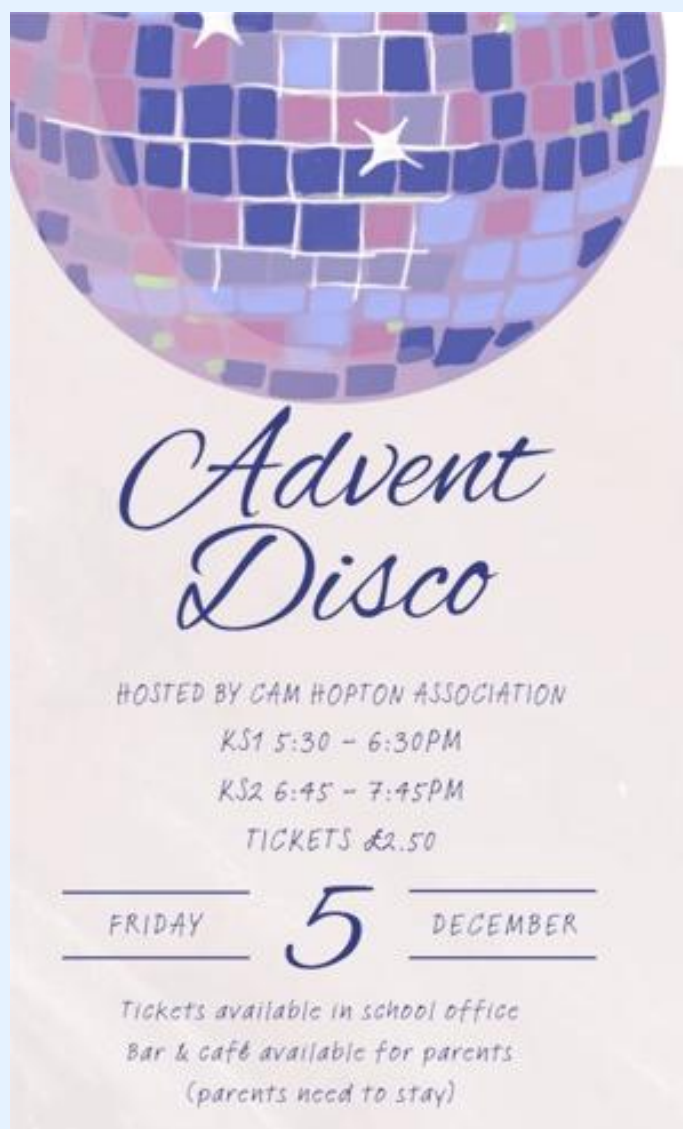
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE HAMPERS & PTA CHRISTMAS DISCO & CAFÉ

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

Christmas Hampers are wrapped and ready for the raffle at the Advent Disco on Friday evening! Thank you everyone for their generous contributions!

Thank you to everyone who has returned their bought ticket stubs already. Completed stubs, 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.

If you are able to help set-up/man a stall/help with any aspect of running the event, all offers of help are greatly appreciated. Please contact a member of the PTA if you are able to offer any assistance. Thank you in advance for your support!



PTA WREATH MAKING EVENT

Thank you to everyone who joined in with the PTA wreath making fundraiser. Some beautiful creations were made, and a fabulous festive evening was had by all 🎄



A Christmas Message from St George

From the Outside Carol Service (Saturday 13th) with hot chocolate and cookies, to the more formal Inside Carol Service (Friday 19th) and then to the fun of the Crib Service on Christmas Eve and more carols and storytelling on Christmas Day itself at 10am, there are many ways to be in one of our greatest Christmas traditions, The Nativity Story. This year our theme at Church is finding 'joy' at Christmas. With all that is going on in the world this might seem a curious theme. However, as we consider all the different characters looking into the crib and seeing King Jesus, a baby asleep on the hay, we reflect on how their lives were changed forever and joy was planted deep within their hearts and minds. Come and see for yourself as we retell the story in a variety of ways at different times throughout the lead up to Christmas. I wonder whether we all need to look inside the manger in a new way and find the joy at Christmas. Wherever you are this Christmas and whatever is going on for you, our prayer is that you have a peace-filled and happy one.

Fiona and St George's Church, Cam.

P.S. eldest children will be coming home with a Christmas card from George's over the next few days, if you have not received one then check out their book bag!



On 13th December 4:30pm - come and enjoy a singalong outside St George with sparkle and song followed by hot chocolate and cookies.

On 14th December at 9:30am in St George's church we will be holding our beautiful Christingle Service. Please come along and join in.



A Christmas For All

A Christmas Concert
with moments to singalong
By Ian Jones

Friday 5th December
St George Church, Cam,
GL11 5PQ

Entry from 7pm
Start at 7:30pm

Entry and refreshments available by donation

To raise money for our 'Welcome to All' project



ADVERT FOR School Administrator Maternity Cover

Date Posted 01/12/2025
School Cam Hopton CE Primary School
Address Hopton Road, Upper Cam, Dursley
GL11 5PA
01453 542763
E-MAIL admin@camhopton.gloucs.sch.uk
Web Site www.camhoptonprimary.co.uk
Post Title School Administrator
Grade Grade 5 (pts 11-14) £28,142 – £29,540 pa pro rata
Hours 37 hours per week with some flexibility; 39 weeks per year (term time only, but including INSET days)
Contract Maternity Cover with a possibility to run for up to 14 months

Closing Date: Friday 12th December 2025 with interviews in the week starting 15th Dec.

Start Date: 02/02/2026 (with shadowing of administrator in post before this date to be agreed)

We are looking to appoint a friendly, reliable, flexible person who has excellent administrative, organisational and IT skills to run our school office. This will be to cover maternity leave with the possibility of running up to 14 months. Cam Hopton has a warm family atmosphere and often as first point of contact, our Administrator must be a great example of this. Being a hard worker, team player and proactive is essential as well as having a sense of humour to help us through the busier times! The ability to remain calm under pressure and deal with extremely confidential and sensitive issues is essential.

Responsibilities are varied and will include, but are not limited to, providing a reception service for staff, pupils, parents and visitors; managing the single central record; assisting with pupil first aid and welfare duties; managing pupil records and assessment data using the school's electronic systems including SIMS, Parent Mail and Parent Pay; liaising with the school Finance Officer, Site Manager and Local Authority contacts to support maintenance and health & safety; managing the booking of educational trips and visits and producing a fortnightly newsletter. The successful person will be someone who will uphold the Christian values of the school.

Experience of working within a school would be advantageous although not essential as professional development is important to us and training will be given to the right candidate.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff, and volunteers, to share the same commitment. This position is subject to DBS and employment checks.

Please contact Mrs Jessica Arkle at the admin email above for a more detailed job description, person specification and application form.

CURRENT VACANCIES



Teaching Assistant Grade 3

ADVERT

Cam Hopton CE Primary School is looking for a caring Teaching Assistant to work in Year 1. This will be for mornings only from Monday to Friday each week, in term time.

We are looking for someone special to:

- Work in a classroom supporting and adapting teaching and learning.
- Motivate and encourage our pupils.
- Support the Christian ethos of the school.
- Work with other staff members to provide the best opportunities for this child and other children in the school.
- Take part in professional development
- Work 1-1 where needed.

We can offer you the opportunity to work in a vibrant, popular and supportive school community where everyone is valued.

Grade: 3 (4-6)

This is a fixed term role until 31st August 2026.

Closing date: Wednesday 10th December 2025. However, we may close this early for the right candidate.

A job description and person specification are attached.

Cam Hopton CE Primary School is committed to the safeguarding and well-being of all pupils and expects staff to share this commitment. In accordance with the DfE's Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025, references will be sought on all short-listed candidates prior to interview and online checks undertaken. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Christmas Tree Recycling



In Partnership with Just Helping

Collections 10th -13th January
Registration Closes 6th January



Take the hassle out of disposing of your Christmas tree and have Longfield collect it for a voluntary donation. *

You will not only be helping reduce your carbon footprint but also supporting your community hospice providing Hospice at Home care and Wellbeing, Counselling and Bereavement Support for individuals facing a life-limiting condition.



*After costs, over 80% of monies raised will go to Longfield Community Hospice with around 13% going to Just Helping charity and over 5% to other local charities.

just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

Registered Charity Number 298627



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