



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



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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

*Life in all its Fullness*

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# Newsletter

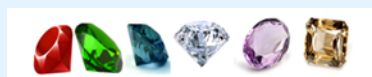
Welcome to 2026! A very Happy New Year to everyone; we hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and holiday break.

The children have settled in beautifully this week and have been very excited to share the details of their holiday.

The weather looks to be very cold and wet over the coming weeks. Please ensure that children are wearing warm, ideally waterproof, outdoor clothing to school, enabling them to enjoy the outside areas when weather permits!

## Children who have shown 'Life in all its Fullness'

Well done to the following children:



### VALUE AWARDS

Children who showed our school values in their gem powers this week:

Henrietta D, Shelby-Rose W, Paige D, Lena V, Euan T, Rowan M, Michael O'H.

### SPORTS SUPER HEROES

Huey F, Cecee B, Mollie F, Samuel W, Lyla B, Esther S, Archie W.



### DOJO CERTIFICATE

Vasilis K, Willow E, Thea P, Harper G, Tabby F, AJ Stark, Rex P.

### HOUSES

The house with the most DOJO POINTS this week is: **Hopton**

The classes with the highest number of DOJO POINTS this week are: **Year 1** & **Year 4** who have earned extra play.

Well done to all our children!

## STROUD DISTRICT FOOD BANK SUPPORT

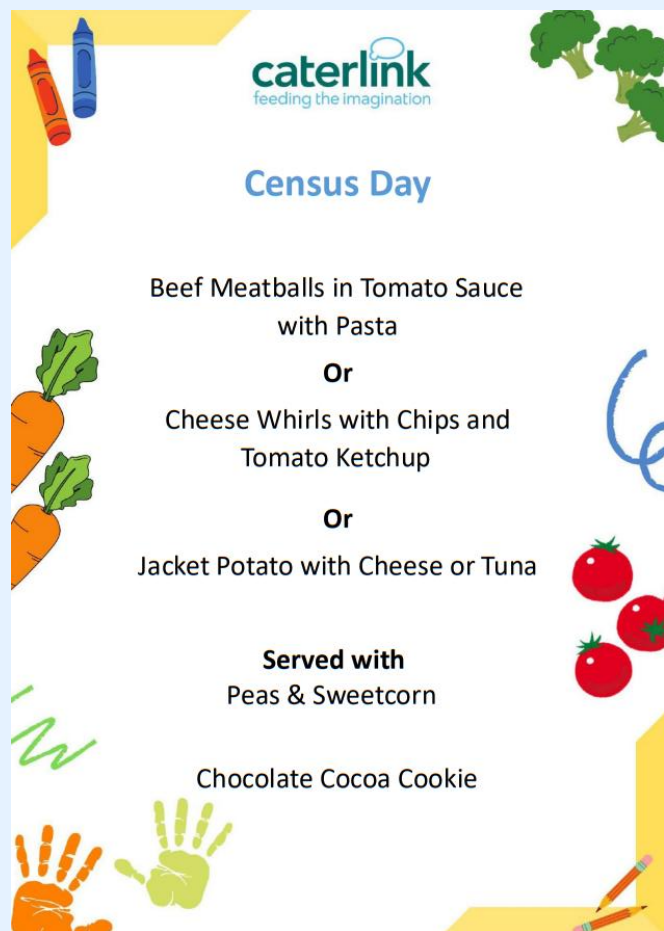
Stroud District Foodbank welcome and support everyone who is referred to them, always acting with respect and without judgment. Volunteers will give a minimum of three days' emergency food and essentials and offer support to resolve some of the difficulties you might be facing. January is always a difficult month for families, with extended time between pay days & extra expenses following Christmas.

If you are in need of a food bank voucher, due to a change of circumstances, an unexpected bill, payment delays or any other reason, please email Mel Holloway, our family support worker, who will be able to help.

[fsw@camhopton.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:fsw@camhopton.gloucs.sch.uk)

## BABY NEWS

We are very pleased to share news that Mr Jackson and his wife are expecting their first child in March. Please join us in sending our best wishes to them both. We will be in touch with Year 6 parents/carers in due course regarding details of Mr Jackson's Paternity leave.



## SCHOOL CENSUS MENU – THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026

**Thursday 15th January** is School Census Day. This is an important day for us as it helps determine our school funding for the next academic year. As school budgets are extremely tight and forecasted to get tighter, we need as many children as possible to have a school meal, so we can receive the maximum amount of funding available.

Our kitchen are holding a special menu on this day, please see adjacent. **Please place lunch orders on Parentpay as usual.**

**PLEASE NOTE: As we have amended the menu, if you have already placed a pre-order for next Thursday's lunch, the pre-order will have been wiped and will need to be placed again for the amended options.**

# 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>)



## A GUIDE FOR PARENTS ON MANAGING CHILDREN'S DIGITAL LIVES

Below is a link to a really insightful resource that has been sent to us by the Children's Commissioner UK. The link contains information for parents and children on how help children manage/navigate the ever-evolving digital world. It is well-worth a look.

[What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives.](#)



### PARKING & SAFETY CONCERNS AT PICK UP & DROP OFF

We are very aware that the parking at school is far from ideal with it often being very busy and congested. May we ask again that parents park considerately, sensibly, and legally. Please make sure that **you are not parking on the zig-zag lines to the right of school, in the entrance to Elm Lodge or blocking residents' driveways.**

We rely hugely on parents making the decision to park sensibly and safely. Please keep your child's safety in the forefront of your thoughts when choosing where to park your vehicle.

### Diary Dates – Spring Term 2026

|                               |                                                          |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Year 4 Swimming                                          |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | Year 3 Cake Sale                                         |
| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cross Country Event @ Dursley Rugby Club |
| Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan     | <b>1.15pm:</b> Girls' Football Skills at Rednock School  |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan | Year 4 Swimming                                          |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Year 4 Swimming                                          |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | Year 4 Narnia Day                                        |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb    | <b>15.30- 18.30pm:</b> Parents' Evening 1                |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | Rags 2 Riches Collection                                 |
|                               | Swim Gala at Dursley Swimming Pool (invited children)    |
|                               | <b>15.30- 18.30pm:</b> Parents' Evening 2                |
| Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Cross Country Event @ Dursley Rugby Club |
| Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb       | Life Education in school                                 |
| Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb     | Life Education in school                                 |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Year 3 First Swim                                        |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Break the Rules Day                                      |
|                               | Year 2 Cake Sale                                         |
|                               | <b>END OF TERM 3</b>                                     |

## PTA UPDATES



### PTA 2025 -26 Dates for Diaries

Rags 2 Riches – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Break the Rules – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026  
Hound Hunt – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (TBC)

#### Cake Sales

Year 3 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Year 2 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Year 1 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Reception - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### RAGS 2 RICHES

It's time for another clear-out! Our next Rags 2 Riches collection is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026**. Details for donation drop-off are TBC; we will let you know in due course!

Rags 2 Riches no longer provide bags for collections so please use any appropriate bag!

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

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing                                                                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jewellery and Accessories |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paired Shoes and Footwear                                                                                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belts and Handbags        |
| <small>A full list of reusable items is listed on our website <a href="http://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk">www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk</a></small> |                                                               |

## VACANCIES



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### **Teaching Assistant Grade 3 ADVERT**

We have an exciting opportunity for a caring Teaching Assistant to work in Reception/Key Stage 1.

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 a vibrant, popular and supportive school community where everyone is valued.

Grade: 3 (4-6)

15 hours per week. 1 full day and 3 additional mornings.

This is initially a fixed term role until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026.

Closing date: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026. However, we may close this early for the right candidate.

Please contact our school office: 01453 542763 or email: [admin@camhopton.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@camhopton.gloucs.sch.uk) for an application and job description. You can also find these on our school website Vacancies page.



## THE DODS PRESENT



From the 17th - 24th January at  
the Lister Hall, Dursley

Call 0300 102 3637

or visit [www.the-dods.com](http://www.the-dods.com)



## DURSLEY POP UPS

STAY & PLAY FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS



- Mondays, between 3:45pm-5:15pm, 12<sup>th</sup> January to 23<sup>rd</sup> March (excluding half-term).
- Treetops Children Centre, Dursley, GL11 4NZ.
- Age 5-11 children with additional needs and siblings of any age are welcome.
- Indoor play in a safe, non-judgemental environment with Allsorts staff to support.
- Non-members welcome, no diagnosis needed.

For more information and to sign up to a session, please scan the QR code.



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