



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



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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:



VALUE AWARDS

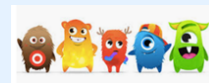
Children who showed our school values in their gem powers this week:

Ellie M, Lilly M, Francesca F, James C, Jaxson J, Mollie F, Oliver T, Oliver M, Charlotte H, Lilly-Rose J, Jasmine C, Charlie A, Esme-Rose N,

SPORTS SUPER HEROES

Hunter C, Imogen P, Lily D, Luna P, Laylah M, Oliver E, Amelia B, Hugo W, Lily L, Nugsy E, Hamish E, Naomi B,

DOJO CERTIFICATE



George C, Verity S, Archie C, Esther S, Harper G, Tamzin A, Isla H, Evie J, Orla E, Rafa S, Oakley D, Bethany P, Reuben W, Jasmine K, Phoebe P,

HOUSES

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

The classes with the highest number of DOJO POINTS this week are: **Year 2** & **Year 4** who have earned extra play.

Well done to all our children!

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Following on from the email sent last week, Parents' Evening booking is now open. They are being held on **Monday 2nd Feb** and **Thursday 5th Feb**, 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.

INTRODUCING MRS SAM LARKIN

We are delighted to introduce Mrs Sam Larkin to the Cam Hopton team. She will be covering Mrs Arkle while she is on Maternity Leave. Her first day will be Monday 2nd February. As with any new role, there will be a settling-in period, so we appreciate your support with this. Please pop into the office to say hello and welcome Sam to the team!

My name is Sam Larkin and I will be covering for Jess whilst she is on Maternity Leave. I have worked in primary and secondary schools for over 20 years and I enjoy working in the varied and busy school office environments. I live with my husband Phil, we have three children who are doing A levels and University courses. We also have a labrador called Willow and three brown hens: Egg, Gok and Mary who give us three eggs everyday! I enjoy cycling around my local area, gardening and baking with the eggs. The staff have all been really welcoming and I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the next few months.



CAM HOPTON SUCCESS AT TABLE TENNIS

There was success for Cam Hopton players in the local Stroud Junior League, which held its final round last weekend. Proudly wearing their tops emblazoned with the School crest, the two Cam Hopton teams battled against players from all over Stroud, Wotton and Malmesbury, many of whom are at secondary schools. The competition was held over three Sundays between November and January and the boys played better and better each time they took part, practising in between at the School's weekly after-school table tennis club run with the help of local table tennis coach, Nigel Meredith. Representing Cam Hopton were: **James Owen, Michael O'Hara, Toby Jelf and Alex Owen.**

James, Michael and Toby are no strangers to the Junior League; they entered last year so they knew what to expect! From the first round they were determined to do well and despite the organisers expecting the older players to succeed, Cam Hopton A (Michael and James) came runners-up in their Division. Alex had supported them in an earlier round.

This has been an eventful couple of weeks for James, who recently reached the quarter finals of the County Table Tennis Tournament for his age group.

The players now have their sights on the Stroud Junior Tournament in May; we wish them well!



EXCITING NEW CHAPTER FOR REVEREND FIONA

After almost nine years of working in our local churches, community and schools, Reverend Fiona will be retiring at the end of June this year. Fiona has been a welcome and constant figure in the lives of our children and staff, leading services, school worship and our children's Worship Council; she has created learning experiences within school and by welcoming children to St. George's Church. Fiona has also been a member of Cam Hopton's governing body and has supported our school community through happy and sad times. It is safe to say that her presence will be hugely missed. We would like to thank Reverend Fiona for her time, dedication and most of all care for our school family and hope that you will join us in wishing her the very best for the future.



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



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>)





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, blocking junctions 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 29 th Jan	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 30 th Jan	Year 4 Narnia Day
Monday 2 nd Feb	15.30- 18.30pm: Parents' Evening 1
Thursday 5 th Feb	Rags 2 Riches Collection
	Swim Gala at Dursley Swimming Pool (invited children)
	15.30- 18.30pm: Parents' Evening 2
Saturday 7 th Feb	4 th Cross Country Event @ Dursley Rugby Club
Mon 9 th Feb	Life Education in school
Tues 10 th Feb	Life Education in school
Thursday 12 th Feb	Year 3 First Swim
Friday 13 th Feb	Break the Rules Day
	Year 2 Cake Sale
	END OF TERM 3

PTA UPDATES

PTA 2025 -26 Dates for Diaries

Rags 2 Riches – 5th February 2026
Break the Rules – Friday 13th Feb 2026

****NEW DATE****

Hound Hunt – Sunday 7th June 2026

Cake Sales

Year 2 – Friday 13th February 2026
Year 1 – Friday 20th March 2026
Reception - Friday 24th April 2026



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

RAGS 2 RICHES

It's time for another clear-out! Our next Rags 2 Riches collection is on **Thursday 5th 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!

TABLE TENNIS

**MAIDENHILL SCHOOL
SPORTS CENTRE**

TUESDAYS

PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES ARE WELCOME

5:30PM TO 6:30PM – JUNIORS

6:30PM TO 7:30PM – LADIES

7:30PM TO 9PM – ADULTS/ADVANCED JUNIORS

TO BOOK A PLACE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL:

STROUDTTCLUB@GMAIL.COM

OR CALL 07768 527743



The Library

**GO
ALL
IN.**
National
Year of
Reading
2026

The Emperor & the Nightingale

Interactive Story Time & Craft

Dursley Library

Ages 5+

Tuesday 17th February | 11:00 am

Enjoy a classic fairytale in a new way as author Steven Skinley reads and dancer Marie-Louise Flexen portrays the Nightingale, inviting participatory movement.

Following the story, each child will have the opportunity to design, make, and take home their own magical bird mask. Ideal for ages 5-10.



Tickets:
Pay what
you can

Booking is **essential** as space is limited. Only participating children require a ticket. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please visit gloslibraries.uk/events or enquire at the library for more information.



<https://gloslibraries.uk/event/dursley-library-emperor-and-nightingale-interactive-storytime-and-craft-17-02-2026>