



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



This term we are focusing on the value Generosity

Friday 13th March 2026

Life in all its Fullness

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Newsletter

Children who have shown 'Life in all its Fullness'

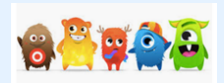
Well done to the following children:



VALUE AWARDS

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

Noah W, George R, Liam H, Edie W, Tabby F, Maya S, Ava V, Ralph B, Bruno N, Olivia W, River B, Alma B, Emily F, Amelia B, Lola H



SPORTS SUPER HEROES

Oliver M, Autumn M-H, Archie C, Rosa H, Anabelle A, Cody D, Millie C, Betsy S-T, Rupert B, Charlotte C, Jessica J, Indy M, Willow D, Connie N, Michael O

DOJO CERTIFICATE

Lenny H, Rafa S, Thea P, Alfie A, Ralphie M, Faith H, Enes K, Will B, Shelby-Rose W, Phoebe R-D, Arabella N, Edie W, Iestyn M, Ava V, Freya B

HOUSES

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

The classes with the highest number of DOJO POINTS this week are: **Reception, Year 4 and Year 6** who have earned extra play.

Well done to all our children!

Baby News!

Congratulations to Mrs Arkle who gave birth to a gorgeous baby boy Henry on Monday 23rd February. Both Mum and Baby are doing really well.



EASTER SERVICE AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

Please join us at our Easter Service on Wednesday 25th March at 9.30am.

All children will be attending, but unfortunately, only **one person per family** is invited to attend at this time due to space constraints in the church.

We will be walking to and from the church so please ensure children bring a raincoat – just in case!

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

Following on from this year's Dursley and Wotton District Cross Country races, a team of 40 Year 5 and 6 boys and girls were chosen to represent our district at the Gloucestershire County Championships, held in Cheltenham on the 8th March. Imogen P, Verity S, Sam B, Rupert C and Ieuan M were selected to compete.

The races were fast and hotly contested around a challenging and hilly 2km course. While some of our athletes were happy with their race and result, some didn't quite have the race they hoped for, but it was clear to see that everyone did the best they could on the day, and they all did their schools and district proud.

The results were: Verity 31st, Imogen 53rd, Ieuan 20th, Sam 44th and Rupert 52nd - they all really enjoyed the challenge and should feel incredibly proud of themselves.



BIG WALK AND WHEEL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Cam Hopton is taking part in **Big Walk and Wheel**, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from **16 - 27 March 2026**. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Including everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Big Walk and Wheel.

We know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. If you want to discuss more about your child(ren)'s specific needs, please contact Mrs Larkin in the school office and we will make sure to look into how your child(ren) can take part.

Why we are taking part

Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best way to bring down these pollution levels.

Enjoy the challenge!

Becky Harris



Outdoor Learning at Cam Hopton

With the help of our PTA, we have been developing a space next to the school field for outdoor learning and we are excited to say that we will start to take children into it after the Easter holidays. This will start with an after school club (details to be released) and then children across the school as we develop our curriculum. There are some resources which will help to make this an even better space which we would be grateful to receive if any parent/carers have them to spare or know of people who could help:

- **Tarpaulins for den building and sitting on**
 - **Lengths of hazel for den building**
- **Sections of tree trunks/logs for creating a seating area**
- **Brightly coloured rope for knot tying, creating borders and den building.**

Please let Mrs Larkin in the school office know if you are able to help. Many thanks,

Becky Harris



COMIC RELIEF

Friday 20th March is Comic Relief Day
The charity's core mission is to create a "just world, free from poverty" by using comedy and laughter to raise money and awareness for charitable causes in the UK and around the world - if the children would like to, they can wear red noses on the day but they must come to school in school uniform. If you would like to donate to Comic Relief please click on the link below:

[Comic Relief 2026](#)

EASTER EGG DONATIONS

This year we will be making a donation of Easter Eggs to GL11 Community Hub. If you would like to donate any Easter Eggs please drop them in the box in the School Entrance. Thank you.



Diary Dates – Term 4 Spring 2026

W/C 16 th March Mon 16 th Mar, 2.15pm Tues 17 th Mar, 2.40pm	Showcase Weeks Reception Showcase in the Hall Year 1 Showcase in the Hall
W/C 16 th March	Big Walk and Wheel Week 1
Tuesday 17 th March	Year 5 'Little Mermaid' at Rednock
Thursday 19 th March	Year 3 Swimming
Friday 20 th March	Year 4 Trip to Longleat Year 1 Cake Sale
W/C 23 rd March	Big Walk and Wheel Week 2
Wednesday 25 th March, 9.30am	Easter Service at St. George's Church
Thursday 26 th March	Year 3 last Swimming
Friday 27 th March	End of Term 4

Spring Term Diary Dates can be accessed [here](#).

PTA UPDATES

PTA 2025 -26 Dates for Diaries

****NEW DATE****

Hound Hunt – Sunday 7th June 2026

Cake Sales

Year 1 – Friday 20th March 2026

Reception - Friday 24th April 2026



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DATES

12th June

6th October

Cam Hopton World Book Day Dress Up Day

World Book Day was a great success - many thanks for your costume efforts and bringing in books to swap. The children had a great day chatting about reading – here are some photos of some of the amazing outfits....





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, on any double yellow lines, 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.

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>)



OPEN DAYS

Key Stage 2 girls...

Join us for Stroud High School
Open Morning
9.15-11.15am Thursday 30 April
or Friday 26 June 2026
Register online at
stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk



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www.stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk
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SIR THOMAS RICH'S GLOUCESTER



OPEN MORNINGS

21 April and 22 April



"The culture here is one of belonging and community. As a result, pupils flourish. The personal development of pupils threads alongside the academic learning. Pupils thrive through a wide range of established opportunities designed for their personal growth" Ofsted 2026

We warmly invite prospective parents and pupils to visit Sir Thomas Rich's School for our April Open Mornings.

These events are primarily aimed at Year 5 boys planning to sit the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools' Admissions Test this September, although pupils from other year groups and their families are very welcome to attend.





ST. PETERS R.C. HIGH SCHOOL

ROCK Values
Respect + Optimism + Community + Kindness

Open Evening

Thursday 4 June 2026
5:30pm - 7:30pm



For
Prospective
Students

Year 7
Admission
September
2027

Unlock Your Potential

Talks from the Principal at 6pm & 6:30pm in the main hall.

EASTER ACTIVITIES

BRIMSCOMBE MILL

EASTER HOLIDAYS AT THE MILL

Pool table, table tennis, games machine

Daily craft table 10-12.30

School of Larks Workshop

Pay as you can kids jacket potatoes 12-2

Hannah Shaw Workshop

Daily Scavenger hunt with a prize

The Disgusting Sandwich

Crafternoons sessions

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WHAT WE GET UP TO...

GET ACTIVE	GET CREATIVE	OR CHILL
Football	Arts & Crafts	Board Games
Dodgeball	Face Painting	Marble Run
Gymnastics	Slime Making	Lego
Nerf Wars	Glitter Tattoos	Top Trumps

...and the best part, children always get to choose!

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HollyDerrick swim school

EASTER INTENSIVE WEEK £45

Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April

THE SHRUBBERIES, STONEHOUSE

HollyDerrick swim school

Why Join Our Easter Intensive?

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- ✓ Teachers in the water
- ✓ Small supportive groups
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- ✓ Noticeable progress in just 4 days!

BOOK NOW

07746 923915

info@hollyderrick.co.uk

www.hollyderrickswimschool.co.uk

Fundraising on behalf of 1st Dursley Scout Group and Young people attending international Scout camps

DURSLEY EGG HUNT 2026

10am - 2pm

Saturday 4th April

Get maps under the town hall

Tickets: £4 per child (includes a chocolate egg!)

Plenty of fun for everyone including cakes and sweeties!

COMPETITIONS

Wartime Poetry Competition!



Do you see yourself as the next Ivor Gurney or F.W. Harvey?

In recognition of World Poetry Day, the Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum will be running a poetry competition.

We need you to send in your best Wartime Poetry! This can be on any topic related to the Wars, from a Frontline or Home Front perspective. The winning poetry will be displayed in our museum galleries, so please feel free to get creative and decorate your entries too!

The poetry will be judged under 2 categories, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

The prize for the winning entries will be:

- 1st place: poetry displayed in the museum during easter holidays with 12 months free admission for 1 Adult and 1 child.
- 2nd place: poetry displayed in the museum during easter holidays with 6 months free admission for 1 Adult and 1 child.
- 3rd place: poetry displayed in the museum during easter holidays with 3 months free admission for 1 Adult and 1 child.

The deadline for all entries is the 18th March 2026.

These can be sent in by post, or emailed to:

jade.smith@sogm.co.uk

Good Luck!



Forestry England

Magic of maples

Haiku competition

Under 18?

Westonbirt, the National Arboretum, in partnership with the British Haiku Society, is hosting a haiku competition.

Young writers can submit a maple-inspired haiku and enter the under-18s category celebrating emerging talent.

Submissions 1 - 31 March

forestryengland.uk/westonbirt/maple-haiku



COMMUNITY



Rednock School's
THE LITTLE MERMAID

Sat 21st March
11.00am - 12.30pm

Princess Meet and Greet
including a cast sing-a-long
and crafts to enjoy!

Rednock School,
Kingshill Road, Dursley

£2 entry



At Cam Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Cam



**Celebrating Cam Methodist
Church Bicentenary**
People and Places of Cam

Photo exhibition

Friday 13th March

Saturday 14th March

10.00 am to 4.00 pm



Light refreshments available

Admission Free

(Donations for Cam Methodists Repair Fund welcome)

Further details secretary@cammethodists.org.uk





JAMES HOPKINS TRUST
Nursing Respite Care for Children in Gloucestershire



Easter Appeal 2026



Many of our children are unable to eat orally, so we are asking for a £2 donation to fund Easter activities and respite during the Easter Half Term instead!

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Berkeley Primary School
Marybrook St, Berkeley GL13 9AZ
Thursday 26th of March
14:00-16:00

Drop in and say Hello !



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:
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