



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



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the value Creativity

Friday 12th June 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:

Raiin D-W, Vasilis K, Alfie A, Layla-Mae C, Iestyn M, AJ S, Ethan J

SPORTS SUPER HEROES

Esther S, Charlotte H, Bertie H, Penny S, Willow D, Maya S, Freya B

DOJO CERTIFICATE

Esther S, William D, Archie C, Harper G, Otie S, Toby J, Ellie M



HOUSES

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

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

Well done to all our children!

NATURE QUIZ



A huge congratulations to our school nature quiz team who won the area final at Hillesley School yesterday. This is an amazing achievement as it is the first time since 2008 that Hopton have lifted the area trophy 🏆 The team which consisted of Verity S, Katy W, Betsy S-T, Ellie M, John F and James O will now go on to compete in the semi-final of the regional competition at

Robinswood Hill in Gloucester.

A special thank you to Mrs Sweet who has run the nature club this year and helped the team to learn more about their local environment. Well done everyone 🐘 🍁



DISTRICT SPORTS



On Monday, nine of our Year 6 students – Oscar B, James O, Betsy S-T, Verity, Millie C, Freya B, Michael O, Ethan N and Imogen P travelled to Rednock to compete in a district field athletics tournament. Team Hopton performed brilliantly and achieved a podium finish in every event. Well done sports stars 🏆 🥈 🥉

CRICKET



Despite the weather, four Hopton Year 5 and 6 cricket teams have been in action over the last couple of weeks, competing in tournaments at Frocester Cricket Club.

Last week, we had so many enthusiastic girls cricketers that we were able to take two teams to a girls cricket tournament for the very first time. Hopton Girls A won one of their three group games, learning a lot about the game and improving in each match. Hopton Girls B won all their group matches and lost by only 11 runs in the final. Well done girls 🏏



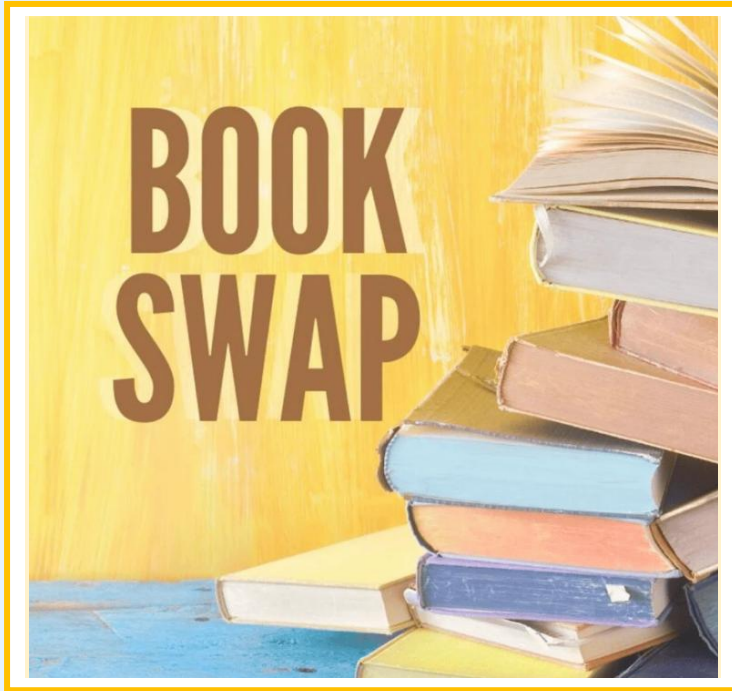
On Tuesday, Hopton Boys A faced a tough group, winning one of their three games.

Hopton's B team won two of their four group matches, narrowly missing out on a space in the final. Brilliant teamwork and enthusiasm was shown by both teams 🏏

We have more cricket tournaments for KS2 coming up over the next few weeks. Thank you to Ben and Dave from Cam Cricket Club for helping us to prepare for the matches and for encouraging so many children to take part!

BOOK SWAP DAY

Book Swap Day - Tuesday 23rd June



Please could children bring 1 or 2 books into school to swap with their classmates. No need to buy new books. A book in good condition that your child has recently enjoyed will be great. All books left over will be put outside the front of school at

home time and preschool children will be invited to browse too. Thanks in advance!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance – Requests for Holidays during term time

Legalities of School Attendance. In England, parents are legally responsible for ensuring their child receives full-time education, with compulsory attendance from the term after their 5th birthday until the last Friday in June of Year 11. Children must attend regularly—every session, every day—unless granted permission or too ill.

In line with the National Attendance Regulations, which informs the school's Attendance Policy, term time holidays **cannot** be authorised. Absences related to family holidays will be recorded as unauthorised, with 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence triggering a potential £80–£160 Penalty Notice.

Important Information:

- The Penalty Notice is £160 per parent, per child, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days (for the first penalty notice issued within a rolling three-year period).
- A second penalty notice issued within a rolling three-year period is payable at £160 for the full duration of the payment period.
- If the fine is not paid within 28 days, the matter may be escalated to the Magistrates' Court under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996, which could result in a criminal conviction and a fine of up to £1,000.
- There is no option for a third penalty notice to be issued within a rolling three-year period; a third offence will proceed immediately to the Magistrates' Court under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996, which could result in a criminal conviction and a fine of up to £2,500.

We understand that family time is important, but we must also stress the importance of regular school attendance and the legal responsibilities placed on parents to ensure their child attends school regularly

ONLINE SAFETY

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, or criminal activity – such as county lines or financial scams. According to the NSPCC, police in the UK recorded over 7,000 offences involving sexual communication with a child in a single year – an increase of 89% since 2017/18.

STRANGERS USING FAKE IDENTITIES

Strangers often pose as children or teenagers online to build trust. They may create convincing fake profiles, share photos stolen from real people, or mimic the interests of the child. By pretending to be someone their age, they make conversations feel safe and relatable. Over time, they may ask for personal details, photos, or suggest meeting in person, exposing children to significant emotional and physical harm.

EXPLOITATION THROUGH GIFTS AND FLATTERY

To gain trust quickly, groomers often send gifts, gaming credits, or money. Alongside material offerings, they use excessive compliments, affection, and attention to create emotional dependency. These tactics make children feel valued and special, lowering their defenses. Once trust is secured, groomers may escalate their requests, often asking for photos or private conversations, making the child feel pressured or indebted to continue.

GROUP CHATS AS HIDDEN PATHWAYS

Unmonitored group chats on platforms like WhatsApp or Discord provide a cover for groomers. They can watch how children interact, identify those who seem vulnerable, and then move conversations into private messaging. This transition makes detection difficult for trusted adults. The seemingly harmless group setting often masks the presence of predators, giving children a false sense of security.

THE RISE OF SEXTORTION

Sextortion involves pressuring children into sharing explicit content, then blackmailing them for more. Offenders may claim to have hacked a child's device, threaten to share images with friends or family, or demand money. Many victims remain silent out of fear and shame. This growing crime is particularly dangerous because children often feel trapped, believing there's no safe way to escape the situation.

GAMING PLATFORMS AS GROOMING GATEWAYS

Games like Roblox, Fortnite, or Call of Duty, which include live chat features, are frequent targets for groomers. Conversations often begin casually during gameplay and can become manipulative over time. Groomers may offer in-game gifts, credits, or exclusive add-ons to build rapport. Children using headsets or private chat features are especially at risk, as conversations are harder for adults to monitor.

CRIMINAL & RADICALISATION RISKS

Grooming is not always sexual. Some offenders manipulate children into criminal activities such as drug running or online fraud. Others attempt to radicalise young people with extreme ideologies. Groomers often use fear, money, shame, or promises of belonging to control their victims. These forms of exploitation can be just as harmful as sexual grooming, and often have lasting psychological and social consequences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP CONVERSATIONS REGULAR

Rather than having one "big talk" about online safety, weave conversations into everyday life. Ask questions about children's online friendships and interests. Share real-life examples to make discussions relatable and encourage honesty instead of secrecy. When children feel comfortable discussing their digital lives, they are far more likely to share concerns or admit when something feels wrong, reducing the chance of risky interactions going unnoticed.

CREATE A "TELL ME" CULTURE

Children often keep silent because they fear being punished or losing access to their devices. Reassure them that coming forward with concerns won't get them into trouble. Emphasise that you are there to help, not judge. Creating a safe, open environment encourages children to speak up if something feels wrong, and helps to ensure they don't suffer in silence when facing potential grooming risks.

UNDERSTAND THE PLATFORMS CHILDREN USE

Take time to learn about the apps, games, and social platforms children are on. Familiarise yourself with privacy settings, parental controls, and group-chat features. Use resources like The National College guides or conduct quick searches to stay updated. By understanding how these platforms operate, you'll be better equipped to set boundaries, guide safe use, and notice any unusual or concerning online behaviour early.

STAY ALERT TO WARNING SIGNS

Be attentive to both behavioural and digital red flags. Sudden secrecy, mood swings, or new online contacts may signal a problem. Watch for unexplained gifts, new social media profiles, or changes in sleep patterns. Increased anxiety or reluctance to attend school can also be indicators. Regularly checking in and showing interest in those whom they communicate with online help prevent small issues from escalating into serious risks.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH



MESSY CHURCH

Here are the dates of upcoming sessions, all from 3.30-5pm:

28th June

For more details get signed up to our WhatsApp group, contact Revd Fiona at fiona@camandstinchcombe.org.uk or visit our website www.camandstinchcombe.org.uk

PTA UPDATES



RAGS 2 RICHES

Thank you for all your donations today, we collected 91.1kgs which equates to £22.78 which all helps our PTA funds 😊

FUTURE DATES

6th October

4th February 2027

Term 6 SUMMER (2026)

Monday 15 th June	Year 3 Cricket Tournament at Cam Cricket Club (10am start)
Tuesday 16 th June	Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament at Cam Cricket Club (10am start)
Wednesday 17 th June	Reception 2026 New Parents' Evening 6-7pm
Thursday 18 th June	Year 1 Swimming
Tuesday 23 rd June	Whole School Book Swap Day
Thursday 25 th June	Year 3/4 Cricket at Frocester
	Year 1 Swimming
Monday 29 th June	PTA Football Fundraising Event
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 4 Brass Concert – parents invited
Wednesday 1 st July	Year 5/6 Rounders at Cam Woodfield (selected children)
	Year 6 Meet the Tutor
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 6 Rednock Transition Day
	Year 2 Trip to Studley Grange Garden Centre
	Year 1 Swimming
Friday 3 rd July	Shuffle up morning – Reception to Year 5
	Year 6 Rednock Transition Day
	Year 6 KLB Transition Day
Monday 6 th July	Year 3 Trip to The Bristol Zoo Project
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 6 Performance Dress Rehearsal to whole school
Wednesday 8 th July	iRock Concert – parents invited
Thursday 9 th July	Year 1 Swimming – last session
Friday 10 th July	Reports out
Monday 13 th July	13.30pm: Year 6 Performance to parents
Tuesday 14 th July	13.30pm: Year 6 Performance to parents
	6pm: Year 6 Performance to parents
Wednesday 15 th July	1.30pm: Year 6 Leavers' Service at St George's Church
Thursday 16 th July	KS2 CamFest afternoon
Friday 17 th July	1.30pm: END OF TERM 6

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

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

HEAD LICE

We have had a few cases of head lice in the school this week – please see the poster below for some helpful advice:

Check for Nits

Small check, big difference!

Nits are tiny – a quick check makes a big difference!

HOW TO CHECK:

- 1 Use a bright light.
- 2 Comb through dry hair with a fine-tooth nit comb.
- 3 Check closely behind the ears and at the back of the neck.
- 4 Wipe the comb on a tissue and look for nits (tiny eggs attached to hair).

REPEAT EVERY FEW DAYS TO CATCH ANY NEW NITS

DAY 1 CHECK ✓ → DAY 4 CHECK ✓ → DAY 7 CHECK ✓ → DAY 10 CHECK ✓

KEEP CHECKING, KEEP THEM NIT-FREE!

TOGETHER WE CAN STOP HEAD LICE

Thank you for helping keep everyone happy, healthy and lice-free! ♥



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>)



SDC SURVEY

Please see below a link to a Play Strategy survey from Stroud District Council. The purpose of the Play Strategy is to review the current landscape of play across Stroud and to understand the opportunities children and young people have to take part in free play in their day-to-day lives. We are also looking to identify the barriers to play and want to hear directly from children and young people about their experiences. Once we have gathered this information, we will create a strategy with action points to increase opportunities and raise awareness of the benefits of play across the district.

Today, we have launched our Play Strategy survey to coincide with UNICEF's International Day of Play. We would love to hear from as many children, young people, and parents/guardians as possible across the district. If you are able to share the survey with parents, we would really appreciate it. All information on how to take part can be found here: [Play Strategy Consultation](#).

MUSIC



**JOIN AN
iROCK BAND
THIS SEPTEMBER**

**New spaces now open!
Choose your
instrument today.**

DISCOVER MORE **ENROL NOW**

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We're here to help
☎ 0330 174 2655
✉ info@irockschool.com

iRock

As our iRocker school leavers move on to their next adventure, new places are opening for children to start band lessons from September.

About iRock Lessons

- 30-minute band-based music lessons taught by a professional Band Coach
- Lessons take place during school hours
- Easy subscription: cancel at any time, with a first lesson money-back guarantee.
- Open to children aged 4 to 11, regardless of ability or experience
- Children learn popular music while building confidence, teamwork and listening skills
- Pupils can work towards an exam-free RSL Awards music qualification as part of their iRock journey.

OPEN DAYS



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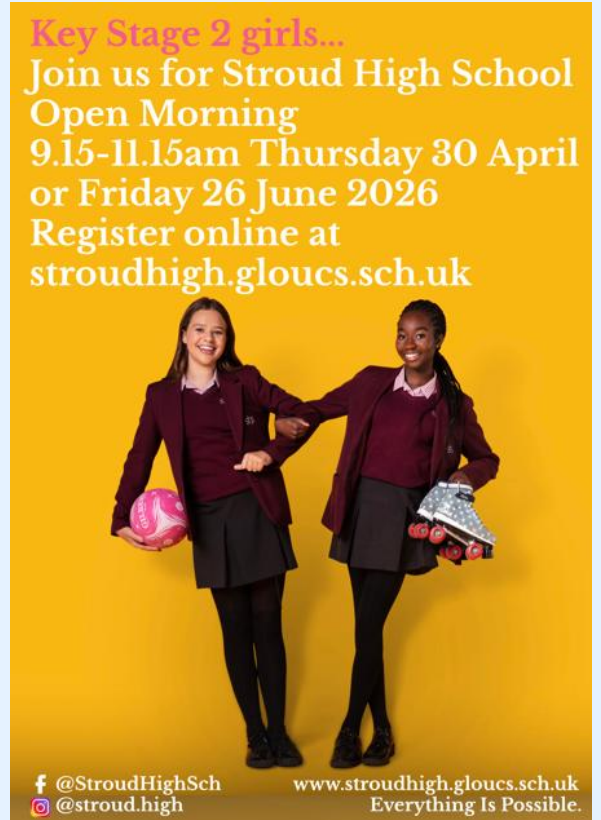
YEAR 5 EXPERIENCE DAY

MONDAY 29TH JUNE 2026
FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2026

COME AND SPEND A DAY AT SIR WILLIAM ROMNEY'S SCHOOL.
EXCITING SUBJECT TASTERS
MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND SAMPLE OUR BROAD RANGE OF CLUBS
EXPERIENCE SECONDARY SCHOOL LIFE
FREE LUNCH IN THE SCHOOL CANTEEN

PLACES ARE LIMITED -
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISSAPPOINTMENT!

SCAN TO SIGN UP



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

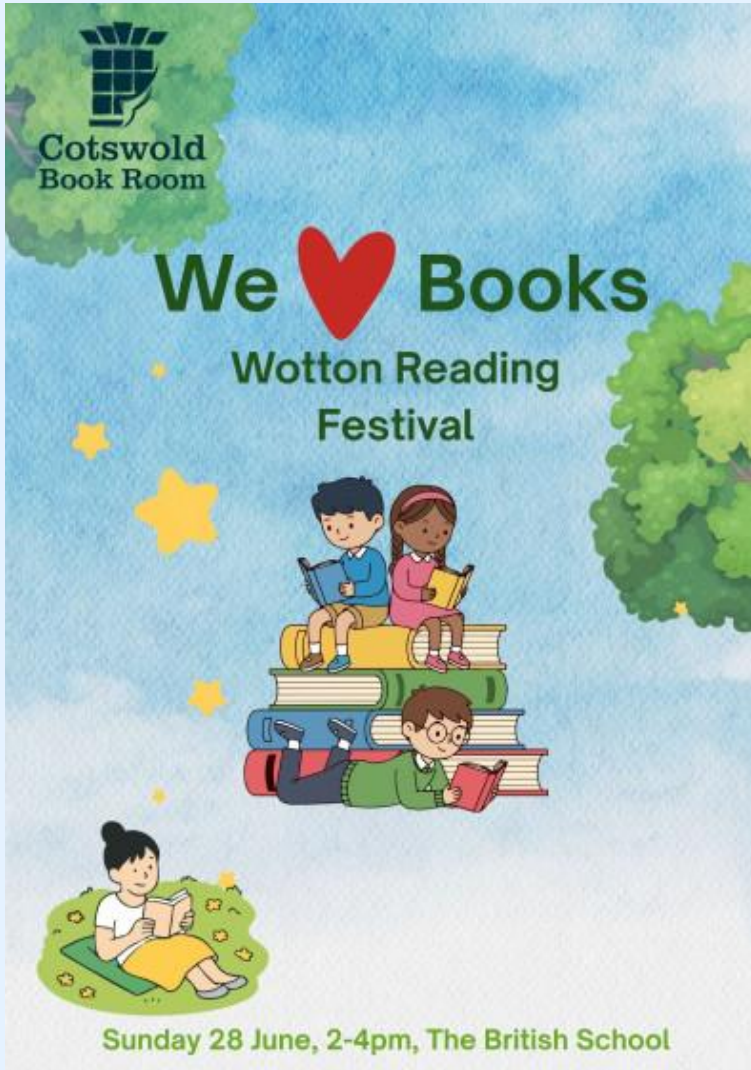


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Everything Is Possible.

We Love Books - Wotton Reading Festival

28 June 2026, 14.00 – 16.00



Come and join us for our very first reading festival in Wotton!

Bring your book, some friends and a picnic and enjoy a few hours of reading on the beautiful British School field.

We have some other fun reading activities on offer:

- **Storytime trail** – come and listen to a different story at each of our story stations. Pick up your story trail card and complete the trail by getting your card stamped after listening to each story.
- **Refreshments** – including cake, provided by the wonderful [Read With Me](#), all monies taken will go back into funding their wonderful work of improving literacy levels in schools.
- **Book Club showcase** – want to know a bit more about Book Clubs? Come and meet some of our local book club members and find out what they have been reading. Gideon will be there chatting about our monthly Cheese, Wine and Book Club, with free tasters of L'affinage cheese and his

wine choices.

- **Art table** – come and make a bookmark or write and illustrate a book review! This all counts towards cubs and brownie reading badges.
- **Curious Kids Science Club** – run by the wonderful Sophie Contractor, with a dinosaur sensory tray and plenty of dino books to read.

Calling all local schools
and young creatives!

Your design
could be part
of the trail!

Help design & name an
OTTER!

for the Summer 2026
Cam Otter Trail



Design an otter that
shows your creativity!



Name your otter -
think funny, clever,
bold or beautiful

10

otters waiting
for a name!



Pick up a
template and
get designing!



Open to all local
schools and
children



Winning design will
be handpainted on
one of our otters in
the trail!



Deadline
for entries:

Friday 3rd July

Entres to be handed
into schools or Cam
Parish Council
offices



SPORT



**BE MORE
YOU**

**WHEN
YOU'RE
WITH
THEM**



♥ your team
♥ rugby

Get involved at
findrugby.com

GIRLS RUGBY

Calling all Year 5 & 6 Girls
Sunday 14th June at 10 - 11.30am

Old Cryptians RFC, Tuffley Avenue,
Glos. GL1 5NS

- Come & see what U12 Rugby is all about
- Meet the coaches • Play some games
- No experience required!

Find out more:

Kate – girls.dursleyrfc@gmail.com

Chris – secretary@painswickrugby.co.uk

Dursley, Painswick, Stroud RFC's,
with Old Cryptians RFC



CAM CRICKET CLUB

Cam Cricket Club are proud to have a thriving youth section, with a junior membership of around 100 boys and girls. Cam prides itself on the quality of its cricket coaching in a safe family friendly environment.



SCAN ME



Weekly training/coaching sessions are held during the spring and summer months by qualified coaches, for boys and girls, starting on the 16th April.

Year 3 and 4 - Under 9's - Fridays 6-7pm
Year 5 and 6- Under 11's - Thursday 6-7.30pm
Year 7 and 8- Under 13's - Thursdays 6-7.30pm
Year 9 and 10 - Under 15's - Thursdays 6-7.30pm

**FREE FIRST
SESSION
FOR NEW
MEMBERS**

Friendly festivals and Competitive fixtures are played in various formats throughout the season.

If you would like to join the Club, please get in touch with us. We will be happy to welcome you down at the club.



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NO LIFEGUARD NO SWIM

Lakes and canals are cold, deep and unpredictable, with hidden dangers below. Without a lifeguard, fun can turn **fatal**.

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE RLSS UK WATER SAFETY CODE, WHENEVER YOU ARE IN OR AROUND WATER

STOP & THINK!

Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.

STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguard venue.



IN AN EMERGENCY...

CALL 999

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when onland and the Coastguard if at the coast. **Don't enter the water to rescue.**



FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.





Active Lifestyles
Stroud District



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




Table Tennis England Premier Club

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The Library Challenge

11 July – 12 September 2026

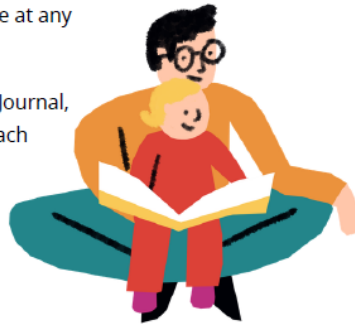
Tales Through Time

Calling all readers, adventurers and story explorers!

Join the Library Challenge this summer to travel through time, get reading, and earn rewards.

How to Take Part

- Children aged 3+ can sign up for free at any Gloucestershire Library.
- Explore the tasks in your Challenge Journal, collecting stamps and rewards for each completed task.
- Come along to exciting events throughout the summer.



Find out more - scan QR code
or visit gloslibraries.uk/welcome-library-challenge



National
Year of
Reading
2026

SATURDAY 11TH JULY **THE GREAT BIG** **1PM - 6PM**

CLIMATE CIRCUS

BY YOUNG PEOPLE - FOR YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

**FEATURING - FILM ARTWORK PROJECTIONS
WITH DANCE, RAP, SPOKEN WORD
& YOUTH MUSIC & CIRCUS PERFORMANCES**

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
ARTS & CRAFTS, RINKY DINK SOUNDSYSTEM
CIRCUS WORKSHOP, BIKE WORKSHOP, CLOTHES SWAP
GIANT BUBBLES, PEDAL POWERED MUSIC & ART
FOREST GREEN ROVERS, FOOD, STALLS
GAMES & MORE**

COMMUNITY FUND **DURSLEY WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND**

BIG CLIMATE CIRCUS