



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

We have had a fantastic Summer 1 term with so much going on! It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning, taking part in exciting activities and making the most of every opportunity. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved already this term.

We hope you all have a lovely and well-deserved half term break, enjoy the rest, sunshine (hopefully!), and time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for our final term, which will be full of learning, celebrations, and some special goodbyes.

From Grass Mounds to Gladiators!

Oberon Class had a fantastic trip to Caerleon alongside Foxes (Parkend), where they explored the remains of the Roman amphitheatre and visited the baths. Although the amphitheatre now appears as grass banks and earth mounds, the children showed great imagination, picturing what it would have been like in Roman times filled with soldiers and spectators. A real highlight was dressing up in character and stepping into the role of Roman soldiers, imagining training drills and dramatic battles. It was a wonderful way to bring their learning to life.



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This trip was a wonderful enrichment opportunity, allowing the children to bring their classroom learning to life in a real historical setting. Being able to explore the site first-hand helped deepen their understanding of Roman Britain in a meaningful and memorable way. Visits like this also give our children across the federation valuable opportunities to spend time together, meet new friends and build relationships beyond their own school.



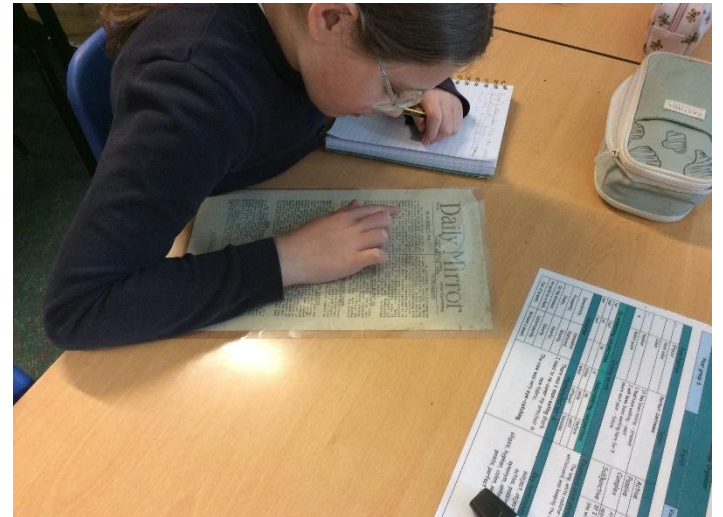
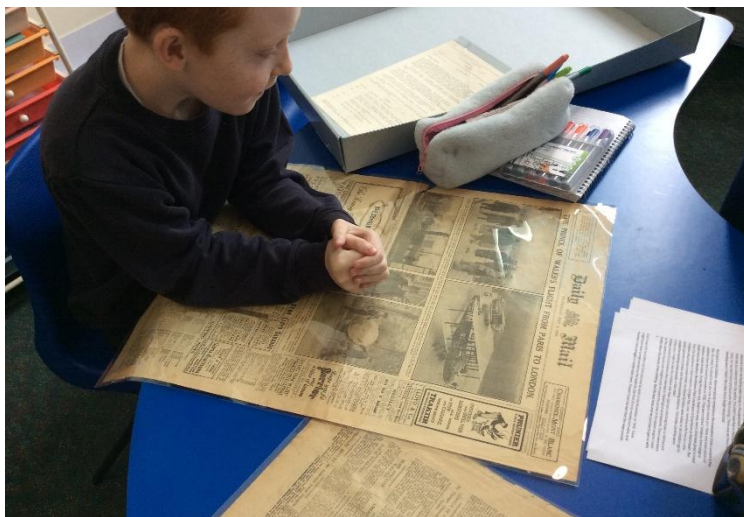
Spelling Bee at St White's School:

Three of our children, Brooke, Darci and Olivia proudly represented us at the annual Spelling Bee held at St White's School on Wednesday 20th May. With 12 schools taking part, it was a fantastic opportunity to showcase their spelling skills and confidence.

A huge congratulations to Brooke, who came an impressive 3rd overall in her category. When asked about her experience, Brooke said, "It was a bit stressful at the start watching the younger children go first; however, once I was on stage, I didn't feel as nervous."

We are incredibly proud of all three children for their effort, courage and excellent representation of our school.

Skylab History and Writing Workshop:



This week, Skylab have been fortunate enough to take part in a 2-day history and writing workshop linked to the local heritage of the Forest of Dean. We were joined by Roger Deeks and some of the Dean Scribblers to enable local history and writing to come together. Pupils explored fascinating aspects of the area's past, including the Miner's Lockout of 1926 and used this learning to create their own pieces of writing. The project will lead to each child becoming a published author, with their work included in a professionally produced book—a wonderful way to celebrate both their creativity and connection to local history. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm and hard work with this so far. Well done, Skylab!

"Thank you for having me in your classroom yesterday and today. It really was a pleasure to work with such an attentive and well managed class of children. They are a credit to you and the school."
Roger Deeks

House Points:

Week ending 8th May - Blue 183, Red 164, Yellow 160 and Green 152

Week ending 15th May - Green 191, Yellow 175, Red 172 and Blue 123.

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Attendance Really Matters:

Whole School Attendance = 95.60% - Above the National Average

Class:	Week ending 8 th May	15 th May
Calipso	96.50%	97.60%
Apollo	95.19%	96.92%
Phoenix	91.83%	91.15%
Oberon	92.13%	98.52%
Mercury	96.88%	97.50%
Mariner	96.00%	93.60%
Skylab	96.20%	96.52%

Star of the Week:

Week ending 8th May



Week ending 15th May



Congratulations to: Marcie, Grace, Eve, Freddie, Maisie, Reilly and Bleu.

Aubree, Beatrix, Kyra, Adelaide, Otilie, Elodie and Ashton

Parent Survey:

Thank you to all our parents who have taken the time to complete the recent parent survey. We really appreciate your feedback, which has been very positive and supportive.

Today is the final day to share your views, so if you haven't yet responded, please do so.

We will be sharing the results, along with any next steps, once our Governors have had the opportunity to fully review them.

Young Leaders Shine as "Picture Pioneers" at Parkend Assembly:

We are very proud of our 'Picture News Pioneers', who recently led an assembly at Parkend in front of the whole school and their parents. They showed great confidence and leadership throughout.

The children shared how they lead monthly assemblies at Yorkley using Picture News, exploring national news stories and encouraging pupils to think, discuss and reflect on the world around them.

Their work supports our Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development (SMSC), helping pupils reflect on values, consider right and wrong, work together and learn about different cultures. It also promotes British Values, including democracy, respect, tolerance and individual liberty. Well done to our Picture Pioneers for representing the school so brilliantly.



Calipso updates:

Our Reception children have been making the most of our outdoor environment this term, showing wonderful creativity and enthusiasm in their play. Imaginative play has been at the heart of their learning. A particular highlight has been the creation of "Calipso's Band", where children have explored rhythm and performance using a range of instruments, proudly sharing their music with others. Alongside this, they have designed and built their own physical exercise courses, demonstrating teamwork, resilience, and a growing understanding of how to keep their bodies active and healthy. It has been fantastic to see such joy, engagement, and independence in their learning outdoors.



Have a wonderful half term

Kind regards,

K. Burke

Mrs K Burke

Executive Headteacher

Forest of Dean Community Schools Federation

Out of School Celebrations - Skills and Talents:



A huge congratulations to Rosie, who has successfully achieved her Level 2 swimming award! To earn this, Rosie swam from one side of the pool to the other without touching the bottom, an amazing accomplishment that shows her growing confidence and determination in the water.

Well done to Noah on his fantastic swimming achievement! He can now travel 5 metres using flotation equipment, which is a brilliant milestone in his progress.

Congratulations also go to Declan, who has been awarded 'Most Endeavoured Player 2025/2026' in Rugby. A wonderful recognition of his hard work, commitment, and team spirit.

Community Links:

Local Offer Education Support and Graduated Pathway Survey

We are making some changes to the look and feel of this section of Local Offer website. We would like your feedback to better help and support you and other families with SEND in Gloucestershire. This survey should take you no more than 10 minutes to complete. When you submit the form, it will not automatically collect your details like your name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

Please click the link below to complete the survey:

[Support Families with SEND - Gloucestershire Local Offer Education Support Feedback - Fill in form](#)

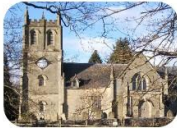
This survey will close at midnight on Sunday 31st May 2026. If you would like someone to contact you, or you would like to get involved with shaping the information we share with families and young people, please email us: LocalOffer@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Many Thanks, Sara Barnett
SEND Specialist - Local Offer Review and Improvement Project
Gloucestershire County Council

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St. PAUL'S PARKEND ENVIRONMENT WEEKEND



Sat 6th – Sun 7th JUNE 2026



Starts 10:30am – 4:00pm

A Christian presence in every community



Hawfinch

COME AND HAVE A LOOK AROUND OUR CHURCHYARD AT PARKEND TO SEE THE WILDLIFE AND FLOWERS THAT FLOURISH THERE.



6-spot ladybird



Slow-worm

VARIED PROGRAMME ON BOTH DAYS:

- ❖ MOTH REVEAL EACH MORNING
- ❖ TALK ON THE BATS OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE
- ❖ TALK ON THE FLORA & FAUNA OF THE FOD
- ❖ VIEW THE ORCHIDS, FLOWERS & LICHENS
 - ❖ DISPLAYS – NATURE TABLE
 - ❖ CHILDREN'S COMPETITION



Lobster Moth



Bee orchid

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FURTHER DETAILS & TIMES TO FOLLOW



RAFFLE TICKETS

NOW AVAILABLE!

£2 PER STRIP

3 FOR £5




FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON!

We have some amazing prizes up for grabs – top quality, great value and guaranteed to make a difference!

RAFFLE DRAW DATE
SATURDAY 30TH MAY 2026

PAYMENT REFERENCE

RAFFLE + YOUR NAME

EXAMPLE: RAFFLE(JAMIEBAKER)

WE NOW ACCEPT CREDIT AND DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS



SUPPORT YOUR CLUB. WIN BIG!

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY – GOOD LUCK! 🍀



BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!

DADS VS LADS & LADETTES FOOTBALL GAME!

PERFORMING LIVE!
HANNAH MAY
VOCALIST | LIVE 1 HOUR SET

UNDER 14'S SIGN ON DAY!

21 DAYS AND COUNTING



DADS VS LADS & LADETTES FOOTBALL GAME!



ICE CREAM VAN!



TUG OF WAR!



BBQ!

SATURDAY 30TH MAY
12PM - 6PM

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

DADS VS LADS & LADETTES FOOTBALL GAME! | BBQ! | TUG OF WAR! | ICE CREAM VAN!

FANTASTIC RAFFLE PRIZES!



Bream Youth FC U10's



Join Girls Football Team in the FOD

Looking for new players from Year 4 & 5

Goalkeeper Wanted!
Footballers Wanted!

Take part in fun-filled activity where you can make friends, work as a team and grow your football skills!

Contact:

breamyouth@yahoo.com

Adey 07817719334

Or

Jesse 07523033307



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IMPORTANT DATES: - New dates in Red

DATE	EVENTS
Fri 22 nd May	End of Term 5
Mon 25 th - 29 th May	Half Term
Mon 1 st June	Start of Term 6 - Children in
Mon 1 st June - 12 th June	DfE - Year 4 Multiplication checks
Thurs 4 th June	Scholastic Book Fair arriving
Mon 8 th June	Phonics Screening Check Week
Tue 9 th June	Multi-Sports games event at Wyedean School
Wed 10 th June	Yorkley's Sports Day followed by family picnic (9.00-12.30)
Thu 11 th June	Orienteering Event at Viney Hill Centre - letter to follow
Mon 15 th - Weds 17 th June	Year 5 & 6 London Residential - Federation
Thu 18 th June	Talent Showcase
Fri 19 th June	Father's Day - (Infants) share a book with a special person
Mon 22 nd June	Maths Challenge at Five Acres (letter to follow)
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Tue 23 rd June	Calipso and Mariner's Trip to Ogmore
Wed 24 th June	Transition Day at Wyedean School (Year 6)
Thu 25 th June	Team Challenge Day at Parkend Cricket Club - letter to follow
Tues 30 th June	Five Acres Transition Day Year 6 (Day 1)
Wed 1 st July	Reception 2026 Parent Information Evening 5.30 pm
Wed 1 st July	Five Acres Transition Day Year 6 (Day 2)
Thurs 2 nd July	Year 5 Taster Day at The Dean Academy
Fri 3 rd July	Wellbeing Champions to Viney Hill
Mon 6 th July	The Dean Academy Transition Day Year 6 (Day 1)
Mon 6 th July	Moving up morning - whole school *and new reception.
Tues 7 th July	The Dean Academy Transition Day Year 6 (Day 2)
Tue 7 th July	Moving up morning - whole school *and new reception.
Tues 14 th July	Written Reports out to Parents
Wed 15 th July	PTA Disco & Leavers party
Fri 17 th July	End of Term 6 - Finish at 1.15