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**Term 4, 2025/26**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 4 has been short in length but jam-packed with goings-on.

We started the term with parents' evenings and have also had My Plan review meetings for the parents of our SEND children. A huge thank-you to everyone who attended these vital meetings. Your support in your child's education is essential and we value your support immensely.

Our Reception class had some prehistoric visitors when they had their Dinosaur Workshop. The children met "real" dinosaurs and also did some green screen animations with them. It was a wonderful day for them and the children had a memorable day!

Seeing so many of the children dressing up as characters from their favourite books for World Book Day was a real treat! Reading is such an important skill to have as it opens up a world of adventure and imagination in books. We continue to invest in our books in school to ensure that we keep the children's interest. It was also great to see so many people at the book fair held in the hall. The school has received £100 worth of books as a direct result to add to the 500 books which we have received from the Libraries for Primaries program which we have signed up for.

The hall has been full of drama this term too — and it's the drama we all want to see! Firstly, M&M Theatre group returned to perform Oliver Twist to the school. It is a great experience for the children to see professional actors performing classic plays in the school.

Our Year 3s and 4s clearly took inspiration from this for their 2 performances of 'Shakespeare Rocks' to family members. Both days were superb with the children delivering their lines, singing and dancing with great skill and confidence. A huge 'well done' to them, an enormous 'thank you' to the staff who directed and encouraged the children and a huge amount of gratitude to the parents and family members who supported the children both for the performances but also in helping them learn their lines.

Two of our classes have been out on trips this term. Year 2 spent the day learning about the history of Sudeley Castle. The children spent the day exploring the site and buildings and getting a better understanding of how Royals and nobles lived hundreds of years ago. Thank you to Mr Gibbs for organising the trip and to the staff and parents who volunteered on the day.

Year 3 visited Westonbirt Arboretum, a location which we have built up a strong relationship with in recent years. They helped to continue with the planting of trees as part of the Silk Wood Community Planting Project. The children got their hands dirty in planting saplings which will be part of the 9000 new trees being planted to replace those which were lost to ash die back. This was a memorable day for the class and I want to pass on my thanks to Mme Brunet-Lua who organised the trip and those who supported on the day.

As well as the above, Year 4 visited Cam Woodfield Junior School to watch 'In the Net', a play to support online learning, Year 5 undertook their cycle training with 'Bikeability' as well as a day learning about coding, drones and VR and Year 6 spent a morning doing first aid training!

It is time to take a break for Easter to restore our batteries before the summer term. We wish you all a very restful and happy break and look forward to seeing everyone on 13th April.

Dominic Knill, Headteacher



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## Sports News

There have been limited sporting events this term but we have still shone in the competitions which we have entered.

### Cross Country

5 of our cross country runners were selected to represent Dursley District in the county cross country championships. Isabelle S, Annabelle W, Ted F, Jacob C and Stanley B showed great perseverance and determination to give their best on what was a very long and hilly course.

We are incredibly proud of each one of them and, with 4 of them being in Year 5 and having another year of competition, have high hopes for them for next year too!

### Tag Rugby

We sent 10 of our elite tag rugby players to the district tag rugby festival on a sunny Wednesday in March. The entire squad looked great and played with plenty of skill and excellent spirit as they won 8 and drew 1 of the 11 games they played.

Mr Gibbs, who accompanied the team, was particularly impressed with their positive attitudes and fair play in all of the games. Well done all of you — you were great ambassadors for the school.

The squad was: William C, Lewis F, Maison T, Oscar C, Mason A, Ted F, Jacob C, Alfie T, Isabelle S and Luna W.



## OPAL Play News

Our journey with OPAL has continued apace this term. Kim, our Play Leader, has been incredibly busy both ensuring that there are plenty of resources out on the playground for the children to use. As the weather has improved, we have been able to get chalk out allowing the children to express their creativity, we have refilled the sand pit on the playground and the always-popular dressing up outfits have been brought out of hibernation to the delight of the children!

Kim has been finding out what children want on the playground and she has purchased more balls which can be used for king out, football and basketball. We will continue to add to our resource base as well as replace the resources which reached the end of the road.

Not only that, Kim has been beavering away behind the scenes. We are shortly going to get welly boot storage for every class which will, in the future, allow us to open the field throughout the year, not only when it is dry. She has also managed to get a £500 grant from a local charity which will be used to pay for play equipment.

The next steps will be to continue to develop the site, focusing on the field. These changes will be taking place over the next couple of years with the aim that the children have the best possible time during their lunchtimes.

Keep your eyes peeled for any request for donations—this will help us to keep our costs down and also allow you to pass on any unwanted items!



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## School Association

The School Association held their annual quiz night at the Dursley & District Community Centre last week. It was a great night and well attended (with the school team coming a very creditable 2nd place!).

During the evening, they held their AGM in which the key members of the team were elected and an annual report was shared with those present.

They are going to be funding a number of projects around the school over the next few months to support our improvement in play through the OPAL scheme.

**Keep your eyes peeled for confirmation of the date for Everfest 26!**

## Attendance

Attendance for **term 4 was 94.8%** which is positive compared to last year and which leaves our **attendance for the year to date of 94.5%**. This is definitely heading in the right direction but we are still aiming to get as close to 96% by the end of the school year.

### Holiday during term time

We are still receiving a large number of requests for holiday during term time. It is extremely unlikely that this is going to be authorised as we can only authorise them in exceptional circumstances. You may **receive a penalty notice if your child is absent for 5 days because of an unauthorised term-time holiday.**

### Studybugs

At present, 76% of our parents have downloaded the StudyBugs app. We are using it to record attendance and it allows you to let us know the reasons for your child's absence without the need to call the school. If you haven't got it already, you can download it for free from the Studybugs website or from the app stores from Google and Apple.

### Termly attendance

The attendance for each class is shown below. Remember, we are aiming for **96%**.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Term 4	93.7%	95.1%	94.9%	95.5%	95.8%	93.4%	93.7%
This school year	94.5%	95.2%	94.1%	95.8%	94.7%	92.3%	94.5%

Sadly, no classes met our termly target or are above 96% for the year. However, we have 2 terms left to improve the data so lets all make sure our children are in school every day that they are well enough!



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## Key dates 2025-26

### Term dates

**Term 1:** 2nd September to 23rd October

**Term 2:** 3rd November to 19th December

**Term 3:** 6th January to 13th February

**Term 4:** 24th February to 27th March

**Term 5:** 13th April to 22nd May

**Term 6:** 1st June to 17th July

### INSET days

Monday 1st September

Friday 24th October

Monday 5th January

Monday 23rd February

Monday 20th July

### Key Dates

Monday 13th April - Term 5 starts

- Year 3 My Plan review meetings

Wednesday 22nd April - Year 3 trip to Caerleon

Tuesday 28th April - EYFS National Child Measurement Programme

Thursday 20th April - Year 1 trip to Redwood

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)

Wednesday 6th May - Class photos

Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May — Year 6 SATs week

Friday 15th May - Year 6 trip to Slimbridge

- Year 1 Zoolab experience

Tuesday 19th May - Year 5 walk to St Cyr's Church

Friday 22nd May - End of term 5

Thursday 4th June - Junior Sports Day (am)

- Infant Sports Day (pm)

Week of 8th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Monday 13th July — End of year reports sent home

Wednesday 15th July — Optional drop-in parents' evening

Friday 17th July - End of term 6