



Cam Everlands News

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Term 5, 2025/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a particularly busy and rewarding half term at Cam Everlands, and I am delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

Our Year 6 pupils have demonstrated exceptional determination and resilience throughout SATs week, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts and achievements. Following this significant milestone, they were rewarded with a well-deserved day out to Slimbridge, which provided a welcome opportunity for them to relax and enjoy themselves.

Victoria and Salo from The Music Works spent a day with Year 6, working with them to compose and record a song that will feature in the Year 6 leavers' assembly. This creative experience has provided a meaningful way to commemorate their time at primary school.

Elsewhere in the school, we have been delighted to see our library transformed into a vibrant learning space. Mrs Beasley, Mr Payne and Mrs Farnsworth spent a day returning the school library to its former glory, utilising books generously provided through the Library for Schools programme. This resource will undoubtedly enhance our pupils' access to quality literature and support their reading development.

Our younger pupils have also benefited from enriching experiences. Year 1 visited Redwood and welcomed a visit from Zoolab, both of which provided wonderful opportunities for hands-on learning. Year 3 spent a day exploring the Roman remains and museum at Caerleon, bringing their curriculum learning to life in a tangible and engaging way. Additionally, Year 2 and Year 3 have begun their ten-week music lessons with Paul from Gloucester Music, which we anticipate will be a highlight of their year. Reverend Fiona also visited Year 3 for our annual 'Grill the Vicar' session, where pupils had the opportunity to ask questions about her role and to explore religious themes more broadly.

We have also held My Plan review meetings with families to ensure that parents and carers remain fully informed of their children's educational progress. Class photographs were taken during the half term, and we were fortunate to benefit from excellent weather, allowing the photographs to be taken outdoors.

Looking ahead, there are several important dates and events for your calendar.

- Sports day will take place on Thursday 4th June, with Junior pupils (Years 3-6) competing in the morning and Infant pupils (EYFS-Year 2) in the afternoon.
- Year 1 will undertake their phonics screening during the week beginning 8th June.
- A non-uniform day will be held on Friday 12th June, with pupils invited to bring items for the Tombola stall at Everfest,
- Everfest is being held on Friday 26th June.
- The Year 5/6 production will be held on Wednesday 8th July.
- Annual reports will be sent out on Monday 13th July
- Optional drop-in parent consultations held on Wednesday 15th July

With what looks like a very good forecast for the week ahead, we hope you all have a wonderful half-term and look forward to seeing everyone for the final term of the year on Monday 1st June.

Dominic Knill
Headteacher



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OPAL Play News

The momentum which Kim Haines - our Play Lead - built up last term has been maintained throughout late April and May.

Kim arranged for the overgrown and inaccessible habitat area to be cleared by the Cotswold Wardens. The area still needs more work to make it useable, and this will include fencing in the pond which resides in the same area, but we can now see what we are working with. The area is destined to become a calm area where children can spend time away from the hubbub and energy of the school field.

We also took delivery of a wonderful mud kitchen which resides beside our new digging area. The mud kitchen was made by the wonderful gentlemen of the Cotswold Men's Shed who provided their labour for free. It has been an instant hit with the children who are busy cooking up amazing things with the scrap pots and pans!

The children have also been lounging around in the newly-acquired hammocks, enjoying complete relaxation and calm before letting the next child on.

We are expecting that the welly-boot stands will be delivered at some point during the next term meaning that we will be in a position to potentially open the playground and field simultaneously from September.

During the last 6 weeks, we also had a visit from one of our school governors who is linked to the Play provision. She had a wonderful lunchtime on the field watching the children playing and every child who spoke to her said how much they were enjoying lunchtimes now. This underlines why we are making such an effort to ensure that the children make the most use of this time and helps to improve their experience at school.

Attendance

Attendance for **term 4 was 94.7%** 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**.

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	93.5%	95.6%	95.5%	95.1%	93.4%	93.3%	96.5%
This school year	94.3%	95.3%	94.3%	95.7%	94.4%	92.5%	94.8%

Sadly, no classes met our termly target or are above 96% for the year. However, we have 1 term left to improve the data so let's 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 1st June - Start of Term 6

Thursday 4th June - Junior Sports Day (am)

- Infant Sports Day (pm)

Week of 8th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Monday 8th June - District sports field events (at Rednock School)

Wednesday 10th June - Year 5 trip to Badminton Estate

Wednesday 10th June - District sports track events (at Dursley Primary)

Friday 12th June - Non-school uniform day for Everfest - bring in a Tombola prize

Monday 15th June - Y3/4 cricket tournament

Tuesday 16th June - Y5/6 cricket tournament

Monday 13th July — End of year reports sent home

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

Friday 17th July - End of term 6