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Term 6, 2023/24

School's out for Summer!

Dear Parents and carers,

As another school year draws to a close, it is time where we draw breath and reflect on the year which has passed.

It has been a hugely busy year for everyone. Some of the highlights include:

- Y3 trip to Stonehenge
- EYFS visit to Redwood
- Y6 residential at PGL Liddington
- KS2 tree planting at Westonbirt
- Y1 visit to Puxton Park
- KS2 trip to Bristol to watch the Bournemouth Symphonia
- Y5 visit to the Badminton estate
- Y4 visit to Cattle Country
- M&M Theatre Group performing Wizard of Oz
- KS2 participation in National Gallery workshop at Rednock
- Infant Nativity performance
- Y2 trip to Hampton Court Palace
- Junior Christmas Sing-a-long
- Y3/4 Easter performance
- M&M Theatre group performing Beauty and the Beast
- Y6 production of Peter Pan
- Infant and junior sports days
- Y6 Sports Activity Afternoon

This is an extensive list but is only part of what we have done and much of this is down to the hard work of the staff. I am sure you'll join me in saying a big thank-you for all of their efforts in providing the very best school experience for your children.

Finally, please can I extend a huge thank-you to everyone who has come in to support the school and it's children this year, from attending performances, helping out on school trips, spending money at School Association events, volunteering to listen to readers or working hard as a school governor. The school couldn't provide what it does without your continued support.

Wishing you all a very restful and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing most of you in September but wish those who are moving on the very best of luck for your future, wherever that may be.

Best wishes,

Dominic Knill

Diary dates

2024-25 key dates

3.9.24	Children return to school
4.9.24	Y6 residential parent meeting
11.9.24	KS2 Meet the teacher
12.9.24	EYFS Meet the teacher
11.10.24	Settling in reports out
15.10.24	Parents' evening
16.10.24	Parents' evening
4 - 8.11.24	Year 6 residential
11.12.24	Infant Nativity
18.12.24	KS2 Christmas Singalong
14.2.25	Mid-year reports out
25.2.25	Parents' evening
26.5.25	Parents' evening
9.4.25	Y3/4 Easter performance
12-15.5.25	Y6 SATs week
5.6.25	Sports Day
12.6.25	Reserve Sports Day
9.7.25	Y5/6 Production
14.7.25	End of year reports out
16.7.25	Optional parents evening
20.7.25	End of term

2024/25 term dates

Term 1	3.9.24 - 25.10.24
Term 2	5.11.24 - 20.12.24
Term 3	7.1.25 - 14.2.25
Term 4	25.2.25 - 11.4.25
Term 5	1.5.25 - 23.5.25
Term 6	2.6.25 - 18.7.25

2024/25 INSET staff training days

2.9.24	INSET 1
4.11.24	INSET 2
6.1.25	INSET 3
24.2.25	INSET 4
21.7.25	INSET 5

Attendance

Overall attendance term 6

94.0%

Year to date:

93.0%

"Good" attendance is **95%** or above
(source: DfE).

Reminder!

Monday 22nd July is an INSET day for Cam Everlands. We begin back on Tuesday 3rd September.



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Goodbye, farewell, auf wiedersehen , adieu!

At the end of the year, we are saying goodbye to 4 members of staff, two teachers, and 2 teaching assistants.

Mrs Butler

You cannot miss Lee when she is on the get in the morning. She brings a LOT of colour to Cam Everlands Primary and has done for 10 years. However, all good things must come to an end and Mrs Butler has decided that now is the time to move on. As anyone who has either passed through the school as a pupil recently or who has had a child attend in the last decade will know, Mrs Butler is passionate about music. She has shared this enthusiasm throughout the school be it through singing assemblies, music lessons or special events which she has organised. But not only does Mrs Butler ensure music is high-profile in school, when not teaching, Mrs Butler performs in a range of professional orchestras who are in great demand nationally.

It is the love of music which has pulled Mrs Butler from our grasps here at Cam Everlands. She has taken up a post with the Gloucestershire Music Service and will be teaching music in schools across Gloucestershire. This is an amazing opportunity for her and one which she couldn't turn down. Of course, Mrs Butler will be missed but she has left a legacy of musical excellence here at Cam Everlands. We know she will be brilliant in her new role and we wish her every success in the future.

Mrs Hernandez

Sofia has spent the majority of her time as a teaching assistant at Cam Everlands but has also been teaching in Year 5 for 1 day per week since Christmas. In her time here, she has supported hundreds of children to improve their reading, writing and maths as well as ensuring some of the teachers remain organised!

We have been very fortunate to have a very high quality teacher working as a teaching assistant and she has undoubtedly helped children to both know more and feel more confident in their learning. However, she has assured us that, when she is ready to return to work, that she will come and see if we have any vacancies!

Mrs Peters

Hazel has worked at Cam Everlands for 14 years. In that time Hazel has provided invaluable support and care to children with a variety of learning and emotional needs. In addition, Hazel has planned and delivered interventions including the Catch Up Maths programme which has enabled children across the school to benefit from 1:1 support. In recent years Hazel has been a key member of the Year 5 teaching team. In this role she has inspired children to become resilient learners. Year 5 children commented that Mrs Peters 'has been the best Teaching Assistant ever!'

Hazel will be remembered as an extremely calm, kind and caring colleague who always held the wellbeing of staff very close to her heart with her wonderful baking! In addition to her many skills, Hazel will always be known as the Maestro of Displays and Queen of the Tombola! Everyone at Cam Everlands will miss Hazel and we all wish her a happy, healthy, fun-filled retirement.

Mrs Breen

Geraldine started with us 2 years ago and has worked the majority of her time as an SEND teaching assistant and has been a huge asset to Cam Everlands in her time here. Anyone who knows Mrs Breen would agree that she is a ball of positive energy and she has brought this into school each and every day. She has demonstrated great patience and perseverance in the roles she has undertaken and has approached every day with a smile and 'can-do' attitude.

Mrs Breen has now decided that she wants to use her teaching degree and is leaving to allow her to do more class teaching. We have asked that she remembers us and I'm sure it isn't the last we'll see of her!



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Music lessons in 2024/25

As part of our ongoing efforts to give our children the best possible experience in their time with us, we are introducing whole class music lessons next year.

Each class will have 10 lessons over 10 weeks delivered by a member of the Gloucestershire Music Service. The first year has some classes learning the same instrument but over time, we want to ensure that children get the opportunity to try a wide range of instruments.

We are also hoping that, at the end of their 10 week block of lessons, we will be able to invite you in to watch the class perform for you.

The schedule is as follows:

Class	Term	Instrument
Reception	Summer	Recorder
Year 1	Summer	Ukulele
Year 2	Spring	Violin
Year 3	Spring	Brass
Year 4	Spring	Ukulele
Year 5	Autumn	Ukulele
Year 6	Autumn	Viola



Sporting Highlights of the Year

2023/24 has been a year of great sporting success at Cam Everlands.

One of the highlights was the victory in the pool for the local swimming gala—retaining the shield for another year. The team competed really well in all individual races.

Our Y5/6 cricket team played incredibly well to beat all opponents in the Cam area schools competition. They batted, bowled and fielded well individually, all as part of a great collective.

Our school football team played valiantly to end as runners-up in the district football competition.

Like their footballing counterparts, the netball team played with great effort and enthusiasm to end as runners up in the local tournament.

We also competed in a number of sporting events where there were no 'winning' teams.

Our cross country runner showed up when the weather was unfriendly and most were staying indoors for 4 Saturdays and all shone with their enthusiasm. 2 children performed so well that they were invited to represent the county.

Our tag rugby team competed in the Dursley Festival and demonstrated great sportsmanship and a lot of skill.

In the summer term, we took athletes to compete in the district sports athletics events at Rednock and Highfields. There were lots of great performers throughout both evenings and they represented the school well.



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Y5&6 Production of Peter Pan



Hugely enthusiastic audience members were entranced and entertained by the performances in our show Peter Pan. There was so much talent on show in what was a huge success for everyone.



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Arrr! Shiver me timbers!

Our reception class had a great day dressing up as salty sea dog pirates.

We're assured that they didn't plunder any treasure or make any teachers walk the plank.

Year 5 had a fantastic day out visiting the Badminton Estate, learning about how a large estate is run, finding out about the origins of our food and also visiting the animals.

They all had a great time and are photo'd here in the walled garden.



Year 1 spent a fascinating day at Luxton Park where they met all sorts of creatures!





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One of our school traditions is for the Year 6 class to put on an afternoon of sporting activities for the other children in school.

There are always a wide range of events to participate in and all of the children had a great afternoon. The Year 6s were fantastic in both their planning, organisation and delivery. Well done!



Our Year 5&6 cricket team took part in the district cricket competition.

They beat every side they played against and played with great positivity and plenty of flair.

Well done boys! We're all proud of you.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!