



# Cam Everlands News

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## From Coronations to sewers!

Dear parents and carers,

Term 5 has been a historic one for this country. On the weekend of the 6th May, we watched the coronation of King Charles III, the first event in this country for over 70 years. Many of the children were fascinated by the pomp and ceremony which they saw and many conversations were had in all of the classrooms about it. The children dressed up in red, white and blue on the Friday before in very patriotic style too!

Another event for this term involved our Year 6s who made all of us incredibly proud as they took their SATs. There is always a lot of discussion as to the value of these tests and there was certainly a lot of press about the difficulty of the reading paper. Regardless of this, and no matter what the children score, we couldn't be more impressed with them. They demonstrated grit and determination, calmness, assurance and rigour. They were all amazing. We must pass on our thanks to the parents who supported the children by providing them with a breakfast over the week. It ensured the children started the day calm and relaxed.

Our Year 2s have also been doing their SATs in school over the past couple of weeks. Like their Year 6 peers, they've approached them with an assured calmness and we're very proud of them as well.

Following the sad news about Mr Easey's forthcoming retirement at the end of the year, we have recruited a new member of staff to join our teaching team. From September, Mr Ben Gibbs will be teaching at Cam Everlands Primary. Mr Gibbs currently teaches at a primary school in Cambridgeshire and is relocating to Gloucestershire with his partner. The interview process was very thorough and we lucky to have a very strong field to select from. We will confirm our staffing structure in the first couple of weeks of term 6.

In this last week of term, we had a visitor from Severn Trent Water who held a whole school assembly on sewage and what can be put down the toilet (3Ps — ask your children!) and also a workshop with our Year 6 pupils. It was an eye-opening presentation and the song which he played was annoyingly catchy!

We have also met the parents of our next intake of Reception children who will be starting with us in September. Some of the families are already part of the Cam Everlands family, but many are not. I am sure that they'll all be welcomed with open arms by anyone and made to feel very welcome.

We wish you all a great half term and look forward to seeing you in June.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Dominic Knill

Headteacher



## Everfest — Friday 23rd June

In the last issue, I shared that Everfest is going to be on 23rd of June and it's rapidly approaching. Working furiously behind the scenes, our School Association have been making sure that everything is in place for the big day. Last year was a great success but this year, things will be even bigger and better with lots of inflatables for the children to play on. Make sure you've put the date in your diary as it's going to be a brilliant evening for the community.

### Term 5, May 2023

#### Diary dates

5/6/23	Term 6 begins
8/6/23	Sports day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)
23/6/23	Everfest
17/7/23	Reports sent home
21/7/23	End of term 6 and end of year

#### 2022/23 Term dates

Term 1	6/9/22 — 21/10/22
Term 2	31/10/22 — 16/12/22
Term 3	4/1/23 — 17/2/23
Term 4	27/2/23 — 31/3/23
Term 5	17/4/23 — 26/5/23
Term 6	5/6/23 — 21/7/23

#### INSET staff training days (school closed to children)

INSET 1	5/9/22
INSET 2	25/11/22
INSET 3	3/1/23
INSET 4	24/7/23
INSET 5	25/7/23

#### 2023/24 term dates

Term 1	5/9/23 — 26/10/23
Term 2	6/11/23 — 21/12/23
Term 3	8/1/24 — 9/2/24
Term 4	20/2/24 — 22/3/24
Term 5	8/4/24 — 24/5/24
Term 6	3/6/24 — 19/7/24

#### 2023/24 INSET staff training days

Please see page 4

## Attendance

Overall attendance term 5:

**93.6%**

Year to date:

**93.2%**

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

### Reminder!

Now that it is summer, please remember to send your child(ren) in with a sun hat, named water bottle and with sun cream on.



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## Super Swimmers!

Cam Everlands sent an elite team of Year 5 and 6 swimmers to the local gala which was held at the Dursley swimming pool.

The entire team produced some super-human performances throughout the event and every single one of them should be justifiably proud of their endeavours.

When the points for the individual races were compiled, it was announced that the Cam Everlands team had defeated all-comers and they were able to bring the trophy back to the school to a heroes welcome.

Well done to Eleanor T, Austin R-D, Chloe C, David E, Rueben C, Emily Q, Kayleigh F and Lucas M.

And a big thank-you to Mr Payne and Mrs Maddison who accompanied the children to the gala.



**Our victorious swimming team with their hard-won shield (Eleanor T absent)**

## Eco Council — No Mow May



We have an active Eco Council made up of children from each class and they meet regularly with Mme Brunet-Lua to look at ways at which our school can be more ecologically friendly. The ultimate aim is to attain Eco Schools status but one of their initiatives was to sign up for 'No Mow May'. With the exception of the field, none of our grass areas have been cut throughout the month and this has allowed wildflowers and weeds to thrive, increasing our biodiversity.

Our Eco Council and School Council play an active role in the decision making of the school and are always coming up with excellent suggestions to make their school better.

## Remember — we are a nut-free school

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school due to children who have severe allergies to nuts. This means that you should ensure that your child's lunchbox and snack has no nuts in it. This includes many chocolate spreads. Thank you for your understanding.



As part of our plan to improve play times we are looking for donations of items for loose parts and scrap play.

We need...

Plastic Crates

Guttering

Computer Keyboards

Ropes

Cable reels

large tubes

Large cardboard boxes

Old sheets

Wheeled suitcases

Loose parts help children to problem solve, use their imagination and explore new ideas - and most importantly FUN!

**ANY DONATIONS WELCOME!!!**

Please bring to the school week beginning  
5th June!





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## Attendance

Our attendance this term improved slightly from last term but is still not where we would like it to be. There have been a few winter bugs circulating which means that our **attendance has increased slightly to 93.6%** for the term and brought our total for the school year up slightly to **93.2%**. Hopefully, the next term will see an improvement so that we can bring our figures closer to **our target of 95%**.

Attendance in school is so important as it means the children are present for as many lessons as possible. Absence has a negative impact on children's learning but can also impact their mental health. Worries can be brought on because of missed lessons, or missed friends. Typically, the more absence, the higher the levels of worry.

If you are uncertain whether you should send your child in or not, please have a look at the NHS advice on the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Housekeeping

### Contact details

If you have recently changed your mobile phone number or email address (or any other contact details), please can you ensure that our admin team know. It is vital for the safeguarding of the children that we have **at least two current contact numbers**. Thank you.

### Labelling

By the nature of school uniform all looking the same, it is essential that all clothing is clearly labelled. Should items then be 'misplaced', they are much more likely to be reunited with their owners.

### Earrings

If your child has earrings, please make sure that they can either remove them for PE or have micropore tape with which to cover them. This is to prevent them from potentially being torn out during PE lessons.

### Out of school achievers

Should your child do something amazing out of school, please let us know. Our celebration assemblies are on a Friday afternoon and it is a joy to be able to share what great things our children have been up to outside of school. You can either send the information (and any photos) to Mr Knill directly or their class teacher. Email addresses are available on the 'Teaching Team' section of the school website.

### Club attendance

When signing up for clubs, we feel that a commitment is being made for the child to attend the club. Should they not be able to attend a session, please can you let the person running the club know in advance. If your child no longer wants to attend, please let us know as many clubs have waiting lists and we can offer their place to someone else.

## INSET days for 2023-24 and 2024-25

In order to help with your future planning, we have scheduled our INSET days for the next two academic years. They will be as follows:

### 2023-24

Monday 4th September 2023  
Friday 27th October 2023  
Friday 22nd December 2023  
Monday 19th February 2024  
Monday 22nd July 2024

### 2024-25

Monday 2nd September 2024  
Monday 4th November 2024  
Monday 6th January 2025  
Monday 24th February 2025  
Monday 21st July 2025



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## Termly highlights

### Year 5



Year 5 had a fantastic day out care of the Kingfisher Project at Puddleditch Farm, Berkeley. They learnt about farming, growing crops and even managed to make friends with some of the friendly cattle!

### Year 2



These regal images are the result of a study of Tudor portraiture which Year 2 have undertaken. They struck poses which created a suitable image and then used the pixlr app to create these amazing Tudor masterpieces. There are some budding King Henry VIII's and Queen Elizabeth I's in our midst!

### Reception



Reception have had a creepy-crawly themed term! Firstly, the children enjoyed a visit from Zoolab. Emily brought Gary the giant land snail, Marmalade the snake, Batman the cockroach (who would sit on command), Tank the scorpion and Cheese and Pickle the rats. Clearly inspired by this, they then made some clay minibeasts of their own!



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## Termly highlights continued...

### Year 6



This term has been a busy one for Year 6. It started with the decoration of hula hoops and afternoon workshop as part of the community Great Hula Hoop Project. This was followed by a maths scavenger hunt and then learning how art can convey a message. They also had their SATs, and most came in early for a shared breakfast with their classmates and furry friends!

### Year 4



Year 4 had a great trip to Bristol Museum where they enjoyed a workshop learning about the Ancient Egyptians.

Not only that, they also took part in the KLB School 'Pringle Challenge' and managed to win!

### Year 1



Year 1 were very proud to take home the end product of their Design and Technology project—some amazing black cabs! Not only that, but they've also been introduced to fractions (!), learning about halves and quarters or shapes and amounts using a wide range of practical resources to help their understanding.

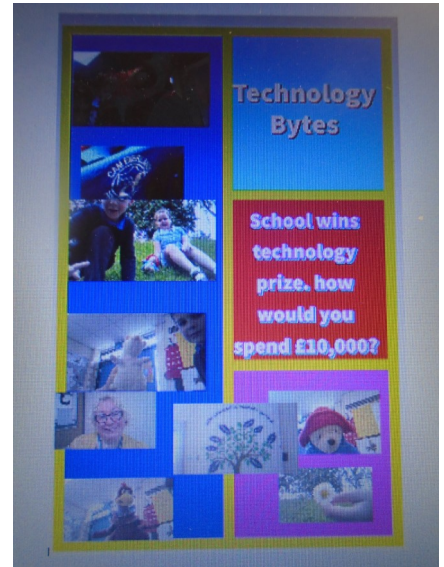


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### Year 3



Year 3 have had a varied and exciting term of learning. Not only have they been learning about capacity and reading scales in maths, have used Adobe Express to showcase their desktop publishing skills. They have also proved that 70s disco is alive and well! The children formed themselves into a disco band who composed and played their own disco track!