



Cam Everlands News

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Term 1, 2025/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the first term of the school year, it is amazing to see the breadth of wonderful events and experiences which have taken place already. We believe our school continues to provide exceptional learning opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom.

Our new Reception pupils have been warmly welcomed into our school community, marking an important milestone in their educational journey. It has been lovely to get to know them whether that be in the classroom or out on the playground. We hope this is the beginning of a wonderful seven year relationship!

Year 6 pupils recently embarked on a significant educational visit to the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey, offering them a profound insight into our national democratic processes and historical heritage. Thank you to Mrs Beasley, Mr Payne, Miss Stock and Mme Brunet for organising and supporting the children on the trip.

Year 5 have been particularly active, participating in a Shang Dynasty day where they not only learned about this fascinating historical period but also demonstrated their creativity by creating and performing a play for their families. Additionally, they visited Skillzone, an innovative learning environment that taught them crucial life safety skills across various real-life scenarios. Thank you to Mrs Sinclair for organising both of these events.

Our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum is evident in our whole-class ensemble music teaching which is led by staff from the Gloucestershire Music Service. Reception pupils are exploring drums, while Year 4 and 6 are developing their guitar skills. We look forward to sharing the dates of their performances shortly.

Our Eco Council also demonstrated environmental awareness through their visit to the Gloucestershire Energy from Waste site in Haresfield. During this visit, they learned about how waste from the area is safely and ecologically turned into energy to prevent it ending up in landfill. *Un grand merci* to Mme Brunet for leading this trip.

Once again, we welcomed M&M Theatre Group to Cam Everlands and their performance of Jack and the Beanstalk was thoroughly enjoyed by our pupils. This is an experience we organise so that all of our pupils can experience live theatre at no cost to parents.

Our participation in World Mental Health Day, where pupils dressed in yellow and raised money for Young Minds, underscored our holistic approach to pupil wellbeing. We are a Mental Health Trailblazer school and provide many forms of mental health support for our pupils.

The Books and Biscuits event on the school field was a delightful occasion, with many of our families enjoying shared reading in the late summer sunshine. Our biscuit budget was severely dented in putting this event on but it was well worth it to see our school community come together. Thank you to Mrs Beasley and Mr Payne for organising this.

Just this week, the children in both the infants and juniors danced, conga'd and jived like dervishes at the School Association Disco. Everyone loved dancing to the songs played - especially those from K-pop Demon Hunters— so a huge thank you to all of the School Association volunteers who gave up their time to organise the event and the parents and staff who gave up their time to ensure that the event ran smoothly.

These experiences reflect our ongoing commitment to providing a rich, diverse, and supportive learning environment for all our pupils. I look forward to sharing news about more exciting events at the end of next term. We wish you all a very restful half term.

Best wishes,

Dominic Knill, Headteacher



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Sports News

Cam Everlands Primary has a rich and successful history in the locality and this looks like it will continue into this year. I am particularly proud to celebrate our pupils' recent achievements in two sporting events.

Our girls' football team represented Cam Everlands exceptionally well at a recent tournament at Rednock School, playing a great brand of football whilst maintaining an excellent attitude of playing in the right spirit, thereby serving as excellent ambassadors. Thank you to Miss Green for coaching the team and supporting the girls so well.

Our cross country team also maintained our school's distinguished reputation, delivering excellent performances that have solidified our standing as one of the district's top cross country schools. Although we had no winners on the day, we had some podiums and consistently high placings in all age-groups. It is particularly pleasing to see such a large team from Years 3 and 4. The future of cross country is bright for Cam Everlands. Thank you to Mr Payne and Miss Mack for coaching the runners and to Mr Payne and Mrs Beasley for supporting them on the day.

OPAL Play News

A huge thank you to the 32 parents who responded to our Play survey. The answers you have given will help to shape our play provision moving forwards and it's always good to hear what the parent body think.

We are due to launch our OPAL play scheme next term but we have already been busy meeting with our local OPAL adviser and have been writing strategic plans which will change play and lunchtimes fundamentally over the next couple of years. As with all things, there is a cost implication which will mean that developments will happen in stages but we're really excited with what we have planned.

Attendance

Acknowledging the comments made in our recent Ofsted inspection about the disappointing levels of attendance, we have made a number of changes to our processes and procedures.

We have created a new role of Family Support Worker (Attendance) which has been filled by Miss Mack. She is supporting me in making the daily phone calls to the parents whose children are absent or discussing ways in which we can help overcome barriers.

We have also introduced StudyBugs, an online, app-based attendance tool which allows you to report absences without having to call the school as well as messaging us regarding attendance issues. Within school., StudyBugs provides a very useful platform which gives live attendance data for all classes and pupils allowing us to see exactly who is absent and why. This has already saved us a huge amount of time and allowed me to focus on improving other areas of the school.

To encourage the children to improve attendance, we have introduced a class-based reward. Each week, every class whose attendance is over 96% (our attendance target) gets a point. If a class has 100% attendance for a week, they receive 2 points. At the end of term, the class(es) with the most points will get a reward e.g. a film afternoon.

For this term, the class attendances were:

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 98.4% | 96.3% | 95.1% | 96.8% | 96.0% | 94.2% | 95.2% |

Well done to Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 for meeting or exceeding out attendance target.

Our overall school attendance for Term 1 was





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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 3rd to Friday 7th November — Year 6 PGL Residential

Saturday 15th November—Cross country race #2

Friday 21st November—Open Morning for prospective parents

Saturday 6th December—Cross country race #3

Tuesday 9th December — EYFS & KS1 nativity

Wednesday 10th December—EYFS & KS1 nativity

Wednesday 17th December — KS2 Christmas Singalong

Friday 19th December — Christmas Buffet lunch

Friday 13th February — Mid-year reports sent home

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th February — Parents' evenings

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

Monday 13th July — End of year reports sent home

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