



We hope you all have an amazing summer!

Thank you

All of the staff would like to say a big thank you for all of the gifts and thoughtful messages in cards and emails sent this week. We have had a great year and we are looking forward to welcoming you all back in September and would like to wish our Year 6s all the best for their next schools.

PTA events and support this year

I would also like to take this chance to say a massive thanks to the PTA for their fundraising this year and support for many school events too. Some events like the make the rules day on the last Monday of term are run just for fun, whereas others through the year might run to provide donations for upcoming events. As a school and PTA we try and balance the events across the year. Early next academic year there will be a PTA AGM and we would love to welcome more members to this vital group.

PE

Next year PE will be split between Tuesday and Friday afternoons across the school for terms 1-4 and children can wear PE kit on these days. PE kit is black shorts, leggings or tracksuit with plain white or green t-shirt. Green polo shirts can also be worn on these days and are available from <https://www.coolcatsclothing.co.uk/purchase-school-uniforms/down-ampney-c-of-e-primary-school>

After school clubs for Term 1 will start in Week 2 – each list is now closed. All children that requested to attend have a place. We have put on extra staff for the popular construction club and increased numbers.

Please note that choir will not run in term 1 due to low numbers.

Teacher led clubs run til 4pm with collection from the back gate please

Monday – Multi-sports

Tuesday – Drama club

Wednesday – Eco-club

Thursday – Construction club

Friday – Sports club KS2 only

Please note that wraparound care will be in classroom 1 until 4pm and will move into the hall at 4pm at which point children will then be provided with a snack tea.

Sports

I just wanted to let you all know that our current school games officer is leaving this term and as yet they have not employed a replacement. Normally by this time of year we have started to be offered and booked inter-school events for the year ahead but this has not happened yet. We will ensure that we sign up as soon as they become available but wanted to manage expectation for the Autumn term.

A reminder of expectations for September:

Driving and parking – please ensure that you drive carefully through the village at the correct speed and ensure that you park with consideration of our neighbours. Please do not block drives or the entrance to the village carpark.

Drop off and pick up times – drop off is between 8:30 and 8:40am each morning in the front playground. Pick up is at 3:15pm if your child is not in a club, 4pm from teacher run clubs or up to 5pm for wraparound care. All after school pick ups are from the back gates.

Uniform - Mon/Wed/Thur - Full uniform - grey/black bottoms, white polo and school sweatshirt or cardigan (or plain green) and school shoes.

Tue/Fri - PE kit is black bottoms, green or white t-shirt and school sweatshirt or cardigan (or plain green) and trainers

Water bottles – drinks bottles should only contain water and can be refilled in school.

Break time snacks – children can bring in fruit or vegetables for break time snack

Healthy lunch boxes – we request that lunch boxes contain healthy lunches and **NO NUTS**

Homework – Is set for all children on a Monday for completion the following Monday. This increases as the children move through the school.

If you need reminding about the uniform policy it can be read here - <https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/SchoolUniformPolicyDec23.pdf>

Tesco vouchers

Please keep collecting the blue tokens in the Tesco stores in Cirencester throughout the summer holidays.

School reports

School reports were sent out this week and there was a chance to meet with teachers either by appointment or during the open morning on Friday. If anyone would like a follow up appointment early in the new term then please email head@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange this.

Key Dates	
2 nd September	First day of term
4 th October	INSET day
7 th October	INSET day
25 th October	End of term 1
4 th November	Term 2 starts
20 th December	End of Term 2
6 th January	INSET day
7 th January	Term 3 starts
14 th February	End of Term 3
24 th February	Term 4 starts
28 th March	INSET day
11 th April	End of Term 4
28 th April	Term 5 starts
5 th May	Bank Holiday

23rd May	End of Term 5
2nd June	Term 6 starts
18th July	End of Term 6
21st July	INSET day