



## 2024-25 Week 16 Update

### Happy New Year

It has been lovely to see everyone back to school this week. We successfully academised on January 1st and are now part of CET. While this will have little visible effect on the school, it was rather lovely this week to phone the maintenance team and have them come and fill up grit bins. Such little things make a big difference!

### MTC Parents meeting – Year 4 parents

There is a meeting for ALL year 4 parents regarding the Multiplication Tables Check, which each Y4 child will take in June. There is a lot of evidence that children who pass this assessment go on to reach the expected standard for Maths at the end of Year 6. The meeting is on **Tuesday, January 21st at 3 pm**. If you are unable to attend this, then please contact Miss Phipps at [class2@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:class2@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk) to arrange another time

### Term 3 clubs

Start on Monday – collection from the back of the school at 4 pm.

### Small school fundraiser

We are very excited to hear that our legacy event of an annual small school fundraiser will happen again this year, with Meysey Hampton taking the lead. This year, there is a flourishing dance festival! More details will follow. It is on Saturday, June 21st, so save the date.

### Spirituality/wellbeing being garden

We are very excited to announce that work will soon start on our spirituality and wellbeing garden. If you feel you could help with this, then please let me know, as we are putting together a team to make it happen. We have secured grant funding.

### Mud Kitchen

We have received some donated pallets. Can you make us a mud kitchen from them? Visit our recent Facebook page post for inspirational photos.

### Class 1 – Prayer Space Day

On Tuesday, February 4th, the children in class 1 join children from 5 other local small schools to explore prayer spaces. The morning will take place at Kempsford Primary School, and we are asking you to drop off your child at Kempsford that morning at 9 am, collect them at 11:30 am and return them to school. If you are not able to do this or arrange it among other parents, then let us know, and we will try to sort it within staff cars.

### Class 3 Historical Figures competition

Children in class 3 have been invited to take part in an inter-school historical figures oracy competition. If your child is keen to enter, then please let me know. I can give them more information, including a list of historical figures they can investigate and present.

### Swimming

We start swimming on Friday, January 10th. Children in class 1 need to be collected from school at the normal time (3:15 pm). All other children need to be collected from Cricklade Leisure Centre at 3:15 pm. If your children are split, then collect the one from Cricklade first. There will be no charge for after-school care until you arrive. Some children will be swapped due to group sizes. These will be confirmed after week 1 sessions. Please let us know if you are not able to collect your children from Cricklade.



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### Dance Festival

For those with children taking part in the dance festival, the tickets are now on sale. We are performing at 3 pm. <https://cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk/event/gloucestershire-schools-dance-festival-2025/>

### Key Dates

For the full year, see our website <https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/>

January 13th	Teacher-led clubs start
January 22nd	Beyond the Gates parent workshop at Hatherop
January 28th	Scarf PSHE day
February 4th	Prayer Space Day Class 1 at Kempford
February 5th	In the Net – internet safety for Y4
February 10th	Rail safety talk class 3
February 13th	Dance festival at Cheltenham town hall
February 14th	End of Term 3