



2024-25 Week 17 Update

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 21st January at 3 pm**. If you are unable to attend this, please contact Miss Phipps at class2@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk to arrange another time.

PTA meeting Thursday 30th January at 5:30 pm

Was your New Year's resolution to meet more people, start a new hobby, or donate time to charity? Then why not join the PTA? We are a friendly bunch who like to get things done to support our lovely school and have fun doing it. The first meeting of 2025 is Thursday, 30th January, at 5:30 pm at school, and we would LOVE to have new members along. You are not signing up for a huge commitment, just a chance to meet other people and share ideas. We hope to see you there.

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 21st June – save the date.

Spirituality/wellbeing being garden

Following on from the news last week that we have secured some funding, the first task we have is to build two planters that have been delivered. Let me know if you could build these for us. The next task is to source some topsoil to fill them!

Class 1 – Prayer Space Day

On Tuesday, 4th February, the children in class 1 will join children from 5 other local small schools to explore prayer spaces. The morning will take place at Kempford Primary School, and we are asking you to drop off your child at Kempford 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 with 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, and I can give them more information, including a list of historical figures they can investigate and present. **DEADLINE for this is looming – please let Mrs Gray know if you are keen by Monday 20th January.**

Swimming

All children need to collect from the same location at the same time as last week, but many have changed groups.

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/>



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Key Dates – for the full year, see the website – new dates or information in yellow
<https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/>

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