



2024-25 Week 20 Update

Last week

Children in class 1 enjoyed a lovely morning at Kempsford, taking part in a Prayer-space day with children from other local small church schools. The year 4 children watched 'in the Net', a play regarding internet safety, and children from different schools joined us for the performance.

PTA events

There will be a whole-school bake sale on **Monday, February 24th** – the first day back after half-term

Small school fundraising event – **June 21st**

Friday July 4th – school fete

Breakfast Club

We have been contacted regarding a 'free breakfast' school pilot from the DfE. I would be grateful if you could email Mrs Woodruffe if you would take up this offer in the summer term, which is to offer a 'free' breakfast club from 8–8:30 a.m. We need to gauge numbers to see if this is viable for us.

This week

Monday 10th - Rail safety talks

The platform will deliver rail safety talks to classes 2 and 3, and class 3 will then travel by train to their next school trip. Letters will follow shortly.

Tuesday 11th – Internet Safety Day

Children throughout the school will focus on staying safe online, and children in classes 2 and 3 will join other schools across the country for a webinar at the start of the day.

Thursday 13th - Dance Festival – have you got your tickets yet?

The tickets for those with children participating in the dance festival are now on sale. We are performing at 3 p.m. <https://cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk/event/gloucestershire-schools-dance-festival-2025/>

Friday 14th – Last day of term

Term 4 clubs – sign up now open

Next term, we will be running clubs each week apart from the week of March 24th due to parent meetings. There will not be any club on February 24th due to the whole-school bake sale.

Monday – **KS2 RECORDER CLUB HAS SPACES** - computing club – KS2 maximum 16

Tuesday – drawing club open to all

Tuesday - outdoor area club (will need wellies and long sleeves/trousers) maximum 20

Wednesday – SATs club open to class 3 only

Thursday – games club

Attendance

As we reach the year's halfway point, we will send home attendance letters for your children this week. Hopefully, the winter bugs are behind us, and we can work together to raise the attendance levels across the school. As a school we are currently at 96%, it would be great if this rises in the second half of the year.

Progress meetings in Term 4 – parents' meetings

Next term, we will hold parents' meetings on March 24th. Bookings can now be made. The timings are as follows

Class 1 – Monday 3–5 p.m., Wednesday 1–3 p.m. and Thursday 3–5 p.m.



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Class 2 – Monday 1–4:30 p.m., Wednesday 8–9 a.m. and 3-5 pm

Class 3 – Wednesday 8:30–9 a.m., Thursday 809am and 3–5 p.m.

Please email Mrs Woodruffe from the following Monday with your preferred time slot. If you cannot make it to these times, please let us know when you are available. Mrs Gray is also available at the times above for siblings if you cannot match appointment times.

Year 6 SATS Practise

Last week, Year 6 undertook more practice SATs to indicate areas to work on. These papers will be sent home today. Please go through these with your child, encouraging them to correct mistakes where they can easily spot their error and supporting them to solve those they are unsure of. Please send any back in, clearly marked with areas where you would like us to model the workings with your child.

The mark scheme for these papers can be found here to allow you to see what the correct answer

is: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6466280be14070000cb6e1ed/2023_key_stage_2_mathematics_mark_schemes.pdf

Key Dates – for the whole year, see the website – new dates or information in yellow

<https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/>

February 10th	Rail safety talk class 2 and 3
February 13th	Dance festival at Cheltenham town hall
February 14th	End of Term 3
February 24th	Start of Term 4 – Whole School Bake Sale
February 27th	Class 3 school trip
June 21st	Small school fundraising
July 4th	School Fete