



2024-25 Week 22 Update

THIS SUNDAY

If you are looking for something to do this Sunday, then we will make the most of the sunshine by starting the Spirituality and Mindfulness Garden. We would love to see a wheelbarrow with you anytime from 10 am. We have managed to secure several donations and will be using funds raised from Tesco and Ernest Cook's trust on this project. We are aiming to have an official opening on the last day of term – more information will follow.

This Week

It has been great to welcome the children back to Term 4 and welcome a new family to our school. The week started with a whole school bake sale that raised over £150; thank you to everyone who supported us with that. Yesterday, class 3 travelled to Gloucester via train and completed a historical walk of the city. This was a funded trip by Platform Rail, which had also delivered a rail safety talk to the class in advance. This morning, three children represented the school in the cluster rounds of the Gloucestershire Oracy competition, and we are very proud of how well Eli, Lizzie and Evie did, who were our school winners.

Swimming

Huge apologies for the lack of swimming this week; I am still working with the pool and coach company to try and sort an additional session to make up for today, Friday 4th April. I will let you know if I am successful.

Experience Lent

Next Wednesday, we will be hosting our cluster of small church schools for the day, which will include an 'experience Lent' element which will be held at the church. All the children will walk up to the church for part of the day. This is the fourth in the series of shared events to celebrate our Christian Distinctiveness, and we look forward to welcoming the other schools. This is likely to result in increased traffic at the beginning and end of the day.

World Book Day

Next Thursday, 6th March, is World Book Day. Children are invited to bring in their favourite book, and there will be a chance to talk about this and why it is their favourite book with their friends. In addition to this, our friends at Rodmarton school invited us to take a group of children to meet Tweedy and hear about his new book. To be fair, eight children were selected at random to represent the school at this event. If your child was selected, then you will have received an email about it.

Class 1 History topic

You will have received an email this week to invite your child to bring a toy into school on Tuesday to launch their toys topic.

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

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

3 rd March	Secondary school allocation day
5 th March	Experience Lent
6 th March	World Book Day – bring a book to school and "tweedy" event
6 th March	Panathlon – for a group of children
24 th March	Parent progress meetings this week – NO CLUBS
28 th March	INSET DAY
4 th April	Class 3 morning at De Vere hotel



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11 th April	Easter egg hunt and non-uniform day
12 th May	Year 6 SATS week
23 rd May	Sports Day (if dry)
3 rd June	School beat visit
10 th June	Y6 leavers service at the Cathedral
17 th June	RIAT STEM day
21 st June	Small school fundraising
23 rd June	District Sports
26 th June	Area Sports
1 st and 2 nd July	Farmors Induction days
4 th July	School Fete
18 th July	Last day of the term