



# NEWSLETTER 12 – 24th April 2026

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## DIARY DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	ADDITIONAL INFO
Thursday 30th April	Rabbit & Fox Cake Bake	3.15pm (Front Playground)
Friday 1st May	Family Appreciation Picnic	1pm (School Field)
<b>Monday 4th May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>School Closed to Children</b>
Monday 11th May — Thursday 14th May	SATS Week for Owl Class	
Wednesday 13th May	Fox Class Trip to Tudor World	All Day Event
Monday 18th May — Friday 22nd May	Owl Class Residential Trip to North Devon	All Week Event
Friday 22nd May	Mole Class Falconry Visit (Rescheduled Date)	1pm (School Hall)
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	<b>End of Term 5</b>	<b>3.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 1st June</b>	<b>TD Day</b>	<b>School closed to Children</b>
<b>Tuesday 2nd June</b>	<b>Start of Term 6</b>	<b>8.45am</b>
Thursday 4th June	New Dormouse Starter meeting	5pm (Hall)
Tuesday 9th June	Squirrel Class Family Learning Afternoon	2pm
Friday 12th June	Non - Uniform Day (In Exchange for a Bottle of Wine for the Village Fete)	All Day Event
Monday 15th June — Thursday 18th June	Sports Week	All week Event of Different kinds of Physical Activities
Wednesday 17th June	Owl Class to Chippenham Games	Stanley Park
Friday 19th June	Sports Day	Additional Information to Follow

### Derry Hill & Studley

Derry Hill & Studley are entering the best kept village competition again this year. The village will be having a **village tidy up** between 10am - 12 pm on Saturday 2nd May starting at the Church, on Church Road. Previously, families have brought their children for some fun litter picking and we ask that again this year. It would be great to see lots of families come along and join in the fun! We would love to see you there, if you can make it.

Thanks in advance

Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council

### Rabbit & Fox Cake Bake

Rabbit and Fox classes will be holding a cake bake after school on **Thursday 30th April**, on the front playground. Please don't forget your cash and something to carry your cakes home in. Thank you for your support.



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**DORMOUSE CLASS**

# DONATION STATION

We are very fortunate to have lots of lovely resources in school, however we are always on the lookout for things to further inspire our children!

We would be extremely grateful if you were able to source/donate any of the following items (we will update this regularly so please keep an eye out!)

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### CARDBOARD TUBES

WE ARE LOOKING FOR LOTS OF CARDBOARD TUBES OF VARYING SIZES IF YOU HAVE ANY AT HOME YOU'D BE WILLING TO DONATE. THESE WILL BE ADDED TO OUR EVER GROWING CONSTRUCTION COLLECTION.

### WOODEN PLANKS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR WOODEN PLANKS PLEASE! SMALL WOOD, ROADS, RACE TRACKS, CONSTRUCTION EXPRESSIVE ART + DESIGN, IMAGINATIVE PLAY, PHYSICAL, FINE + GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

WHEN PAINTED WE WILL CREATE ROADS

### PLASTIC GUTTERING

WE ARE LOOKING FOR LOTS OF PLASTIC GUTTERING OF VARYING SIZES (NOT TOO LONG AS THESE WILL BE BEING USED INSIDE). IF YOU HAVE ANY AT HOME YOU'D BE WILLING TO DONATE. THESE WILL BE ADDED TO OUR EVER GROWING CONSTRUCTION COLLECTION.

### SOCKS

WE ARE QUITE SHORT ON SPARE SOCKS, IF YOU ARE HAVING A CLEAR OUT AT HOME WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THEM!

## TECHNOLOGY FOCUS

We would love to create a new area in the classroom focussing on technology and the ever-evolving world around us. If you have any of the following items at home and are able to donate, we will be forever thankful!

### TYPE WRITER

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A TYPEWRITER (DOES NOT NEED TO BE IN WORKING ORDER BUT WOULD BE GREAT IF IT WAS). LITERACY, LETTER FORMATION, LETTER RECOGNITION EXPRESSIVE ART + DESIGN, IMAGINATIVE PLAY, PSPE, PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS, LOGICAL REASONING PHYSICAL: FINE MOTOR

### CD PLAYER

YES WE MAY BE SLIGHTLY MAD FOR SUGGESTING THIS... BUT WE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A CD PLAYER (IN WORKING ORDER). CHILD APPROPRIATE CD'S WOULD BE A BONUS! UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD, TECHNOLOGY, TOYS FROM THE PAST, CULTURAL AWARENESS EXPRESSIVE ART + DESIGN, MUSIC, PHYSICAL SKILLS: GROSS MOTOR (DANCING/MOVING TO MUSIC), FINE MOTOR

## AMAZON WISHLIST

Please do not feel obliged at all to purchase anything from this list but if you would like to we would be extremely grateful.

We also have an Amazon wishlist.

### QR CODE

### Art and Design Showcase 2026

Beginning in January, children from KS1 and KS2 enjoyed 10 weeks of extra-curricular Art each Tuesday as part of KS1 Art Club, and KS2 Design and Print Club. Our annual Art Showcase was held in the Library on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, where a range of work produced since January was displayed for friends, family and Governors. Alongside this work, were pieces of art submitted by school on behalf of some keen artists who want the chance to have their work considered for display at the Royal Academy of Art's Children's Summer exhibition.

Well done to everyone who has worked hard to produce wonderful artwork for our show, and thank you to those who came to support our budding artists!



### Forest Update

Term 4 was a busy term outside in Wildings. A lovely time was had with Mole and Hedgehog class, primarily because the springlike weather made an appearance, occasionally, making sessions fun, fulfilling and comfortable. We were able to spend time noticing the seasonal changes, playing and building with the loose parts, digging and practicing some tool work, mainly the flint and steels and bow saw. This term we welcome Squirrel and Rabbit class, look out for an update at the end of this term.

Mrs Hand

