

April Newsletter

2nd April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an extremely busy few weeks in school and we have all loved watching the children have fun and learn at the same time. World Book Day was a great success for us, with many families enjoying our World Book Day Cafe. Our readathon has raised over £300 for the 'Read for Good' charity, which donates books to children in hospital. We are super proud of our school community for being so kind and generous. We would also like to thank St. John's church and the W.I of Slimbridge for kindly donating the proceeds of their coffee morning to our school.

Attendance

We have been working hard to raise the level of attendance in our school. We know that sometimes the children are too unwell for school and it is the right thing for them, and the other students, to stay at home. However, with mild illness they can still attend school. We will always ring to let you know if they are feeling unwell. If you are unsure then you can check with the NHS guidance: Is my child too ill for school? (<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>)

Slimbridge's Attendance Promise

We will

- Check attendance every day,
- Phone home to discuss attendance,
- Invite you to attendance meetings if we are concerned,
- Make a welfare visit if we cannot establish a reason for absence.

Please reach out and talk to us if you are experiencing difficulties with attendance so we can help. Many thanks for your support, Mrs Hillman. As always, if you need to discuss any matters please call the school office or email head@slimbridge.gloucs.sch.uk

Tag Rugby

Both our Y4 and Y5/6 Tag Rugby teams have done us proud at recent tournaments. The children showed such team work and kindness to each other and we are proud of their dedication and commitment to practising at lunch times.



World Book Day

World Book Day on the 6th March was a resounding success again this year. We enjoyed opening our World Book Day Café and inviting parents and grandparents to read with the children. We were blessed with a sunny day, so everyone could enjoy reading outside and inside.

We loved all of the amazing costumes on show on World Book Day, and have shared a few photos on the slide show in reception and [Facebook](#). Look for our new Slimbridge Facebook page which we are posting regular updates on.

Mrs Jones also loved talking to the children about their book choices during the successful book swap and our teachers planned exciting activities for the children to enjoy - all with a book focus!

Comic Relief

We were all treated to an afternoon of entertainment and talent on Friday 21.3.25. Children performed jokes, skills and acts to keep us laughing in aid of Comic Relief. Well done to everyone who took part. We were thrilled to see so many talents amongst our children ...from acrobatics, dances and singing to an amazing 'chair' trick ... which took an incredible amount of stomach strength.



The art work for design your own red nose was also superb – well done to everyone and thank you for your donations.

Gloucestershire Bundles



A great big thank you for all your kind donations on Comic Relief Day. We are so proud of our school community, who rallied around to donate toiletries for Gloucestershire Bundles. This is a charity which provides emergency packs of toiletries, clothing and equipment to families who find themselves in crisis situations. We are delighted to have been able to help and thank you to you all for being so generous and kind. All the bundles have been successfully delivered by Mrs Hillman - who had a car full of cleanliness!

Holly the Dog

Holly the dog loves listening to readers. Holly our school dog has been enjoying listening to children read this week – she loves all of the stories and cuddles. What brilliant reading from all of our children, who we are so proud of. Well done to Holly for being super too - she especially loved Alana's story.

The children have also enjoyed walking Holly around the playground on her lead.



Welcome

We are pleased to welcome to our staff team, Mrs Coope and Mrs Gough, who are covering Miss Glover's maternity leave. We are very lucky to have recruited two very experienced teachers and wish them well during their time at Slimbridge. Mrs Coope or Mrs Gough can be contacted on the class email address:

flamingoclass@slimbridge.gloucs.sch.uk

VE Day Celebration

The school is making bunting for VE Day, which will be stitched together by members of the Slimbridge WI and displayed in St John's Church. All pupils should now have been sent home with a paper template and instructions. We look forward to seeing all of the amazing creations, handed into school on Monday 28th April 2025.

We will be holding a VE performance in the church on 8th May at 2:15 p.m. All family members are welcome. Y5 will be leading the narration and the whole school singing songs. Everyone is invited to the Village Hall afterwards, where there will be WW2 memorabilia and children's work on the theme of WW2 on display.

Readathon

The 'Readathon' will be closed for any further sponsorship by the end of this week. Please ensure your child has returned their card to the office or Mrs Jones by Friday 4th April.

Dates

Term 2 2024-2025		
Date	Class	Event
After School Club Sports Focus: Tuesdays Wednesdays 3:15-5:00 p.m.	This is an After School Club facility for wraparound care which is part of enhancing our After School Club provision.	Sports Club running at school The following slots are available: 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. £7.00 3:15 - 5:30 p.m. £10.00
3.4.25	Whole School	Parents' Evening
4.4.25	Craft Club Members	Craft Club
9.4.25	Whole School	Class visits to St. John's Church for Easter
10.4.25	School Council	Parish Council visiting school to meet the School Council members
11.4.25	Whole School	Term ends at 1:30 p.m.
14.4.25-25.4.25	Whole School	Easter Holidays
28.4.25	Whole School	Return to school for summer term
29.4.25	Whole School	Bunting due in for VE day
5.5.25	Whole School	Bank Holiday - school closed
8.5.25	Y5 leading performance and whole school singing	VE Day celebration in St. John's Church 2:15 p.m. - 3p.m. Parents and grandparents welcome to attend.
12.5.25-16.5.25	Y6 SATS Week	Y6 SATS week