

June Newsletter

May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our summer term, where the May half-term holiday seems to have been a mere blink in the distance! We are back into full routine at school, where the children are busy learning. The children have also enjoyed learning outside due to the better weather and some classes have visited the school pond, Redwood and recreational ground for sporting activities. This is an incredibly busy term, with lots of fun events taking place. Please look closely at the calendar so that you are keeping up to date with what is happening. At this time of year, life in school gets exceptionally busy with events to organise and school reports to write, so please be patient with us all as we navigate this term's demands. Organising trips is a military operation and it seems like we have filled our calendar with lots of fun for the children to enjoy.

Best wishes,
Mrs Hillman

Uniform

The pre-loved uniform rail is a great success, thanks to Mrs Jones, who during the finer weather that we have had, is putting the rail out daily on the front playground. Please help yourself to any uniform.

We have lots in school and are hoping to reduce our stock by sharing pre-loved clothes.

Don't forget to label their uniform.

Especially jumpers/cardigans. That way when they take them off we can ensure they get them back.

After School Club and Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast and After School Club are becoming extremely popular and spaces are allocated on a booking basis. Please can you ensure that you have completed a booking form ready for September to ensure that your child has a place available as places are becoming booked quickly. Booking forms are available from the information rack in the school reception. Our new extended opening times until 6p.m (Mon-Thu) **MUST** be booked in advance, so that staff can be available. Thank you for your understanding.



After school club snacks to make sure they have plenty of energy to enjoy themselves.



Bikeability

Our Y5 pupils completed their 'bikeability' Level 2 course in the week beginning 19th May. They worked exceptionally hard to pass with flying colours and can now start and stop with confidence; pass stationary vehicles; understand road signs and negotiate riding on the road, sharing it with other vehicles.

We are super impressed with our children. The instructors commented on our friendly school environment, how tidy it is and what lovely grounds we have! They also said that our children were extremely well-behaved. We are really proud of this and thanks to parents for supporting us in bringing the bikes to school – not an easy task amidst a busy working week. Thank you for all your support in making our school so special and welcoming to visitors.

Athletics Field

Events at Rednock

On Monday evening the athletics team attended the District Sports Field Event at Rednock. It was fantastic to see our pupils taking part with such enthusiasm, energy and commitment. As always, you made us very proud as you showed our school core values of Generosity, Resilience, Empathy, Achievement and Teamwork. You are GREAT! A big thank you to all the parent helpers who support the children every week by running athletics club – we could not do it without you, and we are so grateful. A particular thank you to Sam Hill, Kirsty Barnett and Rosie Cullimore who take the lead on organising everything – we are so thankful to you all.





Friends of Slimbridge School

A big thank you to the friends of our school who have kindly donated money towards the Y6 leavers' hoodies. The Y6 children are very excited to be wearing their hoodies and are enjoying their last term of primary school.

FOSS are also busy planning lots of exciting school events this term such as Film Night and the Summer Fayre. Please could families support these events, as there is lots of hard work going on in the background to make these events a huge success. We are hoping to fund raise for additional outdoor learning space ... which is extremely exciting.

A huge thank you to everyone who supports FOSS – we are extremely grateful due to the fact that school budgets are extremely tight. The contributions that FOSS make, help us to carry out exciting projects, without which, we would not be able to undertake.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time and kindness.

New Reception Children

We were delighted to welcome 25 families to our new parents' meeting on Monday 2nd June. Families joined us for tea and biscuits, to learn all about life in the reception class room. It was lovely to see so many attending, and lots of excitement about welcoming our new children in September.

All children received a school book bag, with a book kindly donated by our Friends of Slimbridge School (FOSS), parents and teacher association.

We look forward to welcoming the new reception children to their settling in sessions over the next few weeks.



SLIMBRIDGE

Little Otters

Do you have a little one ready to start their learning journey? We are excited to share that Little Otters Nursery currently has places available for September!

Our nurturing, play-based environment is the perfect place for children aged 2–4 to grow, explore, and thrive. At Little Otters, your child will enjoy:

- 🌻 A warm and caring team of experienced early years staff
- 🎨 Creative, hands-on activities to spark imagination
- 📖 A gentle introduction to learning through play
- 👉 A strong focus on social skills and confidence-building
- 🌳 Outdoor adventures in our safe, child-friendly garden

We offer flexible sessions to suit your family's needs, and we welcome visits for parents who would like to see what makes our nursery so special.

📞 **Interested in a place for your child or know someone who is?**

Please contact the school office on 01453 890216 or speak to our nursery team for more information and to arrange a visit. Let your little one take their first steps in learning with us at Little Otters Nursery—where every child is valued, nurtured, and celebrated.





Term 2
2024-2025

Dates

Date	Class	Event
After School Club Sports Focus: Tuesdays 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 pm £7.00 3:15 - 5:30 pm £10.00
Monday 2 nd June	Whole School	Return to school for second half of summer term
Monday 2 nd June	New to reception	Parents' Meeting 7pm in the school hall
Tuesday 3 rd June	Miss Beale/Mrs Malkin's Class	Redwood Trip
Monday 9 th June	Athletics Club	Field Event at Rednock 4pm-5pm
Wednesday 11 th June	Athletics Club	Track Event at Dursley Primary 5pm-6:30 pm
Friday 13 th June	Class 2 and 3	Three Counties Show Trip
Wednesday 18 th June	Y6	Meeting about the PGL Residential for parents 3:15-4pm
Thursday 19 th June	Mrs Baird's Class	Redwood Trip
Tuesday 24 th June	Mrs Gough's Class	Redwood Trip

Dates

Thursday 26 th June	Whole School	Film night in school hall - times to follow
Tuesday 1 st July	Whole School	Sports Day Parents invited in the afternoon - times to follow
Wednesday 2 nd July	Drama Club A-la-la-la-laddin	1:15 p.m. Afternoon performance 6p.m Evening performance
Friday 4 th July	Whole School	Summer Fete - times to follow (after school)
Monday 7 th -Wednesday 9 th July	Y6	PGL Liddington Residential
Monday 7 th -Wednesday 9 th July	Y4 & Y5	OAA Activities Package (in school and at WWT)
Thursday 10 th July	Pupils who have instrumental lessons	Music Concert School Hall 1:45pm
Friday 11 th July	KS1 Disco	Disco KS1 4:30-5:30pm
Friday 11 th July	KS2 Disco	Disco KS2 6:00-7:00pm
Monday 14 th July	Whole School	Whole school trip to Wetlands
Tuesday 15 th July	Whole School	Alternative Sports Day if original date postponed
Thursday 17 th July	Y6 Parents Only	Leavers Assembly at 2:30pm
Friday 18 th July	Whole School	Summer Term ends at 1:30 pm
Wednesday 3 rd September	Whole School	Return to school