



SLIMBRIDGE

primary school

July Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. It has been a busy and memorable few weeks, filled with celebrations, achievements and wonderful opportunities for our children.

Goodbye Year Six

As another academic year comes to a close, we say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they move on to the next stage of their education. They have been excellent role models within our school, and we are proud of everything they have achieved during their time with us.

We would also like to thank our Year 6 parents for their support over the years. Parental partnerships play such an important role in our children's success, and we are grateful for the trust you all place in us. We wish all of our leavers every happiness and success as they begin their exciting new journey.

Mrs Hillman



Holi Day Celebrations and Colour Run

Our Holi Colour Day and Colour Run was a truly joyful occasion and a wonderful way to celebrate together as a school community. It was fantastic to welcome so many parents and families to join us for this colourful event. The smiles, laughter and sense of togetherness made the day incredibly special, and the children thoroughly enjoyed every moment. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the event such a success.





Litter Pickers

This month we have been lucky enough to receive a bundle of litter pickers, and a collection of books on the environment, to encourage the students to keep the school environment litter free.

We are so proud of how many of the children have already been making good use of the litter pickers to clean up the school. It has never looked so tidy.



PGL

Our Year 6 pupils had an unforgettable time on their PGL residential. They embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, demonstrated resilience and teamwork, and created memories that will last a lifetime. We are incredibly proud of how they represented our school throughout the trip.



Cricket Workshop

This term, all of our children have had the exciting opportunity to take part in cricket coaching sessions with Sports' Coach Becky. Throughout the lessons, pupils developed their batting, bowling and fielding skills while building confidence, teamwork and resilience. It has been wonderful to see children of all ages embracing the sport with such enthusiasm and determination.



Music

Music continues to flourish at Slimbridge, and we are delighted to offer all pupils in the next academic year the opportunity to take part in ensemble lessons for both brass and string instruments. These sessions will allow children to develop their musical skills, build confidence and experience the joy of making music together. Learning as part of an ensemble encourages teamwork, listening skills and perseverance, while giving pupils the chance to perform and celebrate their progress.

Great British Summer Savings



As you may be aware the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme in June.

This means that from 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions.

Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

You can find details of participating attractions here:

<https://summersavings.gov.uk>



Dates

Term 1 Autumn 2026		
Date	Who?	Event
Tuesday 1 st September	Whole School	INSET DAY
Wednesday 2 nd September	Whole School	INSET DAY
Thursday 3 rd September	Whole School	Return to school 8:40 a.m. gates open
Monday September 28 th	Whole School	INSET DAY
26 th -30 th October	Whole School	Half-Term Holiday
Friday 13 th November	Reception to Y6	Nasal Flu Vaccine
Friday 18 th December	Whole School	Term ends at 1:30 p.m
Monday 4 th January	Whole School	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th January	Whole School	Return to school 8:40 a.m. gates open

As the summer holidays begin, we hope every family has the opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy quality time together. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back in September for another exciting year of learning, growth and achievement.

Thank you once again for your continued support, kindness and commitment to our school community. Have a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer.

Mrs Hillman and The Slimbridge Team

Uniform and Equipment reminder ahead of September 2026

As we prepare for the new academic year, we would like to remind all families of the importance of arriving at school in full, correct school uniform from the first day of term. Our uniform policy helps create a sense of belonging, pride and equality for all pupils.

In September, we will be placing a particular emphasis on ensuring that children wear school shoes rather than trainers (unless it is a designated PE day), have appropriate hairstyles in line with our school expectations, and arrive in the correct uniform each day. If children arrive wearing casual sports clothing instead of their school uniform, they will be expected to change into the appropriate clothing before joining their class.

To ensure that every child has equal opportunities and access to the same resources, children should not bring pencil cases into school. All stationery and learning equipment will be provided by the school, ensuring that every pupil has exactly what they need to succeed.

We are fortunate to have a supply of free, good-quality pre-loved uniform available in the school entrance hall throughout the year. Families are warmly encouraged to make use of this resource whenever needed, helping to ensure that every child can attend school in the correct uniform.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high expectations. By working together, we can ensure that every child starts each school day ready to learn and proud to be part of our school community.