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Dear Parents,

4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Attendance for this week: 93.91%

Next week we are looking forward to the FoDJS Easter Disco on Wednesday, A visit from B.Ware, SuperKind club after school club sale on Thursday and non-school uniform day on Friday in return for a £1 donation.

Please remember that we close next Friday for Easter at 12:30pm. And finally, please be aware that there is a new menu after Easter, a copy of which is on the school website for your information. Copies of the menu are also available from Reception.

### B.Ware Author Visit



#### ***WARNING: May Contain Dragons***

Dragons are make-believe, right? Wrong! As Willow is about to find out...

When Willow's mum drops a bombshell on Christmas Eve, Willow doesn't think things can get any worse.

Until a dragon kidnaps her little brother!

With her dad busy and her mum absent, she enlists the help of her friends to track down and avenge the monstrous beast. But they soon find themselves out of their depth. Will Willow ever see her brother again? Will she and her friends live to tell the tale? And how will the already struggling village of Harmony survive a dragon onslaught... if there really are dragons living there?

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April we will be welcoming author B Ware, who will be introducing her new novel: "WARNING: May Contain Dragons." We were her very first author visit last year and we are really excited to hear about her new novel, "WARNING: May Contain Dragons." The novel is released on 25 March and we will be able to buy it hot off the presses!! B Ware will be selling copies of her novel, cost £8.99, during the afternoon and after school. Children who wish to buy a copy and get it signed during school time can bring in cash in a named envelope on Wednesday. Alternatively, she will be available after school in reception signing and selling copies also. She is able to take card payments after school. Copies of the book can also be purchased via [linktr.ee/bwareauthor](https://linktr.ee/bwareauthor) which your child can bring along on the day for the author to sign (it's currently on offer on Amazon for £8.15).

Please visit her website to find out more about the book.

<https://www.wordsofwarning.com/>

## Reminder for 5SL

Please remember to wear PE kits to school on Monday next week rather than Thursday, many thanks.

## Look Who's Talking Finals



Today Maya from Year 6 represented our school at the GAPH Look Who's Talking competition which was held at The Guildhall in Gloucester. Maya was one of 7 finalists from thousands of children across the county. She performed exceptionally well in front of a large audience and judging panel. We are very proud of her to say the least and it was a pleasure to watch all finalists speak on their chosen topic. Well done, Maya.

## Extra Curricular Clubs

All clubs will finish at the end of next week and a new list of clubs will come out at the beginning of the summer term.

## SuperKind fundraising sale after school Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 3.15-4.15pm

Superkind club have been working very hard this term finding out inspirational young people who have gone out of their way to help others in need. They have been busy writing letters to MPs, designing posters and getting creative in preparation for our fund raising sale on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April from 3.15-4.15pm.

They have decided to support Crisis and WWF. Crisis is the national charity for homeless people whose main aim is to relieve the huge pressure of homelessness, by helping people find safe and affordable homes. The World Wide Fund for nature (WWF) is the world's largest conservation organisation and works on wilderness preservation and the reduction of human impact on the environment.

Please come and support the children who have worked so hard to raise money for these charities. There will be a variety of different stalls e.g. plants, cakes, friendship bracelets, litter picking contest etc.

## Battery operated toys and fans

Please can we remind you that children should not be bringing in battery operated toys or fans into school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## iRock Concert for Parents

We do hope that all those parents who attended today's concert enjoyed seeing their children and the progress that they have made this term at their iRock lessons. They all performed fantastically.



### **FoDJS Easter Disco - 9<sup>th</sup> April**

The FoDJS are holding their ever-popular Easter Disco on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Lower school (Years 3&4) from 6-7pm and Upper school (Years 5&6) from 7.15-8.15pm; the deadline to buy advance tickets is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 3.15pm. Forms received after this date will be returned and you will need to buy your ticket on the door instead. Ticket requests submitted by the deadline will be returned via book bags.

### **FoDJS Spring Fayre, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 5-7pm**

Our Spring Fayre is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025. We desperately need volunteers to man our stalls. If you can spare some time on May 9<sup>th</sup> between 4:15pm and 6:45pm, please email [friendsofdjs@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdjs@gmail.com) with details. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in having a stall (selling) on the day, then please email [springfayre2025@outlook.com](mailto:springfayre2025@outlook.com) with details of your product.

### **Year 3 Swimming lessons - Summer Term**

Year 3 children will be advised of their swimming groups on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April in writing.

### **Sport For Champions - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

We are delighted to announce this year that we will be having a visit from an upcoming GB athlete 'Leon Greenwood', who is a winter athlete competing in Bobsleigh, will kick off the start of our enrichment for 2025. Your children will have an assembly about this on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to promote the event and try and raise as much money as possible before the event.

Leon will be hosting an inspirational workshop on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025, where the children will be doing a sponsored fitness circuit and activity. 60% of the money raised will go towards our schools where we will be able to buy new sporting equipment, new balls, new goals and much more!

40% of the money raised will go towards vital training, medical and competition costs for Leon, with the goal of reaching the next Winter Olympics.

We have a crowdfunder set up online which you can access via this link: [The Dinglewell Junior School Fundraiser - a Community crowdfunding project in Gloucester by Sports For Champions UK \(CIC\)](#) (Please ensure you use your child's full name or first name and class so we can make sure your child gets the correct prize on the day), or you can donate via cash using the sheet that your child will come home with on Monday.

There will be a range of prizes available to children, all children will receive a session with Leon where they will take part in an activity / fitness session as well as a sticker.

If you/your child raises:

£15-£29.99 they will receive an A6 postcard from Leon.

£30 - £49.99 they will receive an autographed poster from the athlete.

£50+ they will get the chance to take a polaroid / photo with Leon.

We hope you will join us in raising money for new sporting equipment / enrichment week as well as supporting Leon on his journey to becoming a Team GB Winter Olympian!

### **Y6 Residential Trip - installments**

The final payment for this year's residential trip is due on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Any families with outstanding payments after this date will be contacted in person.

Here are this week's Merit Certificate winners - well done everyone!



### Forthcoming Diary Dates

#### SATS tuition is ON this week

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April - FoDJS School Disco £3 entry  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April - Author visit (see attached)  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April - School closes at 12.30pm for Easter Holidays  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Non-uniform day £1 donation

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April -  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April -Y3 Swimming starts  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April -  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May -  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May -

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12.30PM ON FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL and will re-open on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Term Dates for 2025-26 are now available from Reception**

**PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO PROVIDE NUTS OR ANY NUT DERIVATIVE FOOD IN SCHOOL DUE TO SEVERE ALLERGIES WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY**



**Correspondence sent out this week:**

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