

# Stroud Valley Community School Newsletter

## Trip to Hammonds Farm—Quartz

On Thursday, Quartz class had a wonderful sunny morning visiting Hammonds Farm in Stroud. We met farmer Eric who taught us all about the farm to plate model and animal welfare. We met chickens, bees and cows and had the chance to plant spinach seeds and sample some of the seasonal vegetables growing on the farm. They even have a farm shop which is well worth a visit!

*"I loved seeing the chickens, they were really soft" - Ren D*

*"I enjoyed all of it, especially when we got to eat some market-grown food" - Laurie M*

*"I really liked seeing the cows" - Pandora W*

*"There were 540 chickens!" - George B*

*"When we saw the chickens, it felt like Chicken Run!" - Lola P*





25<sup>th</sup> September 2026  
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## Dates for your diary

|                  | SEPT                                                |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | KS1 Phonics Morning                                 |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Whole School Flu Immunisation                       |
|                  | OCT                                                 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Young Voices Rehearsals begin                       |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Hooke Court Information Evening —Y5                 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Hooke Court Residential —Y5                         |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Parents' Evening                                    |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Parents' Evening                                    |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | End of Term 1                                       |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | INSET DAY                                           |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | End of Term 1                                       |
|                  | NOV                                                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Beginning of Term 2                                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | NCMP & Vision Screening — Reception & Y6            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Reception 2027 Information Evening, 6pm             |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Cinema Trip—KS1                                     |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Cinema Trip—Amber, Diamond, Ruby & Quartz           |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Reception 2027 Open Day, 9.30am/1.30pm              |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Cinema Trip—Aventurine & Emerald                    |
|                  | DEC                                                 |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Panto, Subscription Rooms (children only) |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Carol Service, St Laurence Church, 6pm    |

| Class      | Most amount of stars last week—well done! |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Rainbow    | Thea                                      |
| Amethyst   | Ayden                                     |
| Amber      | Tahlia                                    |
| Ruby       | Iris                                      |
| Diamond    | Beau                                      |
| Quartz     | Lola                                      |
| Aventurine | Dexter                                    |
| Emerald    | Lara                                      |

# PTFA

## Hello Yellow 2026

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, we're taking part in Hello Yellow to raise money for YoungMinds, a fantastic charity supporting the mental health of children and young people.

We'd love everyone to come to school wearing something yellow and make a small donation to help support this important cause. Every contribution, no matter how small, can help YoungMinds continue their vital work. If you like to support our fundraising, please visit our fundraising page:

<https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/s/9648/10464>

Thank you for helping us make a difference and show that young people's mental health matters.

## PTFA Secretary

We are looking for a volunteer to take over the PTFA secretary role. The role includes a write up for the newsletter every week, general announcements on the Whatsapp groups and admin related tasks for certain events. It would also involve taking minutes for the annual PTFA AGM. If you would like to take on this role please let the office know so

## Message from Mrs Jones

The children are enjoying the September sunshine and the new playground. This new equipment is having a really positive impact on their playtimes and after school club. We have noticed the temptation to play on it after school is strong and we understand! For safety we ask that the children leave the site directly at the end of the school day and don't linger to play. Parents we need your help with this, thank you.

We have noticed that some children are wearing smart watches. To help maintain a safe and focused learning environment, pupils are not permitted to wear smart watches in school. Smart watches have a range of functions, including messaging, internet access, photography, recording, and location tracking, which can cause distractions and raise safeguarding and privacy concerns. We therefore ask that pupils wear a standard watch if they need to tell the time during the school day.

I know there has been some frustrations regarding the gate opening times. I hope we can pull together to find a solution that works best. When the gate was opened at 8.35am, to alleviate the congestion on the road, children were arriving into classrooms too early and the staff were not ready to welcome them. With the gate now being opened at 8.40, this solves the classroom arrival time, but causes congestion outside the school gates. This is our shared predicament. I propose we revert back to the 8.35 opening, however I need your support in ensuring the children do not come down and filter into the classrooms before 8.40am which is the start of our school day. Working together we will get this right!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the autumn sunshine.  
 Mrs Jones

## Deer Park, Cirencester

**Open Mornings 09:15 - 11:00**

Wednesday 16th September

Thursday 24th September

Thursday 1st October

**Open Evening 17:00 - 19:30**

Wednesday 30th September

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