



SVPS Headlines



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Free School Meals [FSM] – URGENT

The government are changing Free School Meals (FSM) for new applicants.

From 1st April 2025, if you are granted FSM but your financial circumstances then change, there is no protection, and you will no longer be entitled to FSM.

As you are aware all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to *Universal Free School Meals*, however, we are urging **EVERY family who are in receipt of any of the below benefits to apply before 31st March 2025 so that you are protected until they leave primary school.**

- Income Support
- **Income-based** Jobseeker's Allowance
- **Income-related** Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (**provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190**)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - **your household income must be less than £7,400 a year / £616 per month (after tax and not including any benefits you get)**

If your child is currently in receipt of Free School Meals:

- Since 1 April 2018, all existing free school meals claimants have continued to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out. This applies even if their earnings rise above the threshold during that time.
- In addition, any pupil gaining eligibility for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will be protected against losing free school meals until March 2025.
- After March 2025, any existing claimants that no longer meet the eligibility criteria at that point (because they are earning above the threshold or are no longer a recipient of Universal Credit) will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education (i.e. primary or secondary)

If you're entitled to this, the school receive extra funding, and we also give the following extra benefits to you whilst you are entitled:

- £30 towards SVPS uniform every academic year
- 50% discount on trips, swimming, school residentials
- Continued free milk once your child reaches age 5
- Continued free meals throughout school

If you are in receipt of any of these benefits and have not yet applied - you are missing out on all of the discounts we can offer, so would urge you to apply urgently.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

It only takes a few minutes to do, and if you need any help, do get in touch with Mrs Phelps in the school office.

Thank you.

Mr. Mills

A huge thank you to the Cheltenham Jockey Club 'Racecourse' for the very generous fruit and vegetable donations.



Sporting Update: On Wednesday 19th March, our Hockey teams entered a 7s Hockey Tournament at Cheltenham College. It was a super morning of great hockey and sunshine. SVPS 1 finished top of their group and went into the finals; this was a very close match and could have easily gone either way. Unfortunately, they beat us by 1 goal, which put us in the silver position. SVPS 2 played really well too, and won some and lost some, but improved with every match. They all enjoyed the tournament and played with a great attitude and teamwork. Well done to: Rosie, Zofia, Mia, Rafa, Ryan, George, Robert, Henry, Arabella, Evie, Betsy, Sam, Ivo, Alfie, Jack, and Hannah. Thank you to the parents who gave lifts and stayed to support. Also, on Wednesday 19th, our A team footballers played against a mighty St Marks team, away. It was a tough match against a strong side, and was played in good spirit - you cannot fault their determination and never giving up attitude. We lost the match, however, there was some great saves by Logan. Robert scored an impressive goal, that I would say was the goal of the season; that alone made up for the loss. Well done to: Ollie, Nathan, Robert, George, Adam, Chen, Ryan, Alfie and Logan. Thanks to the parents for coming to support and give lifts. Mrs Brown + Mrs Creates

IT'S BEEN another epic week of sport – last night's action will be on next week's Headlines



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

8TH APRIL 2025

INCLUDES:

Easter Egg hunt/trail

Name the Bunny competition

Egg Drop game

5 cakes from the cake sale*

Just
£2
PER CHILD

*Cake donations will need to be brought in on the day. NO NUTS PLEASE.
We need volunteers to help with the cake sale - if you would like to help
please message our page on Facebook or email chairfosvps@gmail.com



Easter Egg Decorating Competition

Sharpies and paintbrushes at the ready...

£1 per entry. All entries to be in on Tuesday 8th April by 9am.





EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

Sharpies and paintbrushes at the ready...
Decorate your own egg(s) and enter them into
our fantastic competition.

We will accept hard boiled eggs, polystyrene or
ceramic (in case of allergies).

£1 per entry. Prizes for the best entries plus all
entrants will get a sweet treat!

All entries to be in on Tuesday 8th April by 9am.





Join us at your School Nurse Hub for parents

We provide confidential, professional support with any concerns you may have for your child including healthy lifestyle, diet and exercise, self-esteem and resilience, sleep, dental health and hygiene, anxiety and behaviour

Drop in for an informal chat or take the opportunity to meet other parents with similar worries

Your local hub: Dunalley Primary School, GL50 4LB

- 03/04/25 from 9:30-10:30
- www.ghc.nhs.uk/our-teams-and-services/school-nursing

