

# Stroud Valley Community School Newsletter



## BRISTOL ZOO

On Monday Aventurine class visited Bristol Zoo to begin learning for our topic 'Darwin's Delights.' We had a fantastic time. Here are some of the children's thoughts:

I was amazed by the graceful yet playful way of the seals and how they swam. It was so much fun when we went in the underwater tunnel because they swim so closely to the glass!

I really enjoyed the trip and loved the gorillas and hedgehog tenrecs which are arboreal (tree living) mammals closer related to an elephant than a hedgehog despite their size.

We saw very thrilling and interesting animals like, insects, fish, reptiles, birds and big cats and not to forget the gorillas.

I think that the zoo trip was phenomenal, especially the lion as it was an extremely rare species and has hair on its underside. Strange indeed!

My favourite part was the fighting gorillas and fluffy penguins.



18th January  
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### Dates for your diary

February	
15th	Last day of term
18th-22	Half term
25th	INSET DAY
26th	Term 4 starts
March	
4th-12th	Bikeability for Y5
13th 14th	Parents' evenings

### CLASS CAKE SALE DATES

1st Feb - Ruby  
15th Feb - Amber  
18th-26th Feb - Half term  
8th Mar - Amethyst  
22nd March - Sunshine  
5th April - Rainbow

### SUNSHINE CLASS—LETTERS & SOUNDS



There will be a letters and sounds information session on Thursday 31st January—9.00am-9.25am.

Please join us to see our letters and sounds learning in action.

Parents and carers are all welcome to join but no younger siblings please as we have limited space. Thank you!

### POLITE REMINDER—LATENESS

The school day starts at 8.50am, at which point children start to engage in learning quickly in class.

Teachers plan learning based activities based on the previous day or basic skills which are built upon throughout the day.

Coming late into this can make children anxious as their peers are already busy and late entry can disrupt the class and teacher.

The playground is staffed from **8.40am** to enable children to meet their friends before learning.

### SCARLET FEVER

We have been informed of 2 cases of scarlet fever within the school.

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

Symptoms of scarlet fever can include and sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which appears on the chest and stomach.

If you think your child has scarlet fever:  
-See your GP or contact NHS 111  
**-Stay away from school until 24 hours after the antibiotic treatment.**

### FOREST SCHOOL

We would like to welcome Mrs Priestley as our new forest school leader.

Rainbow and Sunshine class will be having forest school sessions on a Tuesday.