



Weekly Parent Bulletin No 30: Week Commencing Monday 5 May 2025 Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

As we finish a second four-day week, it's hard to believe there are only two weeks left until half term—this term really is flying by!

We'd like to wish the very best of luck to all our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they begin their exams. We're incredibly proud of the hard work and determination they've shown. Good luck also to our New Year 7 students, who will be sitting their SATs next week—we know they'll do brilliantly!

VE Day

This week, our Humanities department transformed parts of the school to mark VE Day. It was wonderful to see students from uniformed organisations wearing their uniforms with pride. During tutor time, we shared Winston Churchill's famous victory speech, followed by a respectful two-minute silence at 3:00pm to honour the occasion.



We're also looking ahead with excitement to **Victory 80** on **15th June**—a celebration not to be missed! Please do come along and support this fantastic event.

U14 Girls Rugby

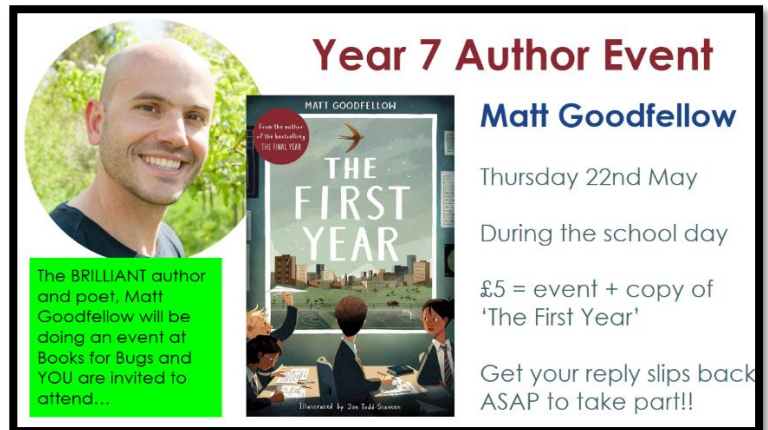
Our U14 Girls rugby team took part in a tournament at Kingsholm stadium on Wednesday. The girls due to others being injured were a bare 10 team squad, therefore did not have any subs. They won their first two games, drew their third game therefore came second out of their pool. They then won their semi-final and unfortunately lost in the final, coming overall 3rd out of their whole tournament. The girls played brilliantly and worked well as a team.



Year 7 Author Event

As part of Literacy and encouraging books for pleasure, Year 7s will be attending an author event on Thursday 22nd May with Matt Goodfellow at "Books for Bugs" at Vantage Point. All Year 7s have received a letter, to attend please return the permission slip.

"Matt Goodfellow was born in Manchester and brought up in the Stockport, spending most of his early life dreaming of becoming a rock star and playing in bands to make it a reality before he realised it wasn't going to happen. Changing lanes, he became a primary school teacher and the song lyrics slid into poems about life and all its challenges. The poetry began to take over, awards and books followed and Matt is now an award winning poet who travels the country to inspire others. Matt is a phenomenal speaker and poet and his sessions are always enjoyable so we are thrilled to have the opportunity to experience this for themselves".



Year 7 Author Event

Matt Goodfellow

Thursday 22nd May

During the school day

£5 = event + copy of 'The First Year'

Get your reply slips back ASAP to take part!!

The BRILLIANT author and poet, Matt Goodfellow will be doing an event at Books for Bugs and YOU are invited to attend...

From the author of the best-selling THE FIRST YEAR

Illustrated by Sue Todd-Sutton

New Club Alert

Following a successful open day on Saturday, we are excited that Forest of Dean Tennis Club will soon be offering after-school sessions on Mondays, as well as on Saturdays for ages 4-18. Come along to improve your tennis skills, have fun and get in some cardio! Further information and contact details are on the flyer.



@Dene Magna, Aberhall Rd, Mitcheldean GL17 0DU

Tennis for all ages & abilities!
1 to 1 coaching available!



Coaching sessions, 2 weeks FREE!

Saturdays:

Mini Red Tennis (4-7 yrs)	9:00am - 9:45am
Mini Orange Tennis (8-9 yrs)	9:45am - 10:30am
Mini Green Tennis (9-11 yrs)	10:30am - 11:15am
Teen Tennis (12-14 yrs)	11:15am - 12:15pm
Teen Tennis (14-18 yrs)	12:15pm - 1:15pm

Mondays:

After School Teens	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Girls only squad 11 yrs+	4:30pm - 5:30pm
Liveball Cardio!	5:30pm - 7:00pm
Adult Coaching	7:00pm - 8:00pm

GET IN TOUCH OR SIGN UP TODAY!

[HTTPS://CLUBSPARK.LTA.ORG.UK/ROSSEDDYTENNISTUITION](https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/rosseddytennistuition)
ROSSEDDYTENNIS@GMAIL.COM 07724743064

Assemblies

This week Year 7, 8 & 9 have participated in Assemblies hosted by 1002 Ross-On Wye Squadron Air Training Corps. Corporal Farbowski, a member of Dene Magna 6th form, outlined the experiences available through joining Air Cadets, the skills that can be achieved and how being part of this organisation can help with performance at school and improve career and employment prospects.



DM2 – The Pludds Route

Gloucestershire County Council have made some alterations to the timetable for the DM2 – Pludds Route. Letters were sent out by them on 6 May 2025, a copy of which is below:

“Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of a slight timetable change in the afternoon on your child’s bus. We have noticed that although your child’s bus is timetabled to depart from Dene Magna at 15:40, as it carries out a primary school route first, more often than not it is at Dene Magma and ready to depart approximately 15:30/35. Therefore please

ensure your child goes straight out to the bus after their last lesson as DM2 will depart at 15:30 if it has managed to get to Dene Magna for then, we wouldn’t want any student to miss the bus.

STOP -	PM
Brierley, Swan Inn	15:58/16:03
The Pludds, Aston Bridge Road	15:48/53
The Pludds, High Beach Road	15:46/51
Ruardean, the Square	15:40/45
Dene Magna Community School,	15:30/35

On occasions the bus may get held up on the Primary run and not be able to depart from Dene Magna until 15:40”.

Support For Year 11

Thanks to all of the Year 11 parents who have sent messages of good luck for the upcoming exams. They have been displayed for the students to read alongside ones from their teachers. If anyone would like to add a message, please email Mr Derrick at t.derrick@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk and he will add your message to the wall!

Well done Year 11, we are very proud of you! Keep up the good work and we know you can achieve great things over the next weeks!



Congratulations

To Thomas Rawlings who competed last weekend for Forest of Dean Swimming club at the South West Regionals in Plymouth in the 100m backstroke, Thomas obtained a long course personal best.

Have a great weekend

Declan Mooney
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary:

- ❖ 10 & 11.05.25 – DofE Expedition Practice Walk
- ❖ 13.05.25 – Year 8 HPV Vaccination Catch Up Session
- ❖ 22.05.25 – 4th Instalment of £250 for the Berlin Trip
- ❖ 22.05.25 – Year Author Visit to Books for Bugs @ Vantage Point
- ❖ 23.05.25 – End of Term