DIARY DATES FEBRUARY / MARCH 2026

2-23Feb	Singing for Fun. All welcome. Mondays in the Village Hall	1.30-2.45pm
7Feb	First Saturday Coffee Morning raising funds for Wild Hogs Rescue. Village Hall	10.30am-12noon
8Feb	Songs of Praise. St. Johns Church, Slimbridge (Bellringing before)	3.00pm
10Feb	Slimbridge Gardening Club. "Showing Daffodils & other bulbs" by Barry Stagg. V.H.	7.30pm
11Feb	Slimbridge Parish WI. "What You've Always been Afraid to Ask" with Dursley Library/Plumtree Education, V.H	7.30pm
18Feb	Local History Society AGM followed by "Boxing Clever" – talk by archaeologist,Gail Boyle.V.H.	7.30pm
7Mar	First Saturday Coffee Morning raising funds for Medecins Sans Frontieres. Village Hall	10.30am-12noon
10Mar	Slimbridge Gardening Club. "A Flower farmer's year" by Rachel Golding Barrett (Tetbury Flower Co.) V.H.	7.30pm
11Mar	Slimbridge Parish WI. Craft Event with Elise Goard making rafia items. Village Hall	7.30pm
12Mar	Slimbridge Village Hall AGM. All welcome. Jubilee Room, Village Hall	7.30pm
26Mar	"Painting a Hare in Mad March" with local artist Lorna Page – supported by Parish WI.	
28Mar	Slimbridge Gardening Club. Spring Show. Village Hall	2.00pm

SLIMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL will be attending the Development Control Committee at Stroud District next week (27th January) to see the outcome of the Wild Goose Lodge application. The Parish Council are also setting the precept at the meeting in January, and looking at projects for the year ahead. Councillors continue working with Highways on the 20mph scheme; looking at ways to improve the playing field pitch; looking at ways to manage ditches and flooding aspects in the parish; and working with the school having youth council's attend the Parish Council meetings and what projects they would like to see too. ***Helen Dunn (BSc Hons) Clerk to Slimbridge Parish Council 07943 894637 www.slimbridge-pc.gov.uk***

SLIMBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL I am delighted to share some wonderful updates and celebrations from our school. We have been busy creating exciting new learning spaces and enjoying memorable experiences that showcase the spirit of our school community. Our reception and Year 1/2 pupils now have a brand new outdoor canopy beside classrooms 1 and 2, which will transform our outdoor learning environment. This innovative covered space has been carefully designed to provide a sheltered area for outdoor education, allowing pupils to engage with nature and continue learning regardless of weather conditions. The canopy features robust, weather-resistant materials and includes integrated learning zones that support our curriculum, from science observations to creative arts activities. This fantastic addition was made possible through a combination of solar grant funding and the incredible fundraising efforts of our amazing parent team. The festive season brought us some truly special moments. Our Year 5 and Year 6 children delivered a beautiful concert at St. John's Church, where they performed drama sketches, sang wonderfully, and played musical instruments. The experience was made even more magical by the church bells ringing as we arrived - a lovely touch that added to the atmosphere. Our Christmas Fayre, organised by FOSS (Friends of Slimbridge School), was another highlight, raising valuable funds for our school. We are incredibly grateful for the support of our parent and local community. We were also particularly proud to celebrate our recent nativity productions. Our nursery, reception, and Years 1, 2, and 3 children delighted parents with their performances, showcasing their creativity and confidence. We are also thrilled to share that our Parish Councillors have been regularly visiting the school, working closely with our children to discuss ideas about improving our community. They even joined us for a school lunch, and we are incredibly thankful for their involvement and commitment to our school. This term promises to be full of more exciting opportunities. We are looking forward to our trip to the Young Voices musical concert, cricket lessons, local cross-country and swimming galas. We are also thrilled to be starting a new baking club, thanks to the support from Kerry Foods. For parents seeking nursery provision, we currently have places available in our Little Otters nursery between 9:00am and 3:00pm. We continue to be a vibrant, supportive learning community, and we are excited about the opportunities ahead. **Lisa Hillman *Headteacher***

ST JOHN'S CHURCH BONUS BALL SWEEPSTAKES Many thanks to everyone who takes part in this useful fundraiser for our ancient and beautiful church. This will soon have been running for 4 years and will have raised over £12,000 in that time. Saturday 4 April marks the start of the new Bonus Ball year for people on the first card. Look out for the pink letter with the payment dates and details that will be coming through your door in February. Your annual payment, or first instalment if you prefer to pay monthly or quarterly, is due by Sunday 29 March. For the quarterly payers on the second card, your next payment is due by Sunday 22 February. There are 2 or 3 balls becoming available. If you would like to join, please contact Ros Davies on **07481 018988** or Slimbridge.bonus@btinternet.com

SONGS OF PRAISE AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH, SLIMBRIDGE On Sunday 8 February at 3 p.m. the parish will be celebrating by singing their favourite hymns. Come along and find out the reason people have made their choices. The bells will ring out beforehand to announce the occasion.