



St Briavels Parochial C of E Primary Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another term, I'm delighted to share some of the wonderful happenings at our school. The enthusiasm of our children never ceases to amaze me, and recent events have truly showcased their St Briavels spirit.

Our Federation Day was a particular highlight, focusing on preparations for our Malvern Garden project. The children's excitement was palpable as they engaged in many activities and learnt more about Hawaii, the theme of our garden this year. It's heartening to see their interest in nature and sustainability, qualities that will undoubtedly serve them well in the future. Our Federation Day is an immense undertaking and we are deeply grateful to Mrs Kilty and all of the adults who supported us to make it happen – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Speaking of nature, I'm thrilled to announce that our budding KS2 naturalists performed brilliantly in the Nature Quiz against Newnham St Peters. Despite not winning, their impressive knowledge and quick thinking have secured our place in the next round. We're incredibly proud of their success and eagerly anticipate the next stage of the competition. A big thank you to Mr Gazzard who is working with the children on this.

Community engagement has always been at the heart of St Briavels, and the children have had the opportunity to think about how they could make a difference in their local community this term.

They had some super ideas, from holding a pudding club for local residents, raising the profile of the food bank to decorating and hiding pebbles around the village for people to find. We hope that the projects we have undertaken will go a small way to helping or brightening the day of people in our village.

The PTA recent Bingo Night was a great success and lots of fun. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged away from screens. A big thank you to Claire Deacon and her team for organising this event. We're now looking forward to summer term discos – keep an eye out for details next term.

As we approach the Easter break tomorrow, our children and families are looking forward to taking part in our Easter Trail. Mrs Kear has very much enjoyed preparing this event for you all and we hope that it provides all with a reflective and peaceful start to our break.

Finally, I'd like to express my gratitude to our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and, of course, our wonderful children. Your collective efforts make St Briavels the special place it is.

Wishing you all a restful and joyous Easter break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term filled with learning, growth, and new adventures.

With love

Natalie Frey

Sunflowers

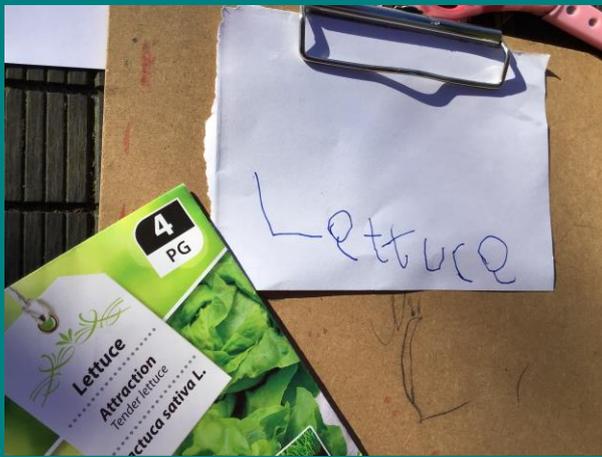


This term's focus has been about growing and life cycles.

The children have been observing the changes of the frog spawn in the castle moat pond and helping to create and maintain a healthy eating garden out in the Sunflower play area.

The Sunflower children are gaining a great understanding of what plants need in order to grow big and strong and in turn what we as humans need in order to grow big and strong.





The Sunflower children had a wonderful day trip to Bears farm, where they got to learn about fire safety and toast marshmallows, look at water life in the stream, plant tree saplings and meet the lovely animals.

A big THANK YOU to Tim for hosting us.







The children have developed a fascination with volcanoes. They have been learning how they form and erupt and have even carried out science experiments to replicate eruptions and made pictures of volcanoes.





We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Dimity for bringing in her ducklings and to Lilly for bringing in her lambs to show the Sunflower children.

Bluebell Class



Bluebell Class have had a very busy term. We had a very enjoyable trip to the farm, where we planted trees, learnt about fire safety and found out about the farm animals. During Forest School

we have been busy putting in a new pond liner and filling the pond with water, which is very tricky! We reintroduced the plants that we were able to save and Greta very kindly gave us some of her tadpoles to repopulate the pond with frogs. It has been a huge team effort and it is so lovely to see the pond coming back to life. We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Rupert and Olive's family for donating lots of compost and to the PTA for supplying us with gardening equipment. We have started growing sunflowers and lots of other things in readiness for planting after summer. As Always, if you are doing any gardening jobs over Easter and have any perennials you are dividing, we are always grateful for any donations.



Daisy Class



What a lovely term we have had in Daisy, being able to spend lots of time outdoors in the beautiful spring sunshine. During our Forest School sessions, the children have enjoyed cloud spotting, practised lashing and noted changes in the seasons, identifying different flowers popping up on the school grounds.

In class the children have been super busy with all their learning. In geography, the children have loved exploring different climates around the world, debating whether they'd rather live somewhere hot or cold.

The children have been learning to sew in D&T this term. We started by learning the running stitch and the children then designed and made their own pouches.

Now, we are all definitely ready for the Easter Break. Fingers crossed for more sunshine. We hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday.







We were also extremely lucky with the wonderful weather we had on our visit to Barse Farm. The children had lots of opportunities to explore the nature, building dens and bridges and exploring waterfalls. The children got to have a go at fire lighting, as well as cook damper bread on the fire. All the children loved seeing the chicken, the baby lambs and the pigs. Thank you Tim for leading us on our trip.





Poppy Class



Poppy class have had the most amazing time, preparing a tea party for members of the community. The children made orange drizzle cake, Victoria sandwich, chocolate nests and vanilla cake. They also prepared a Miller hau soup made with a recipe courtesy of the Whatley family. Mr Jomain made us some gorgeous bread, Mrs Hunt sent in a sublime cheesecake, Emmy made a yummy sprinkle cake with her mum and Felix provided some beautiful camellias to decorate the tables. The members of the community were overjoyed to be invited and commented on how polite, kind and friendly the children were. Myself and Mrs Morse are very proud of you.

We hope you all have a fantastic Easter.

Mrs Kear.



Speedwell Class



Speedwell have had a fabulous term.

They have written super mystery narratives and explanation texts following reading *The Iron Man* and *Curiosity*. The children have learnt about 'Why the Ocean Matters' and are looking forward to visiting the aquarium after the holidays to consolidate their learning.

The children have had great fun painting rocks with messages of positivity and have enjoyed hiding them around the village for people to find. Please re-hide if you find one. If you find one of the rocks please upload an image onto SeeSaw so the children can see who has found the rocks.



Q1. Guilty and worried
 Q2. They would feel upset and then annoyed
 Q3. They would feel scared, guilty, nervous, irritated and dejected.

Q4. He doesn't get in trouble because he is innocent - he got in trouble for his friend.

Q5. He thinks he would accept the offer.

Q6. He might say "thank you very much."

Jesus
 When he was being judged he was happy to take the blame of all the bad things that were said. He was happy to die to clear the world of sins.

Why did you do that for me and want to give your punishment?



Foxglove Class



We've had a busy term in Foxglove class but we have taken the opportunity to enjoy the amazing weather as well! In English, we've been looking at Robot Girl and we're all surprised by the sudden twist the story took. We followed this up by reading the Boy in the Tower and then wrote our own end of the world stories. These were fantastic and so creative.

We've been keeping busy in the afternoons from creating electric doodlers in D&T, practicing our American Football in PE to planning out a food bank drive for lent, trying to raise food for our local community. Next term has rapidly caught up to us and I want to wish everyone a relaxing and cheerful Easter.







Sporting News



Year 5 and 6 have had a very successful sporting term. A selection of children have represented the school at 3 different football tournaments. A group of children took part in the Best Steps Forward Football tournament and had an amazing time learning all about tournament football. The girls showed the school values brilliantly at their tournament, showing real courage and resilience.

The boys also showed how resilient and courageous they can be when taking part in their tournament. They narrowly missed out on winning the final and all returned to school with a medal and beaming from ear to ear.



ELSA News



This has been a lovely half term, as I've recently moved house and joined Daisy class, so lots of changes for me - I've definitely had to show one of our school values and be resilient to the changes.

A lot of children are continuing to do work on self-esteem and a few groups have started this term, where we'll think about social skills around friendships.

I'm extremely pleased the sun is making an appearance as the children have been allowed on the field which makes for much more enjoyable playtimes.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Mrs Hill

PTA Readathon

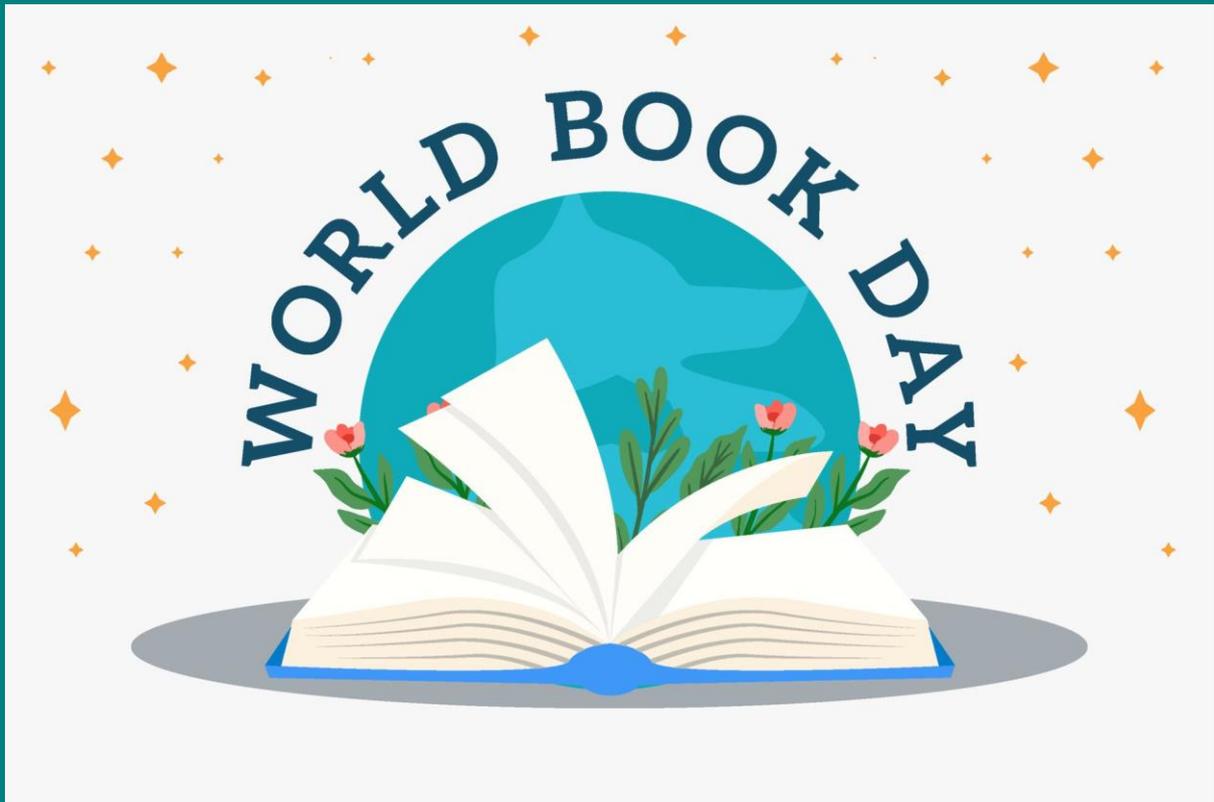
The PTA are holding a Readathon over the Easter Holidays, please keep an eye out for the sponsor forms which will be sent home with the children. There will be a small Easter treat for each child that returns a completed sponsor form after the Easter Holidays!

PTA Barn Dance

There will be a Barn Dance in aid of St Briavels Primary on the evening of 10th May. Alex Vernon will be outside school this Friday afternoon if anyone else would like to buy a ticket.

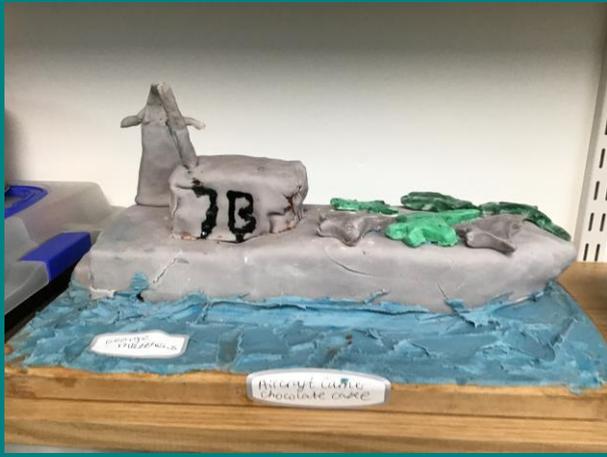


World Book Day 6th March



We made a wonderful £192.40 from the World Book Day cake sale, thank you to everyone who cooked / bought / ate the lovely cakes! The money raised will be spent on books for the school. Here are some of the amazing creations:







Nursery Places available at St Briavels Early Years



We are currently booking sessions in Sunflowers for the next academic year: we offer childcare Monday to Friday from 8.45am until 3.15pm for children from 2 years 6months.

If you would like more information please contact the school office on 01594 530428 or email admin@st-briavels.gloucs.sch.uk

Dates for your diaries - Please check letters home for more details about events.
Dates may change.

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 11 April

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Mon 28 April

Fri 2 May - Speedwell and Foxglove Trip to Bristol Aquarium - please consent and pay via Parentpay

Mon 5 May - Bank Holiday - school closed

Tue 29 April to Fri 9 May - Malvern Week - Yrs 4 and 5 - various visits to showground, see emails ffi

Wed 7 May - Yr 1 parents Phonics Information Meeting - 3.00 pm

Fri 16 May - Poppy Class to Corinium Museum - please consent and pay via Parentpay

Tue 20 May - Poppy Class Residential Parent Information Meeting, 3.20pm Poppy Classroom

Thur 22 May - Daisy Class Cake Sale

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 23 May

INSET - Monday 2 June

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Tue June 3

Wed 11 June - Year 6 Leavers Service Gloucester Cathedral- info to follow

Wed 18 June - Sports Day- info to follow

Mon 23 June - Tue 24 June - Poppy Class Residential

Wed 25 June - Year 4 Trip to Poor's allotment - see email ffi

Mon 30 June - Year 5 taster day at Dean Academy- info to follow

Thur 3 July - Year 3 Trip to Poor's Allotment -- see email ffi

Wed 9 July - Bluebell Cake Sale

Thur 9 July - Rags to Riches Collection Day - info to follow

Mon 14 July - Year 6 Leavers Family Event- info to follow

Fri 18 July - Year 6 Leavers Family Church Service- info to follow

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 18 July

INSET - Mon 1 Sept

INSET - Tue 2 Sept

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Wed 3 Sept

We update key dates on our website (www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk), please check there and in your emails for notifications.

Term Dates 2024/25

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https://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk/web/term_dates/372930

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