



Redbrook 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 cease to amaze me, and recent events have truly showcased their Redbrook 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 Year 5 naturalists have triumphed in the Nature Quiz against Forest View! 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 Miss Oliver who is working with the children on this.

Community engagement has always been at the heart of Redbrook, and the children have had the opportunity, with the support of our Parish Councillor June Davies, to think about how they could

improve their local environment. They had some super ideas, from planting wild flowers, picking up litter to creating a village book stop. We have started with litter picking and June has taken all of the children's ideas back to the council to share. We are very much looking forward to continuing to build on this project over the coming months with their support.

FORS recent Games Night was a great success, bringing together children to explore problem solving activities and games together. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged away from screens and we are hoping to be able to repeat this event again soon. A big thank you to Katalin Debulay-Gavand for organising this event.

As we approach the Easter break, our children have once again shown their leadership skills by leading our Easter service. Their thoughtful reflections and joyful performances touched the hearts of all who attended. It's moments like these that remind us of the depth of understanding and empathy our children possess, and how they continue to grow not just academically, but as confident, caring individuals.

Finally, I'd like to express my gratitude to our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and, of course, our wonderful children. Your collective efforts make Redbrook 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

Robin Class



Robins have had a fun and busy half term, with lots of super learning taking place!

We enjoyed our core texts of 'Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish' and 'The Dragon Machine' this half term. We have learnt about how we can 'reduce, reuse, recycle' which linked in nicely with our community projects of planting and litter picking. The children have enjoyed going out into Redbrook and helping to keep our environment clean and tidy! Just this week, the children have been writing their own stories based off 'The Dragon Machine', complete with their own choice of mythical creature and machine invention. We are excited to share those with you, once they are completed!

The children have enjoyed our 'expressive painting' topic in art this half term. They have created their own expressive pieces, explored colour mixing with primary and secondary colours, as well as creating lighter and darker shades of a colour of their choice. In music, the children have had an introduction to the recorder, learning how to play notes F and G. They made great progress in such a short space of time, and we can now play the instrumental to 'I Am a Music Man', with almost no squeaky noises! I am very proud of them all.

We had a fantastic trip to Bearse Farm recently, that was great fun! The children enjoyed finding out about the ancient woodland, exploring the waterfall and streams, as well as meeting many farm animals! Such a great experience for the children, thank you so much to Tim for having us.

Open the Book sessions continue to be a 'big hit' for the children - they love acting, and it gives them confidence when performing in front of you all! The Easter Service was a truly wonderful occasion and all the children shone as they delivered their lines and acted out the story of Holy Week.

We have enjoyed having our pre-school children join us on Friday mornings, in preparation for school in September. This will continue into the summer term, with some longer sessions in July.

We hope you have a lovely Easter break, and look forward to seeing you on the week commencing 28th April!

Best wishes,

Miss Marfell

















Kingfisher Class



Kingfishers have engaged in some wonderful new experiences, projects and activities this half term. They have engaged with new challenges, showing passion and enthusiasm. Well done Kingfishers!

We've tackled our most substantial text yet in guided reading – *The Wonderling* – which really tested and expanded our vocabulary. Our more recent text, *Overheard in a Tower Block*, gave us an opportunity to enjoy a range of different poetry, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

The children have been working very hard on their handwriting this half term. Handwriting is a key part of the writing curriculum and the expectation at the end of year 6 is to produce legible, joined up handwriting consistently and at speed. We've been revisiting how to form letters correctly, ensuring they're the correct size.

Children have also had the opportunity to practice and include their typing and word processing skills to create a travel brochure. Touch typing is an essential life-skill and encourages children to use both hands. We also looked at handy short cuts, such as using shift instead of caps locks for capital letters, and how to include a range of punctuation such as question and exclamation marks.

Our trip to Bearse Farm was a wonderful experience – thank you for your support with drop off and collection. The children had an amazing day, taking part in a range of activities, learning about the local flora, fauna and farm animals. Feeding the animals was definitely the highlight of the day for many of the children.

The spelling bee was a hugely successful activity this half term. I was very impressed with the children's engagement and dedication, wanting to practice daily at school (even during break times)! We'll definitely be entering again next year.

Our violin concert was an amazing demonstration of the children's hard-work in their violin lessons over the last 10 weeks. You could clearly see how seriously they were all taking it – concentration written all over their faces!

As a school, we've also been taking part, and will continue to take part, in our community projects. Thank you to everyone who took part and a big well done to our class winners and runners up (Phoebe and Evie in Kingfishers), who received free Live on the Wye tickets. We've already begun to collect litter around the village.

We've also been lucky to have a lovely visit from the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to really encourage our engagement with nature and our local area. We'll be having a follow up visit to support our learning within our local area and we'll be arranging a whole school trip to one of their nature reserves to expand our local wildlife knowledge further!

A final, fabulous well done to our Nature Quiz Team who won their first round of the competition against Forest View! Super job Nature Quizzers!

Phew – we have been busy! A few things to be aware of after Easter: Malvern Garden Show visits, various dates for different groups of children. More details to follow.

Have a lovely relaxing break.

All the best,

Miss Chambers







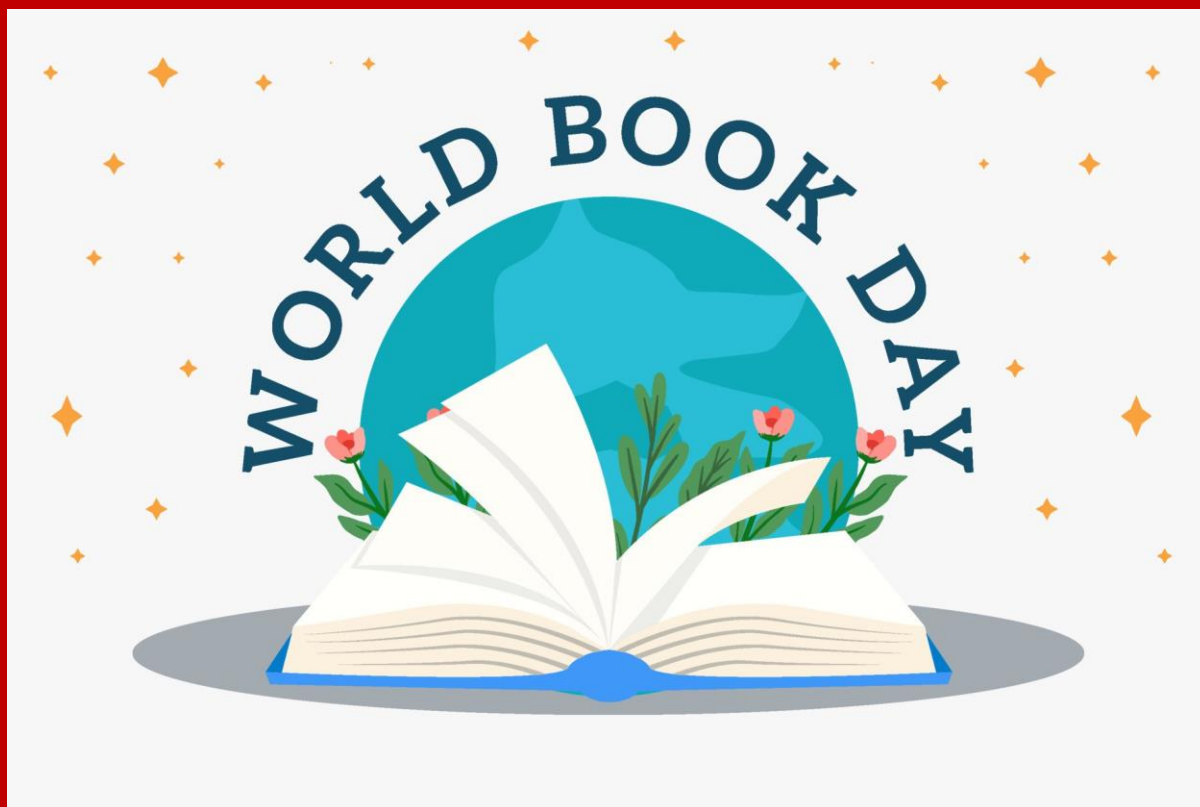




Pig Race Fri 21st March

On Fri 21st March we held the Pig Race in the village hall to raise money to support our Malvern Show gardening project. We had a brilliant attendance for such a small school, and raised £350 towards transport to Malvern. Many thanks to everyone who helped / came / contributed!

World Book Day 6th March



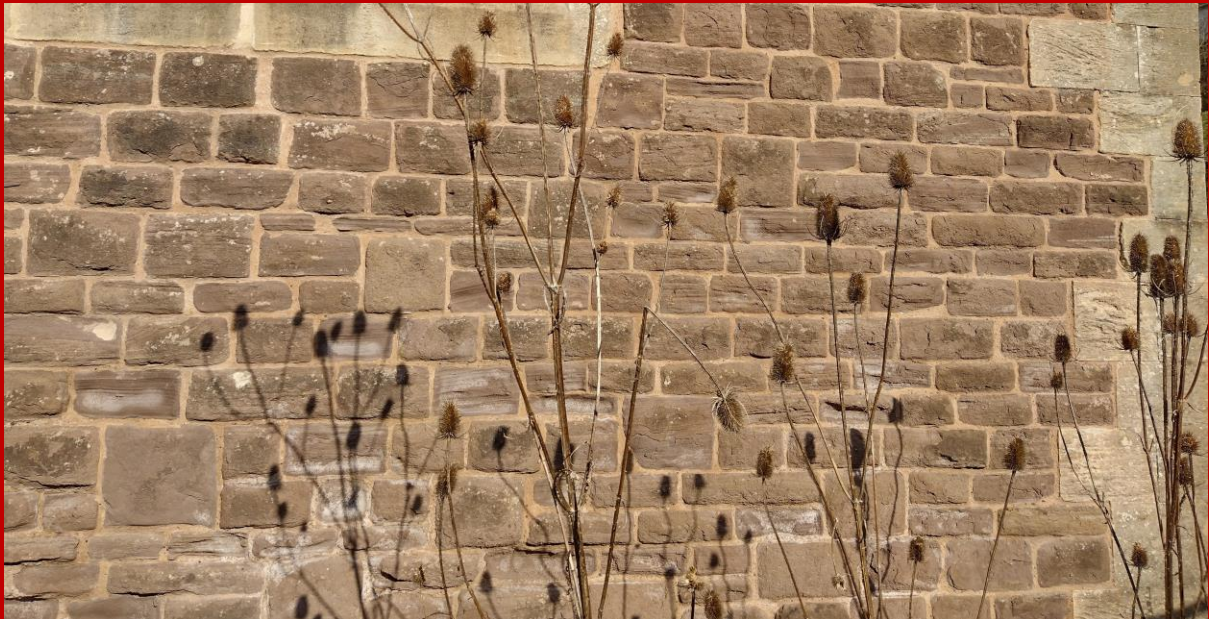
We raised £86 with the World Book Day Cake sale, and saw (and ate!) some amazing creations!
The money raised will go to buying books for school.







Nature News



We have been enjoying learning lots about nature and spending time outside this term.

I'm enjoying working with the Wildlife Quiz Team who won the first round at Forest View Primary, keep up the good work! We have been exploring the wildlife area in the churchyard and I appreciate how well planned and kept it is.

The children have spent time outside enjoying the beautiful weather, including some playtimes on the field which they love.

Both classes have had trips to Bearse Farm, where they saw lots of animals and seen how a farm works.

The whole school has been to St Briavels to prepare our entry for the Malvern Show garden competition.

Kingfishers have a residential trip in June to Viney Hill Adventure centre, where they will be doing a range of outdoor activities.

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust will be giving talks to both classes about wildlife soon, and following this up we have a whole school trip planned in July to the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust site 'The Park and Poor's Allotment'.

To find out more about local wildlife here are some links:

[https://www.gloucestershiREWildLifeTrust.co.uk/wildlife](https://www.gloucestershiREWildlifeTrust.co.uk/wildlife)

<https://www.visitdeanWye.co.uk/explore/nature-and-wildlife>

Miss Oliver

FORS News

(Friends of Redbrook School)



Thank you for your support at the Easter service we raised £70 which will be going straight back into continuing to support our school with trips, equipment and providing more experiences for all of the children. An example this term was the board game club which was such a success and will definitely be back in the near future.

Thank you to all those who came to the Easter Egg Hunt it was lots of fun ! Thank you to Ben at SuperFish fish and chips for donating all of the Easter eggs.

Please also save the date for the return of the school fete which will be taking place on Saturday 12th July 12-2pm. More information will be coming out soon on ways to get involved and support with this. We are looking forward to bringing this event back to our school. With lots of games , BBQ and fun for all.

Many thanks

FORS

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

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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Term Dates 2025/26

Term dates can be found on our website here:

https://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk/web/term_dates/363933

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