



St Briavels Parochial C of E Primary Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see how well the children have settled back into school life this term. I hope that the many new families who have joined us have felt welcomed and had any questions you may have had have been answered over the past few weeks in our welcome meetings and parents evening appointments. Please do always talk to your child's class teacher if you have any worries or questions. They are always happy to help.

Every term at school is a busy one and this term we have enjoyed our annual harvest festival together. Many of you sent in donations for the Forest Foodbank and I know that through your generosity we were able to send more food than ever to help others in need in our community - thank you. We have also spent the last month considering Black History Month in our worships and classes. The children have learnt about a number of notable British black people and how they were able to make a change for good despite facing racism or challenging circumstances. It is important for us at school that children not only consider the needs of others where we live but also learn about the world beyond our own village.

Last Saturday, our PTA hosted a quiz night, which involved marvellous food and a quiz involving a number of unique rounds! Everyone who came along laughed a lot and had a wonderful time. The PTA also hosted a children's disco on Thursday evening and again it was a great success. It was lovely to see the children dressed up in their disco gear and enjoying the party games put on by the DJ. These events not only raise vital funds for our school but also strengthen the bonds within

our school community. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in organising and supporting these wonderful events. Your dedication and commitment make such a difference.

I hope you all have a restful break and return refreshed and ready for another exciting period of learning and of course Christmas celebrations! I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday, 3rd November.

With love

Natalie Frey

Sunflowers



This term the Sunflower children have been really busy extending their mathematical skills. They have been sorting, matching, ordering and looking at 2 dimensional shapes.







They have been developing their exploration and fascination skills, through activities such as finding dark spaces around the school and using torches to discover new things, using their lungs to move a ball across the table, making harvest hedgehog bread rolls and playdough and looking at everyday activities in detail, such as examining in detail the process of making a cup of tea using several of our senses.







The Sunflower children have been researching all about Autumn and the changes it brings to a village like St Briavels





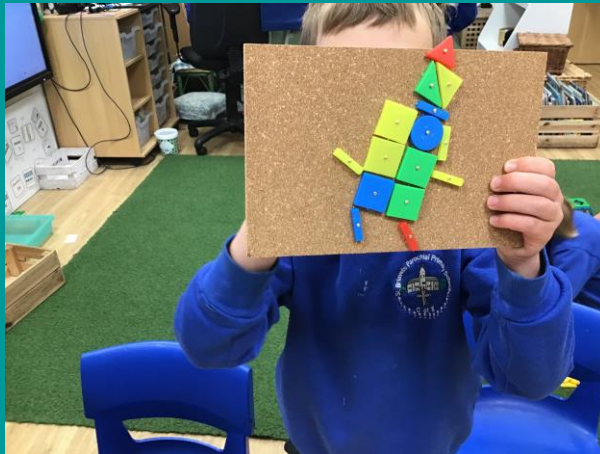
We would like to say a massive thank you for the donations of a market stall/puppet theater and play kitchen, the play rocket, the gigantic pumpkin, dressing up clothes and for the craft supplies.

Bluebell Class



Bluebell class have had a very busy first term. We have been thinking about the change of seasons and how Autumn can be really special. We have looked at leaves falling, harvested apples and made some super dens at forest school. Thank you to Layla's dad for bringing lots of twisted willow into school to help us make some super structures. We have also been given a super bug hotel and the most enormous pumpkin; we need to say a big 'thank you' to Grace's family for donating these, we have had lots of fun exploring them. Clive also brought in a maize plant and told us all about how they are grown and processed on the farm, so thank you to his Mum and Dad for sending this in. The children did a fabulous job retelling the story of The Little Red Hen at the Harvest Festival and Year 1 made some beautiful paintings. Next term Reception are thinking about 'People Who Help Us'. If you have a job where you help people in the community we would be very grateful if you could visit us and tell us all about your job.

Year 1 have been thinking about how they make history and brought in some wonderful answers to the questions they thought up about their parents' and grandparents' birthdays. Thank you to all who helped them to answer these.



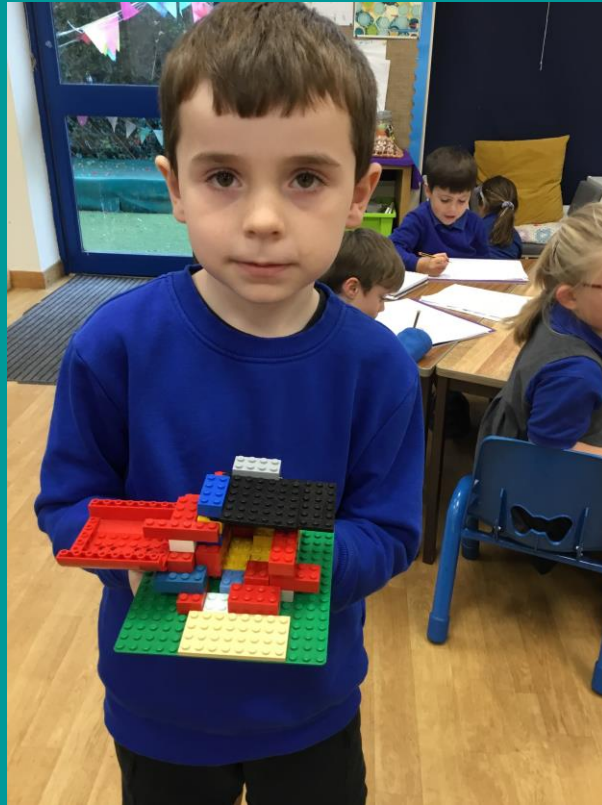
Daisy Class



Daisy Class have had a busy first term back. We have been to a music workshop, written prayers for Harvest Festival and learnt new skills in football in PE. We have learnt how to retell a story using actions and story maps. In Science Year 1 have been learning all about changing seasons and Year 2 have learnt all about Habitats, where animals live and deciding if it is alive, not alive or never alive. The children have enjoyed History this half term, learning all about how we make history and finding out how their parents and grandparents celebrated birthdays. Thank you for sending in information to share with the class.

I hope you all have a restful half term.

Mrs Critchley



Poppy Class



What a busy term Poppy class have had. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Bearnse Farm and I think the bananas were the highlight. A huge thank you to Tim and Emily. In the same week, we also went to Stonehenge and learnt all about the Amesbury archer and how the stones were built. A massive thank you to Tori and Kate for their support on the trip. We were also very lucky to have a visit from local author Mike Smith and we really enjoyed making our 22 storey bus. I hope you all have a wonderful half term.

Mrs Kear.







Speedwell Class



It has been wonderful to see Speedwell class settle so well into the new school year. The first two weeks were great to get us thinking about what we want our school to be and how each member of the school community with their actions can make our school a better place for all.

The children have worked hard across the curriculum. They have written stories inspired by Oscar Wilde and information leaflets about World War 2. Our history topic has also led to many children finding out about their family links to World War 2 as part of their homework. The children have loved sharing the experiences of their relatives and we have all loved hearing about them. In PE, the children have been very enthusiastically developing their skills in both football and dodgeball.

We also participated in the World Wildlife Fund's Happy by Nature -series and the children got to explore the world's forests on a live lesson with Steve Backshall. We were also fortunate to

welcome the author Mike Smith into our classroom. The children enjoyed creating their own comic strips with Mike's guidance.

Miss Wilson and Mrs Lindqvist



Foxglove Class



It's been quite the start of the term for Foxglove class. We've thoroughly enjoyed getting to grips with a number of our class books especially Politics for Beginners, helping us understand the country we live in and The Three Little Pigs and just who was to blame in the story! We've had a number of events to get to grips with special mentions, to our author visit by Mike Smith and listening to a live string quartet in the chapel.

We've been working hard on our swimming and football skills and had the chance in Art to practice our storytelling through drawing. In Science we've looked at classifying animals and looking at materials, mixtures and separation.

I've attached a number of pictures below of what we've got up to this term. To see more, please do make sure you're signed up to the class SeeSaw account.

Thank you to the children and their families who donated cakes for our sale yesterday and to those of you who came to make purchases and help to sell cakes in the most dreadful weather conditions. Thanks to those efforts, we raised a fabulous £71.20 for our classroom fund!!

Mr Ford





Year 6 Secondary School Applications!

The deadline for applications to secondary school is 31st October 2025! Please remember to apply for a place for your child.

The link to apply if you live in Gloucestershire is:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions

ELSA News



It's been an extremely busy half term back from the Summer with a few changes, including the ELSA room being moved within the school and having a nice sofa for the children to use. Some groups this term have included looking at self-esteem and spending time learning how to have a better view of themselves and learning to love themselves a little more. We are very lucky at St Briavels to have some absolutely amazing children in our school and some children have been fabulous role models for me this half term in helping teach other children about friendships and how to be a good friend to others. Enjoy the half term.

Mrs Hill

Flu Immunisations

Flu vaccinations are being offered on Wednesday 5 November.

Parents have until midday on Tuesday 4 November to consent or decline.

Please note that nurses will contact parents who have not completed the online form. Further information can be found in the email sent home on 25 September.

Years 2-6 boys After School Football Club



We still have a small number of spaces available for any boys in years 2-6 for the ProStars afterschool football club 3:20pm-4:20pm on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr Hull.

Please contact the office if interested.

PTA news

We wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended the quiz night. Over £700 was raised. Brilliant event again - well done to the team of organisers.

The next event for the calendar is the Christmas Fayre. 6th December 11-2

There will be a meeting on the 10th Nov, 7pm at The George Pub to make arrangements. Please come along or let us know where you can help out.

Many thanks from the PTA

Dates for your diaries

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

Thursday 23 October Foxglove Class Cake Sale

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri Oct 24

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Mon Nov 3

Wednesday 5 November - Flu Immunisations - details in email of 25.9.25

Wednesday 5 November - Speedwell Weekly Swim lessons commence - please pay via Parentpay

Tuesday 11 November - Rags to Riches Collection Day

Tuesday 18 November Individual & Sibling Group Photographs

Wednesday 19 November Phonics Morning – Yr Rec/Yr 1/Yr 2 9:00am – further information to follow

Friday 28 November INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 5 December KS2 Christmas Pantomime Trip – details in email of 26.9.25

Tuesday 9 December & Wednesday 10 December, KS1 & KS2 Christmas Performances, timings tbc, further details to follow

Friday 12 December Preschool/Yr R/Yr 1/Yr 2 visit to Perrygrove, further details to follow

Wednesday 17 December Christmas Jumper & Lunch Day

Friday 19 December Christingle Service/EYFS Nativity, further details to follow

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri Dec 19

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Mon Jan 5 2026

Term Dates 2025/26

Please note these are for the academic year starting in September 2025 .

Term dates can be found on our website here:

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

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