



St Briavels Parochial C of E Primary Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

Our Malvern garden again this year was an absolute triumph. We are so blessed to have a talented and committed team of volunteers who lead the process from beginning to end. Mrs Kilty, Mrs Naylor, Mrs Viner and Miss Taylor, secure donations, create designs, lead our gardening club and work with all of our children to inspire them around a given theme. We can't thank these ladies enough for all they do for our schools to get us involved with this incredible project.

We also have a wonderful group of parents who help to make this all possible, through offering transport and working with us on the garden throughout the year. Thank you to:
Emily Crawley

Hazel Parry, John Gill, Cindy Jones, Kate Davies, Katy Blanchard, Becca Whately, Sarah Monahan and Rudi Schlenker for your support.

Naturally, it is the children's input that makes all the difference to our garden. Many are involved in our build days and throughout the show speaking to the public. We also take all of Year 4 from both schools for the day on the Thursday to visit the garden and the show. Every child involved demonstrates courage and resilience in ways we often don't expect and is a real credit to our federation. It is truly a blessing to watch them shine and hear the wonderful feedback from the judges and public that meet them.

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to everyone!

We now look forward to the final and busiest term of the year where we have many events for our children and families to enjoy. From the carnival to sports day; a nature quiz final and our Y5/6 residential to London; transition sessions for everyone whether they are heading to a new class or indeed for our Y6 children a new school; there is seldom a week where we don't have something happening. Please do put our dates in your diaries. We will also keep you updated with confirmed timings and arrangements as we get closer to each event. Also look out for a letter about staffing for the coming term and be assured that a further letter will be sent home once we have our staffing in place for September.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

With love

Natalie Frey

Executive Headteacher

Sunflowers



This half term the Sunflower children have been learning about life cycles. They have been fascinated by the changes of butterflies and frogs. We are currently taking weekly walks down to the moat in the castle grounds to observe the development of the tadpoles.





The children have been extremely engaged in our planting topic. They have created their own mini gardens by decorating a house print out, making a lollypop stick fence using the glue gun, and planting the mustard seeds in a tray. They have also planted cress heads in yoghurt pots, runner beans in glass jars and flower seeds outside in the garden. The children were then challenged to keep caring for these by understanding their requirements and then comparing their growth: looking at speed, height and labelling the parts of the plants.



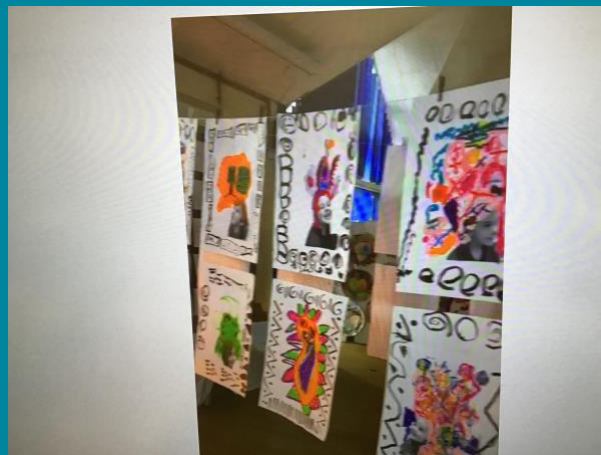
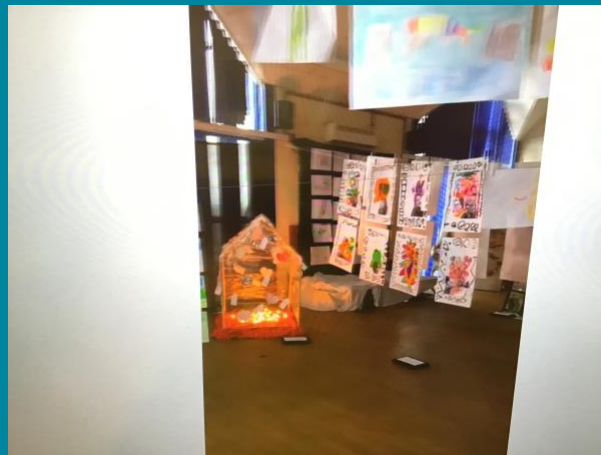


Bluebell Class



Bluebell Class have had another busy half term. We managed to raise £37.50 by opening up our art show to parents, in aid of the 'Street Child' charity. The children produced some

fabulous art work which was enjoyed by all. A huge congratulations to the parents and children who also organised their own litter pick and managed to raise a further £77.00 for the same charity! This term Reception have been finding out about Africa; the different animals that live there and the different weather that the African Continent has. We have also used 'Baby Goes to Market' to help us with our maths, adding and taking away from different amounts. We have also been finding out about plant life cycles, planting seeds in our vegetable beds and a new wild flower meadow in Forest school. Many thanks to Erica and Georgia for providing the seeds for this. Please ensure that Forest school kits are adapted to the weather, children still require long sleeves and trousers but this can be in a light weight fabric for the summer.



Daisy Class



We have had a busy half term in Daisy Class! We have written stories based on the book, 'Yeti and the Bird' and 'The Dragon Machine'. Our history topic, How have toys changed?, has encouraged us to look at toys from the past and compare them to toys today. We have discovered that toys are very different from those used in the 1920s! We have also designed toys that we think children in 50 years might like to play with. We have started to find out more about plants and growing too. We have all planted sunflowers. We hope that they will grow really, really tall!





Poppy Class



This term Poppy class have been learning about the Anglo Saxons and have made some, very messy, wattle and daub models. We began with some plasticine and lolly sticks, then wove the pipe cleaners in and out of the lolly sticks to make our frame. We then mixed straw, clay and water together and pasted it onto the frame and finally left them to dry.

Mrs Kilty





It has been a very busy few weeks in Poppy Class. In English, we have been looking at the books 'Flotsam' and 'The Thames and Tide Club', both books having a similar theme of water and what can be found around the shoreline. We went outside and the children had a try at Mudlarking, where they had to search the shores of the Thames for usual items and hidden treasures. (We used our imaginations and envisaged the farmer's field as the Thames and the muddy area by the playground as the shoreline.)



The children were excited to find an old copper bracelet, some turquoise beads and some unusual underground tube station clues, such as Guppington Palace! I am not sure I convinced them that I played no part in setting up this mystery!

We have continued this thread in our DT sessions, and have begun creating underwater sea creatures from papier maché. Earlier this term, we visited Viney Hill Christian Centre and the children thoroughly enjoyed team building, animal den making and archery. We were so busy enjoying ourselves that we forgot to take any photos!

Mrs Cawte

Poppy - RE

In RE this term we have been looking at different Gospel stories to try to work out what kind of a world Jesus wanted Christians to create. We have been working on some freeze frames based on the story of Jesus calling his disciples.



Speedwell Class



Another busy term is coming to an end. One of the highlights for all has been our Tuesday morning guitar lessons. The concentration in Speedwell has been out of this world and the children are all doing so well. Luckily, the lessons continue after half term too! In Science, we have been learning about sounds with the Year 4s, measuring volumes of different musical instruments amongst other experiments. In History, we have been exploring the time of the Tudors and you know it's history when you hear 'divorces, beheaded, died; divorced, beheaded, survived'.

The Year 4s had a fantastic day out, when we visited the Malvern flower show and, along with our Year 5 Gardening club representatives, made us all proud with the way they talked to the public discussing our garden creation.

This term in PSHE, following on from Mrs Frey's lent challenge to 'Make the world a better place', we have been finding out about Illegal Animal Trading. The children worked together to create posters and prepared an assembly to talk to the school about the issue as well. Well done on all your hard work, Speedwell!

I wish everyone a wonderful half term and look forward to all the exciting things coming our way in June and July.

Mrs Lindqvist





Foxglove Class



I think all of Foxglove class is going to breathe a great big sigh of relief now that this term is over. We can put those pesky SATs behind us and look forward to next term and the new challenges and adventures that it brings.

While a lot of the term has revolved around getting ready for SATs we've still managed to cram lots of other activities in as well. In English, we've been going back in time and looking at WW2 and the persecution Jews suffered through the eyes of Anne Frank. We've also explored Africa through the book the Benin Kingdom and discovered lots more about this fabled kingdom.

Meanwhile in History we've looked at the Tudors and looked at some of their very interesting monarchs such as Henry VIII or Elizabeth I. While in Art, we've put on our activist hats and created slogans to print onto self-created backgrounds. **NO MORE UNIFORM!** Was a popular one.

Additionally, we have been given the chance to compete in a local history competition over the half term break and beyond, this comes with the chance for children to win a cash prize! Please see SeeSaw for details of the competition.

Mr Ford

Sports News

This term, two teams of children proudly represented St Briavels at local sporting events, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and enthusiasm. Our first event took us to Gloucester for ten-pin bowling, where the team performed brilliantly and achieved an impressive second place. We are delighted that they have qualified for the final, which takes place this week—good luck to the team! A special congratulations goes to Sienna, who won the event overall and received a gold medal—an outstanding achievement. Well done also to Noah, who earned a certificate for scoring over 100 points. We also enjoyed a fantastic session at Viney Hill Activity Centre, where the children had great fun trying archery and developing new skills. Congratulations to Elise, who was among the top individual scorers, and to Ava for successfully hitting the balloon target.





ELSA News



Firstly, I would like to take a moment to say that I couldn't be more proud of the Year 6 pupils this week. They have approached their SATs with such maturity and calmness. We all enjoyed some cupcakes afterwards as well for their efforts.

Secondly, a few children and groups have been focusing on their friendships and understanding what normal friendships look like and how to resolve problems that might arise. With our younger pupils, we have been building our knowledge of basic emotions—what they feel like, how to recognise them, and simple strategies to manage them.

Have a lovely half term and I look forward to the summer term working with the lovely Mrs Griffiths in Daisy class.

Mrs Hill (ELSA - Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)

Malvern Success!

Miss Taylor, Lex, Clare and I spent an amazing two weeks at the Malvern Garden Show creating our garden "Whispers of the Wye".

We were so impressed with all the children from both schools who came to Malvern to help us build the garden, and especially our 4 children who talked to the judges. We would also like to thank all the parents who helped us to transport materials and children to and from Malvern each day and to congratulate all the children who came to talk to the public at the weekend. So many members of the public complimented us on your children's behaviour, politeness and ability to explain the garden.

We were awarded "Highly Commended" for our garden and gained an award for sustainability.

Mrs B Kilty







Dates for your diaries

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

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 22 May

Mon 1 June - INSET day - school closed

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Tues 2 June

Wednesday 3 June - London Residential Parent Information Meeting - Foxglove Classroom at 3:20pm

Tuesday 9 June - Reception Class visit to Bristol Zoo Project - see email sent 30 April

Tuesday 9 June - Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral - see email sent 29 April

Saturday 13 June - St Briavels Carnival (Walking Procession) - see email sent 30 April

Wednesday 17 June - Sports Day - see email sent 1 May

Wednesday 24 June - RSE/PSHE Parent Information Meeting - 9am, School Hall –info to follow

Tuesday 30 June - Year 5 visit to The Dean Academy - see email sent 6 May

Wednesday 1 July - Friday 3 July - Year 5/6 London Residential

Tuesday 7 July - Year 5 visit to Wydean School - see email sent 6 May (please note amendment to previously published date of 24 June)

Wednesday 8 July - Daisy Class Cake Sale - info to follow

Friday 10 July - Year 5 visit to Five Acres School - see email sent 6 May

Friday 10 July - Reception - Year 4 visit to Perrygrove Railway Adventure - see email sent 13 May

Monday 13 July Year 6 - Family Leavers Event - info to follow

Friday 17 July - Year 6 Leavers Church Service - info to follow

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 17 July

Mon 20 July - INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tues 1 – Wed 2 September INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Thurs 3 Sept 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:

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