



St Briavels Parochial C of E Primary Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the summer term, it is a time to say many thank yous and a few goodbyes. At the volunteers' tea party, I reflected on the phrase, 'it takes a village to raise a child' but I know it also takes a village to run a school. We are so blessed to have so many people who support us on our journey, many giving their time for nothing.

Our governors, our PTA, our volunteers who come in each week, the parents and grandparents who support us on trips, the 'experts' who do jobs we can't or advise us, our Malvern and Open the Book teams, you all make a significant difference for the children and we couldn't do what we do for the children without you. Thank you one and all.

You as parents, who support your children with good attendance; make sure they are ready for the day; help them with their learning at home; cheer them on at school events and talk to us when you have concerns. Thank you. Your support means everything to us.

Our children, who come to school to learn, to make good friends and to grow; you make our days unique and special. Thank you. We will see most of you again in September and can't wait to see you ready for the next stage in your journey through our school. For our Year 6s and those who are moving to new homes away from our village – good luck! It has been a privilege to have you as part of our family and we will of course miss you but know you are shining brightly as you move on.

Finally, our staff team: loyal, hardworking, compassionate and giving beyond all expectation. You are amazing, each and every one of you and we are extremely lucky to have you. Go and rest well, enjoy your holidays, they are very deserved!

If I have missed anyone, please accept my apologies and know that I thank you too.

I wish you all a wonderful summer break. Keep safe and enjoy any time you have together.

With love

Natalie Frey

Sunflowers



The Sunflower children were so creative with their art work building up to St Briavels carnival. With the theme representing our healthy eating garden, the children dressed up as bugs, flowers and garden creatures and sat waving on the Sunflower float.





The preschoolers had a lovely leavers picnic where they were able to meet and feed goats and chickens, play games in the big field and even got to sit in a real tractor.





We would like to say a massive thank you to the parents for bringing in fruit during the year for the children to try different food at snack time and for the ice lollies during these hot days. Also for the treats for staff to help us get through these last couple of weeks.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Roskilly-Pond for letting us have our picnic on their land and to all of the parents who have supported Sunflowers with their donations of toys, books, clothes and even a kitchen sink.

A massive THANK YOU to Ben and Josh for taking so much time and care sanding down and painting their garden picnic bench, then donating it to Sunflowers, the children love it.

Bluebell Class



We have had a very busy term finding out about lots of different buildings. We have looked at castles, skyscrapers and different homes. We had a fantastic visit to St Fagan's with Y1, where we saw houses throughout the ages. They were very interesting, but not many of the children were keen on the outside loos. We have also looked at skyscrapers and enjoyed reading Iggy Peck. The children put on a marvellous showcase for the parents and shared lots of their stories and sentences about this topic. We had a fantastic trip to the meadow and were welcomed by Jean, Ursula and Martin, who had set up some lovely activities for us. We found interesting moths, butterflies and even some newts.

After another year's use, our resources in Bluebell are in need of a refresh. If you have any jigsaw puzzles, picture books, dressing up clothes or spare crafting materials which you no longer need, we would be very grateful to receive these.

Have a lovely summer and many thanks for your support this year, from Bluebell Team.





Daisy Class



What a great and busy final term Daisy Class has had. Even though we are all starting to feel ready for a holiday, the children have put a real effort into all that they have done. In geography we built a model of St Briavels in the playground and our forest school sessions have been full of sunshine, bug hotels and fun times with the parachute! On Sports Day, it was lovely to see the children cheering each other on and trying their best. Our final homework Extravaganza was a great opportunity for the children to share their learning with each other and the children truly outdid themselves with our Summer Showcase, proudly and confidently sharing their school life with you all. And to finish it all off, we had a hot but interesting day exploring the St Fagans National Museum of History. The chance to experience a glimpse of the life in a Victorian school was quite something!

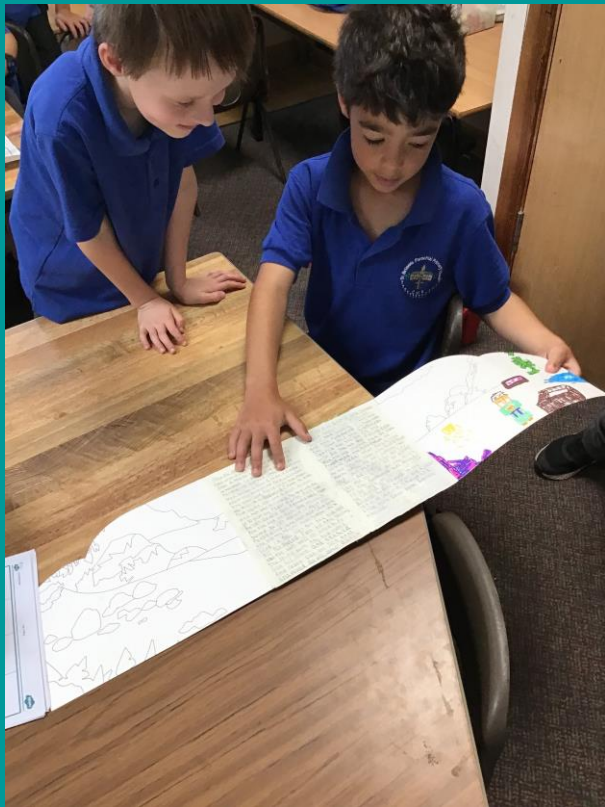
As we are coming to the end of the year, it is time to say thank you. Thank you to all the children for all that we have experienced together and thank you to all the parents for your continued support. An equally huge thank you goes to all those who have supported Daisy class during the school days!

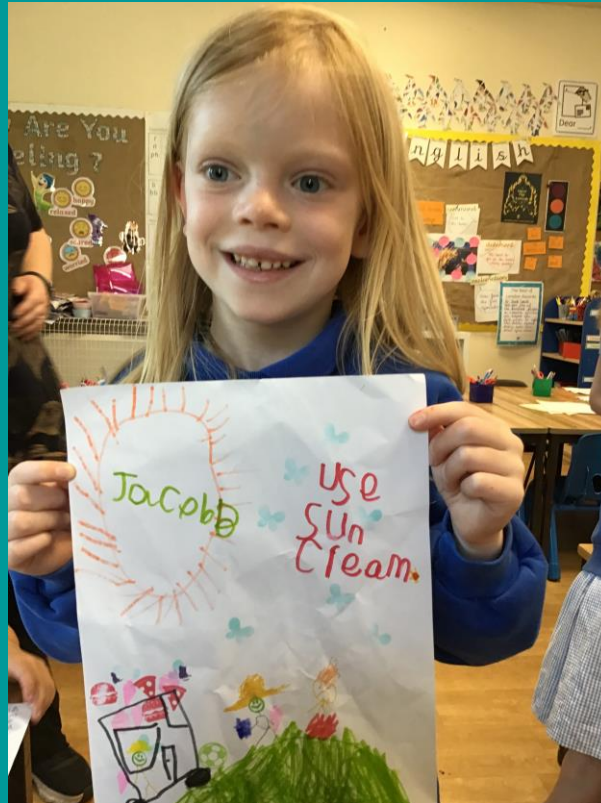
We wish you all a wonderful summer holiday!

Miss Wilson and Mrs Lindqvist











Poppy Class



Poppy class have had such a busy term. We had a fantastic time at Viney Hill and learnt so many skills, including how to make a bed!! The wildlife trip was so interesting and the children have continued to look for mini beasts back at school - a huge thank you to Mrs Sinfield and Kat for making the trip such a success. We had a really lovely trip down to Redbrook and managed to walk over 10,000 steps. The children managed to find many human and physical features of a river and we got to see a huge flock of Canadian Geese. Some comments from our children about the trips: "the residential was amazing - I loved the abseiling." "The wildlife trip was great, I liked sweeping for bugs and seeing the Nightjar egg." "when we went to Redbrook, I loved running up and down the hill!"

It has been an absolute pleasure to teach Poppy class this year and to watch them grow. They have such a thirst for learning and their enjoyment in their learning is so gratifying. A huge thank you to Mrs Morse, Mrs Hill, Mrs Clements, Mrs Sinfield and Mrs Harris, Mrs Deacon, Mrs Jomain, Mrs Sinclair for all their support this year in the class and with trips.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Mrs Kear.









Speedwell Class



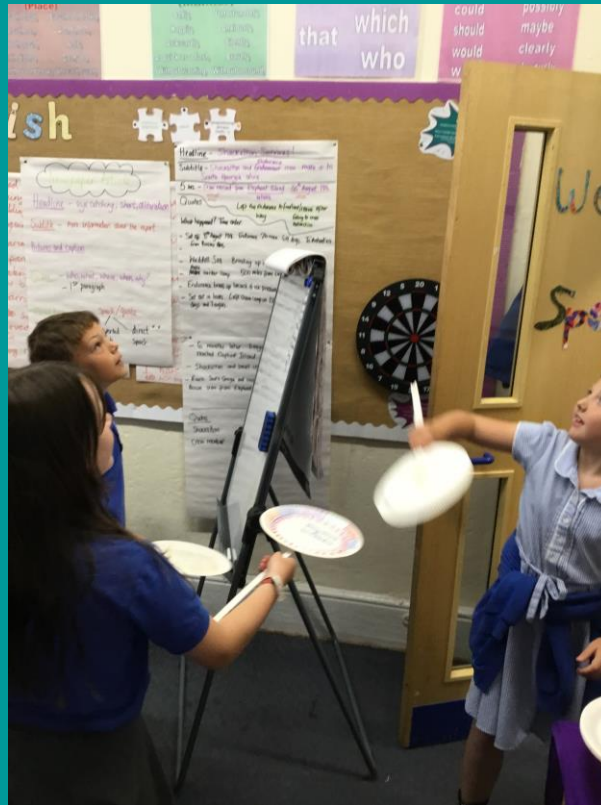
What a busy term Speedwell have had! The Year 4's had a fantastic time with Kat from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, bug hunting and bug sweeping. They even managed to catch a grass hopper and loved hearing about the highland cattle grazing at Poor's Allotment. Year 5 have enjoyed their visits to 3 of the local secondary schools. The children had lots of fun creating their end of year showcase which they enjoyed sharing with all the adults who were able to make it. The Year 4's created some super posters in science and loved sharing them with the Year 5's.

It has been an absolute pleasure to teach each and everyone one of you Speedwell Class, seeing your faces light up with new learning and showing your resilience when you have found things tricky. We have laughed a lot this year and I will treasure those memories. Thank you to all the adults who have supported Speedwell Class this year.

I wish you all an amazing summer.

Mrs Critchley





Foxglove Class



Wow, what a busy term (and year!) it's been for Foxglove class. Just this term alone, we've visited Gloucester Cathedral for our leavers' ceremonies, travelled to three different schools for Year 5 taster days, and worked hard to complete our SATs writing—and received our results! We've also performed in both piano and violin concerts, and presented our learning in our end-of-year assembly to all our parents. Somewhere in between all that, we even managed to squeeze in a little more learning too!

I want to take this opportunity to say what a truly wonderful time I've had with Foxglove class this year. Watching each of you grow, seeing the progress you've made, and witnessing the effort and determination you've put into everything has been truly inspiring. I'm so proud of everything you've achieved.

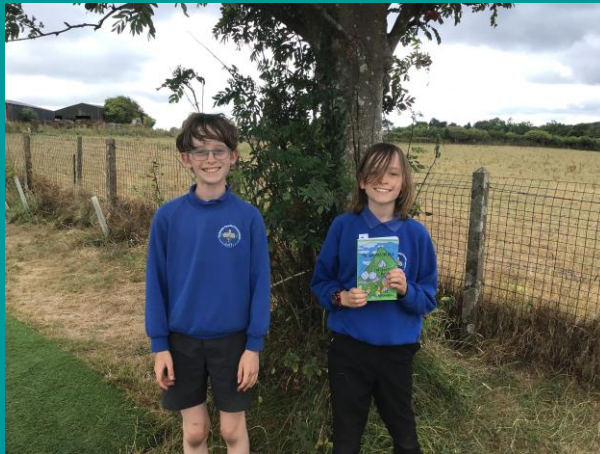
To all of Year 6, I wish you the very best of luck as you move on to secondary school—you're going to be amazing, and I'm sure you'll all absolutely smash it! For those of you in Year 5, have a fantastic summer break—I look forward to seeing you back in September, ready for another great year.

Mr Ford





The Gods Roll the Dice!



We are incredibly proud to celebrate a wonderful achievement by one of our very own pupils—Josh Gillingham in Foxglove class, has written and self-published his very own book called *The Gods Roll the Dice!*

The book, inspired and illustrated by his brother Ben, is a story about how humans who have gotten angry towards the Gods for tormenting them. So angry in fact, that they decide to storm Mount Olympus itself!

This is a brilliant example of creativity, hard work, and teamwork—and we couldn't be more impressed. Well done, Josh and Ben!

ELSA News



Hopefully, you all recently received an email and leaflet about Lumi Nova - it's a great resource you can use at home to help with those low level worries that your child may have. It's FREE to use and fun to play. If you missed it - here is the link: luminova.app (Aimed at children 7-12, so perhaps not suitable for all our KS1 students)

It's been a fabulous year in ELSA and I loved working with all the children and helping them through their various needs. I will miss this years Year 6's greatly, they are a great cohort and certainly kept me on my toes at times throughout their school career - I believe I met most of them in Year 2 so it has been lovely to watch them grow.

Have a great summer everyone!

Mrs Hill

Governors Message

Note from Mike Haines, Chair of Governing Body:

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

As we near the end of the summer term, it's good to look back at the achievements of the two schools in our Federation. It has been an incredibly busy and successful year with great opportunities provided for children to learn and succeed both inside and outside the classroom. Highlights have included our Christmas concerts and services, the "Young Voices" trip to Birmingham for children to join thousands of others in this exciting singing festival, participating in the Malvern School gardens competition and a host of other trips and a residential, clubs and

sporting events, that help to bring the curriculum to life and broaden pupils' experience through living and working together.

As governors, we are immensely grateful to the Headteacher, staff and all the helpers in our communities for their hard work in organising these activities. Members of the Governing Board have met monthly throughout the year to: support the schools and ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and adults; identify priorities and agree future strategy; monitor standards and evaluate progress in implementing our improvement plans. Governors are also responsible for making sure we get best value for how we spend our budget on staffing and resources to support children's learning and to improve the school buildings. Individual governors also seek to contribute to the work of the Federation in practical ways, for example by supporting and helping to organise school events and listening to children read.

Finally, on behalf of all the governors, I wish pupils, parents and staff a very happy summer break (not too hot!) and we look forward to the start of another successful and action-packed new school year when we return in September.

Mike Haines

PTA news

Firstly thank you to the core PTA team, volunteers and everyone who has spent their hard earned money with the PTA.

Some of the amazing things we have achieved this year are the new Library, books and a laptop trolley. Next year we are hoping to help towards much needed new iPads and hopefully some work outside.

Dates for the diary:

- Back to school BBQ - 7th September 12-2
- Quiz night - 18th Oct
- Christmas fair - 6th Dec
- Yet to be confirmed - ground force weekend and the much loved silly hair day.

We are always in need of support and help with raising funds for our children at school and welcome anyone who is willing to spare some time. Please get in touch to be added to the WhatsApp group.

Enjoy the summer!

PTA

Thank you!

Our 'Wear Yellow Day' on Friday 13th June for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust raised £125.00. Thank you everyone!

Monmouthshire Show

The Monmouthshire Show is taking place this year on Sunday 17th August. You can get involved by entering the junior competitions with a range of more than 60 different subjects including home baking and produce to handicraft and floral displays.

To find out more click on this link:

[2025 Homes and Gardens Schedule](#)

All competitions are free to enter before Saturday 9th August online at the link above.

Dates for your diaries

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

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 18 July 2025

Monday 21 July INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 22 July – Sunday 31 August SUMMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 1 September & Tuesday 2 September INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Wed 3 Sept

Sunday 7 September 12-2 - PTA Back to school BBQ

Tuesday 9 September - Welcome to Bluebell – Meet the Teacher 3:20pm Bluebell Classroom

Thursday 11 September - Welcome to Poppy – Meet the Teacher 3:20pm Poppy Classroom

Monday 15 September - Welcome to Daisy – Meet the Teacher 3:20pm Daisy Classroom

Tuesday 16 September Welcome to Speedwell – Meet the Teacher 3:20pm Speedwell Classroom

Thursday 18 September Welcome to Foxglove – Meet the Teacher 3:20pm Foxglove Classroom

Thursday 25 September Poppy Class visit to Stonehenge Further details to follow

Friday 3 October Harvest Service St Briavels Church – further information to follow

Monday 6 October Parent Meetings 3:30pm-6:00pm – further information to follow

Wednesday 8 October Parent Meetings 3:30pm-6:00pm – further information to follow

Saturday 18 Oct - PTA quiz night

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 to follow

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 – Hereford Further details to follow

Saturday 6 December - Christmas Fair

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

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

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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