



Redbrook C of E Primary Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

Last week was Children's Mental Health week and in one of our worships, we learnt about this together. As a federation, we work hard to support children with their wellbeing from the moment they arrive in school in the morning. We always undertake check ins with our children and give those who are not starting their day well the opportunity to talk to a trusted adult. We know that when things go wrong first thing, children are not ready to learn and so we do our best to support all who need us.

The NSPCC also released an article about their findings for the first half of 24/25 academic year. It talks about anxiety being the 'top mental health concern' for children and offers some great ways to help children who are struggling as well as top tips for parents to support their children at

home. This link should take you to the article [Anxiety the top mental health concern for children contacting our Childline service | NSPCC](#) .

In school, we also have a number of ways that we are able to support beyond our daily check ins, please never hesitate to contact us if you are worried about your child. We are here to help.

This week, we have learnt about Safer Internet Day. This year, the focus has been on online scams, where someone tries to trick somebody else to get something from them, like money, items in a game, or personal information.

We've encouraged children to think about if they have ever experienced:

- a message or an email with a suspicious looking link
- something that seems too good to be true, like you've won a prize
- another player in a game agreeing to trade but then taking something and not giving anything in return
- a video, app, advert or website that says it can show you how to get free money in your favourite game

Certainly some of our older children were able to identify with some of these.

Our advice to children is if they are worried they have been tricked or that something doesn't seem right to always talk to a trusted adult either at home or at school and we can help them. There are some great tips for keeping yourselves and your families safe online here: [Tips for Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Wishing you all a super half term break and keeping my fingers crossed for some dry weather so you can get outside.

With love

Natalie Frey

Robin Class



We've had a super half term of learning in Robins. The children loved finding out about Chinese New Year, trying some food traditional to China, making Lunar New Year cards and discovering the Zodiac animal for the year they were born. Miss Taylor helped the children to create a Dragon, and they also made snakes out of paper chains and cups.

In English, the children enjoyed writing their own sequels to the story 'I want my hat back' by Jon Klassen, that they are very excited for you to read at parents evening. The children were so creative with their pictures, the animals they chose to write about and even added finer details, such as a front cover and a blurb to their stories! In maths, year 2 have enjoyed exploring money, comparing amounts and finding change. A trip to the Redbrook shop put their learning into practice, where they each had £2 to spend on items for the science experiment that afternoon - something sweet, bitter, salty and sour. Year 1 have been learning about numbers to 50, looking at place value (tens and ones), as well as addition and subtraction within 20. TTRS and Numbots continue to be firm favourites, whilst mastering number sessions with Miss Taylor secure those important foundational skills.

Reception have been busy exploring the question 'Where shall we go?', looking at transport through the stories of Mr Gumpy's Outing and The Train Ride. In History, the children have enjoyed learning all about schools in the past. I am looking forward to hearing some of their interviews, as part of their home learning project this half term! In RE, the children have been engaged in our learning about Islam, through the question 'Who is Muslim and how do they live?'. They have discovered that Muslims may visit a Mosque to worship, the 5 pillars of Islam and the 99 beads that represent 99 names of Allah. We are in the process of organising a trip to enhance and consolidate their learning - more details to follow!

In PE this half term, the children have enjoyed learning a variety of shapes in our gymnastics sessions, as well as some turns and jumps. Computing has been a big hit for the children this half term, learning all about coding and programming, using a trackpad on the laptops. The children have also welcomed our pre school children into Robins with enthusiasm and care, they are settling into the classroom and enjoying exploring the environment. If you know of anyone who is looking for a school place for their child in reception in September, please do let them know about us. They can be sure of a warm welcome!

Have a lovely half term break.

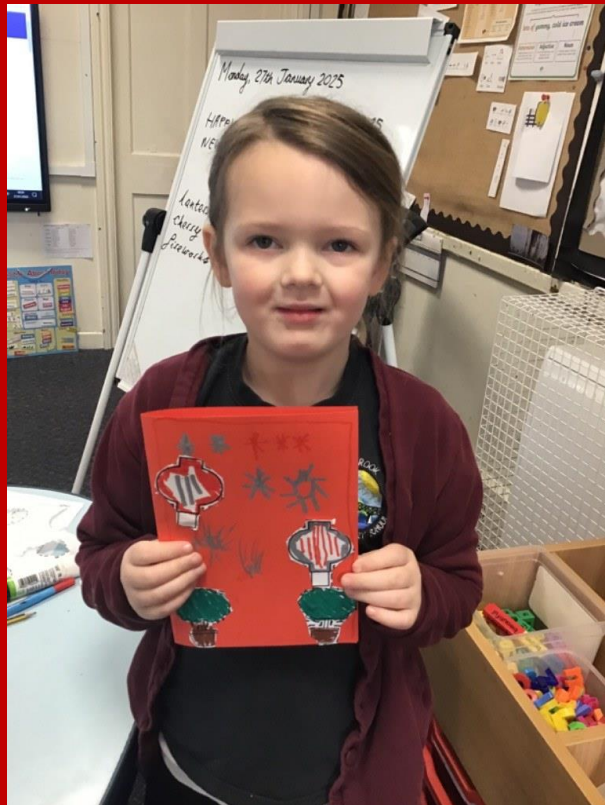
Best wishes,

Miss Marfell

Robins Class Spring 1













Kingfisher Class



The Kingfishers have had a very positive and enjoyable start to the new year – feels like it's been much longer than 6 weeks! The children have worked so hard, showing great progress this half term, keep it up everyone!

We've had quite the range of texts this half term. Our more recent texts for guided reading and writing (Beowulf and Sir Gawain and the Green Knight) have really encouraged and challenged the children's vocabulary knowledge, including a wonderful, wide range of interesting and challenging 'legend' related words. The children have really enjoyed connecting and making links with previous learning, experiences and interests, such as the Vikings, Greek mythology and comparing writing styles from 3 different Michael Morpurgo books.

In maths, the children have been working hard on their arithmetic skills, building their mental maths strategies and learning to make connections. We regularly use the question 'what do I already know', for example if I know 10×4 then I can work out 9×4 . Times tables, fact families and number bonds are all an integral part of swift arithmetic. They're the foundations for further learning and more challenging problem solving (such as fractions) as they move through the year groups. Keep practicing using TTRS and other fun games to build speedy mental maths!

Another very musical half term with the introduction of violin lessons once a week through Gloucestershire Music, a wonderful opportunity that the children have been doing an amazing job with. Reading music can be challenging and they're working so hard at learning the strings on their instruments, correct finger positions and recognising the notes and what each note means – great skills. We hope to share their violin skills with you, in a short demonstration during their final lesson; more details to follow.

The children have particularly enjoyed our Roman history topic this half term. One of the highlights being our first trip of the academic year to Caerleon Roman Museum. The children were a credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Trips are always a wonderful way to bring a topic to life, recognising how the Romans changed Britain by actually seeing it. They learnt many facts about life as Roman soldiers, dressing up in Roman soldier uniform being the best bit!

Homework projects continue to engage and encourage the children to expand their learning at home. I would recommend getting into a habit with homework, particularly our older students, in preparation for next year and beyond, not forgetting weekly spelling practice.

A few things to be aware of after half term; violin music lessons continue for a few more weeks, with our final lesson including a performance for parents. We have our trip to Bearse Farm on Friday 7th March. World Book Day is Thursday 6th March, so get your costumes ready! We also have another exciting opportunity booked that we look forward to sharing with you all after half term.

Have a lovely relaxing break.

All the best,

Miss Chambers









Pig Race Fri 21st March

On Fri 21st March we will be running a Pig Race fun-raising and fundraising event in the village hall. to raise money to support our Malvern Show gardening project. Please do come!

Family Pig Race Night

In order to help to cover our costs for the schools Malvern Garden competition and to be able to take children to and from the showground during the festival, we are holding a family fund raising pig race.

Amy Swinehouse

Harry Trotter

You can come along and bet on a pig for each of the 6 races, (50p per pig per race) if your chosen pig wins you will receive a share of the winnings.

Additionally, sponsor and name a pig for £5 for a chance at an owner's prize! The "piggier" the name. the better!

Redbrook Village Hall
Friday 21st March
5:30-8.30pm

If you would like to attend, please email your food choices and/or pig name to ntaylor@st-briavels.gloucs.sch.uk and pay via bank transfer to :

Malvern Garden. Acc no. 12108563. Sort code 30-99-50. Ref- child's name

Choice of main meal to enjoy before the racing starts with dessert at the interval.

Adult: £7.50
Child: £5

Menu Choices:
Jacket Potato with either: chilli, vegetarian chilli, tuna, cheese or beans

Please state how many adult and child tickets you require.

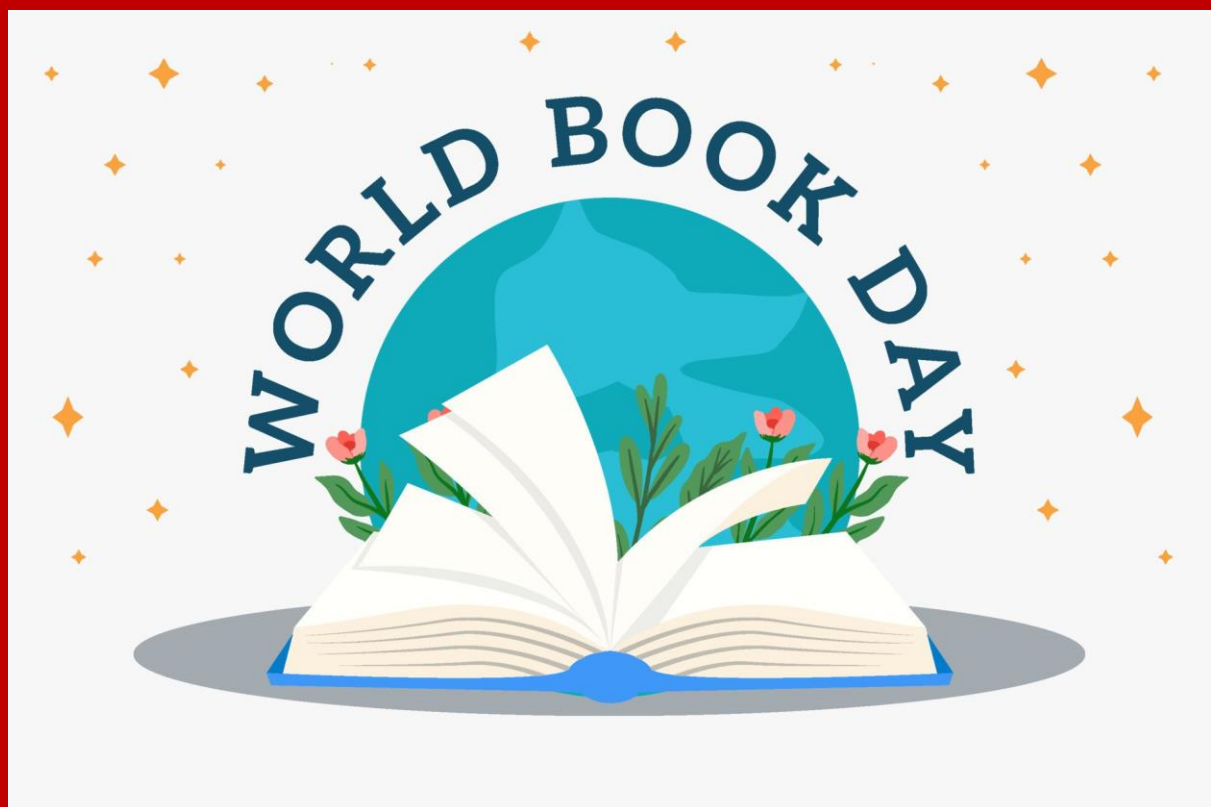
Name	Adult tickets	Child tickets

Please select a filling for each of your jacket potatoes.

Chilli	Vegetarian Chilli	Cheese	Tuna	Baked Beans

If you would like to sponsor a pig, please include £5 in your payment.
Piggy name: _____

World Book Day 6th March



This year World Book Day is being celebrated in the UK on 6th March. We would like to invite children to dress as their favourite book character for the day. Dressing up is a great way to encourage children to enjoy reading. It's a creative way to express what they like about reading, it sparks imagination and makes reading sociable and fun.

Please ask your child to select a character from their favourite book and (if possible) bring this book into school on the day (or find it in our school library).

We are keen to stress that we do not want you to spend a great deal of money on your childrens' costumes, we do have some spare smaller costumes in Robins class. Please do share resources!

FORS Board Game Session

FORS are organising a pop up board game club on the 27th March, straight after school, details to follow.

Everyone is welcome, we'll be playing for about an hour and 15 mins and will be facilitated by the leader of smartisclub : <https://www.smartisclub.com/>

Dates For Your Diaries

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

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 14 February

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Mon 24 February

Fri 28 Feb - Malvern Afterschool Gardening Club AT ST BRIAVELS SCHOOL (weekly club each Friday, starting 28th February – pick up time 4:20pm). All children welcome but parents will need to take children to ST Briavels and KS1 children must be accompanied by an adult. Please confirm with admin@st-briavels.gloucs.sch.uk if your child will be attending.

Thurs 6 March - Year 4 'In the Net' performance at St Briavels

Thurs 6 March – World Book Day

Fri 7 Mar - Kingfisher Bearse Farm Trip - remember do not drop children off at school!

Thurs 13 Mar - Kingfisher parents meeting re: June residential trip (details to follow)

Thurs 20 Mar - 11.40am Kingfisher Violin performance in the Church - all welcome

Fri 21 March 7pm Pig Race Redbrook Village Hall in aid of Malvern Garden Project

Thurs 27 Mar - FORS pop up board game session - details to follow

Mon 31 Mar - Robins Bearse Farm trip - (details to follow)

Wed 2 April School Photos - class and leavers photos

Tue 8 April 2.30pm Easter Service, followed by tea/cake sale and egg hunt organised by FORS

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 11 April

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Mon 28 April

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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DECEMBER							JANUARY							FEBRUARY						
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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		INSET days	