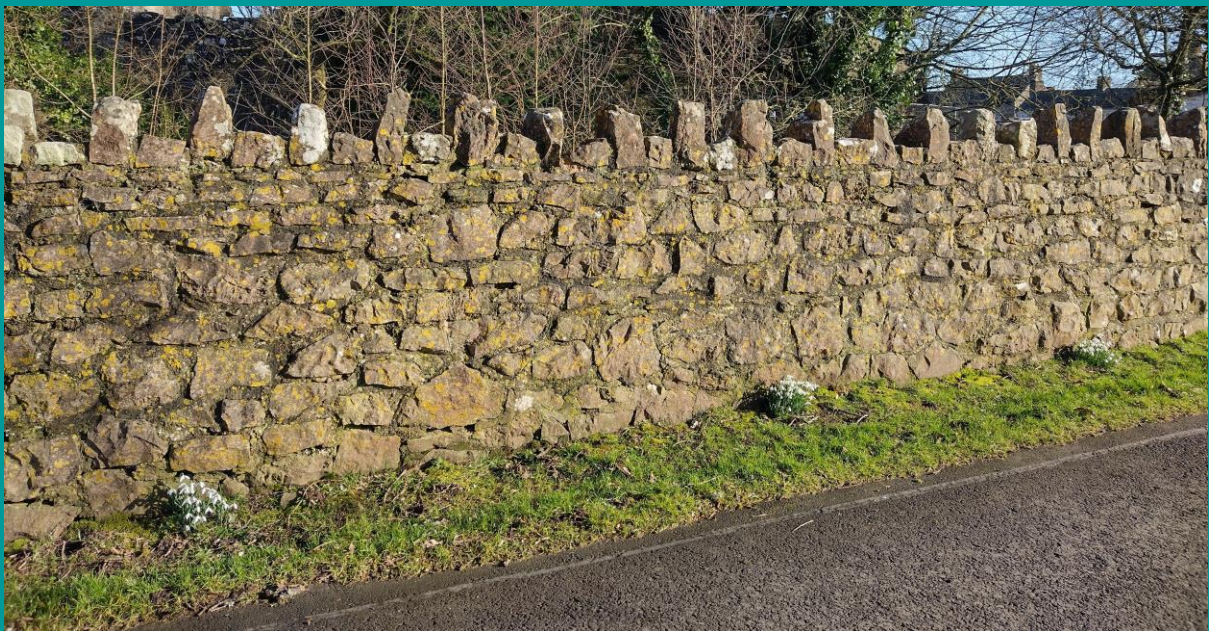




St Briavels Parochial C of E Primary Newsletter

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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

Sunflowers



The Sunflower children have been celebrating Chinese New Year by finding out facts about China, making a gigantic dragon to dance in, eating Chinese snacks with chop sticks and mark making Chinese numbers along with many more activities.







The children started to show an interest in creating stained glass effect windows using paper and coloured acetate, so we visited the church in St Briavels to look at the colourful windows before coming back to Sunflowers to paint more windows.

Bluebell Class

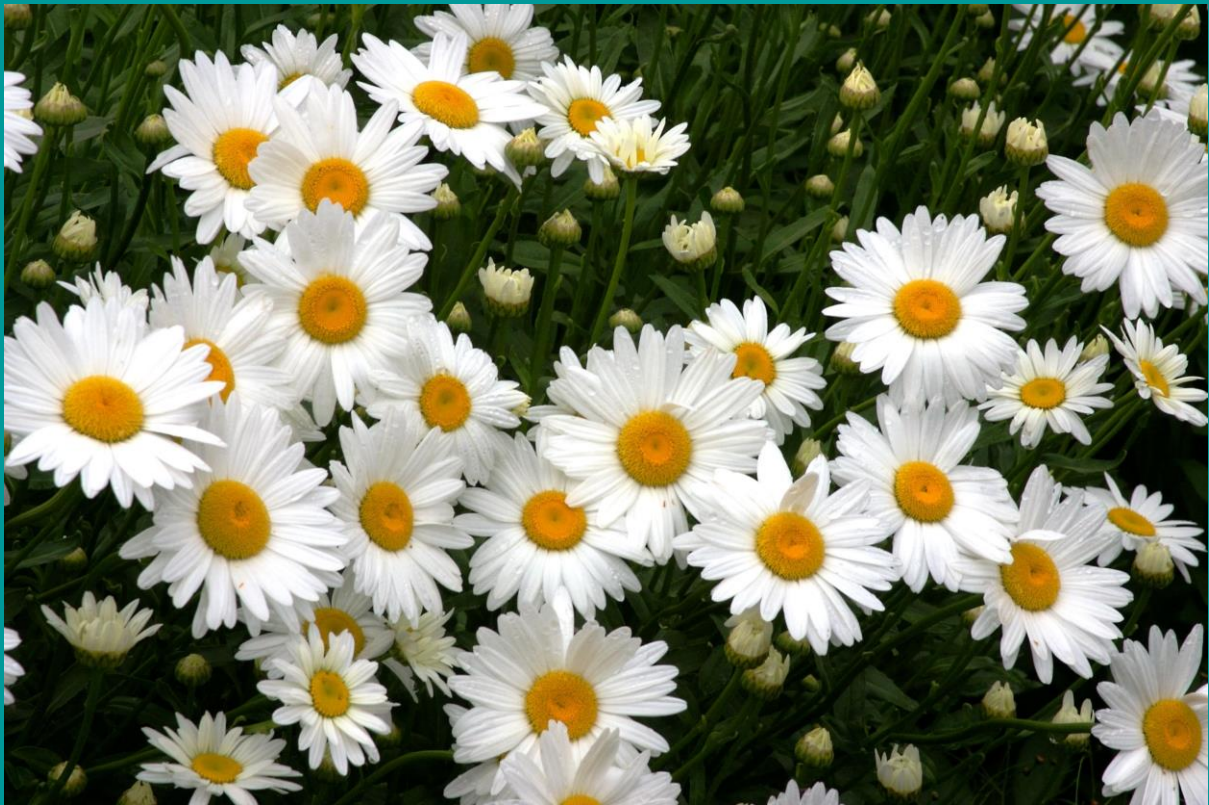


In Forest School this term we have been renewing the pond area. We have been saving the plants and any pond life by moving them into the smaller ponds and are almost ready to put in a new liner. Before we do this we would like to line the pond again to prevent another puncture to the lining. If you have any old rugs or mats you no longer need we would be very grateful to receive them to help line the pond. We are hoping to complete the work before the frogs come back and spawn.

Also, if you are able to supply us with any compost, for growing our vegetables this year, we would be very grateful.

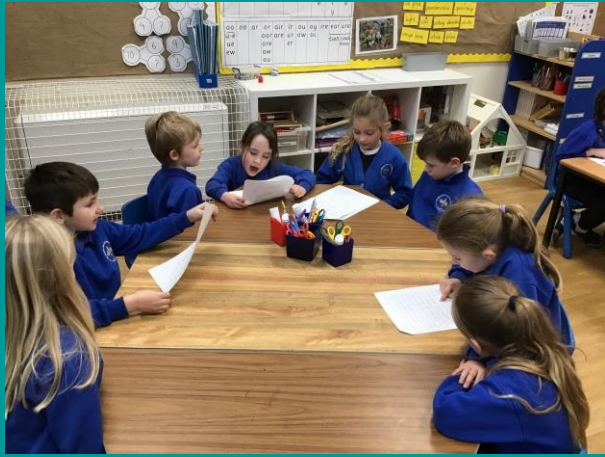


Daisy Class



This term, the children have loved gymnastics, exploring different balancing poses and jumps. It has been lovely to see the children encouraging and cheering each other on each week. Our history topic of school life in the past really captured the children's interest and they have enjoyed researching the differences and similarities of schools now and then.

In English, the children have worked hard writing their own stories and they shared their finished stories with the Bluebell children. The stories were inspired by our class book, 'The Comet' by Joe Todd-Stanton.





Poppy Class



Poppy class had an amazing time at the Roman museum in Caerleon. We were able to participate in a recreation of an Ancient Roman feast, dress up as soldiers, visit the museum, the spa, the barracks and the amphitheatre. A huge thank you to Alice Jomain for supporting us in the trip.





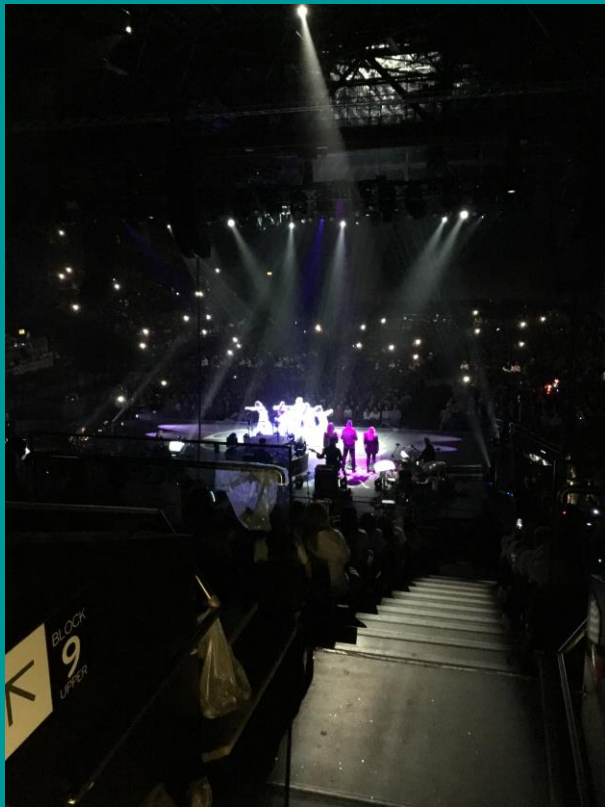
Speedwell Class



Speedwell have had a great term. They have really enjoyed learning the songs for Young Voices and had an amazing day in Birmingham, where they got to sing with 5,000 children from all over the country.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the books we have been reading in English this half term: 'Baker by the Sea' and 'The Crown'.

We have been learning street dance in PE and taking time to relax in a Friday afternoon's PE with Yoga.





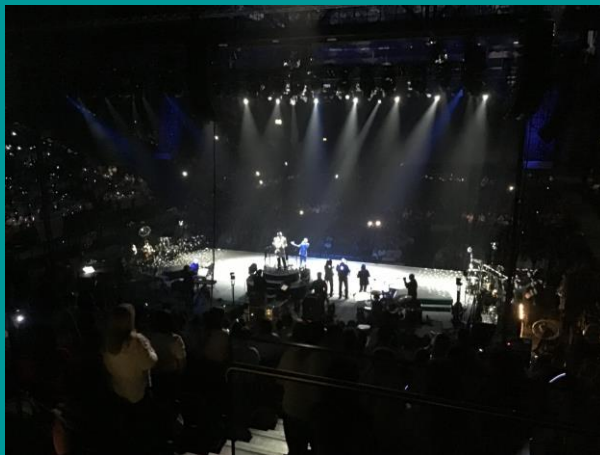
Foxglove Class



Foxglove have had a fun term to start off 2025! We really enjoyed our trip to Young Voices and getting to experience singing alongside so many other schools. We also enjoyed learning all about the Ancient Greeks from their Gods to their legacies. The class has especially loved creating lots of different landscape pictures in Art using a range of different mediums from ink to water colours or even both.

We look forward to having just as much fun next term!





Thank-you!

Our online donation portal for the Christingle raised £24.12 for the Children's Society.

ELSA News



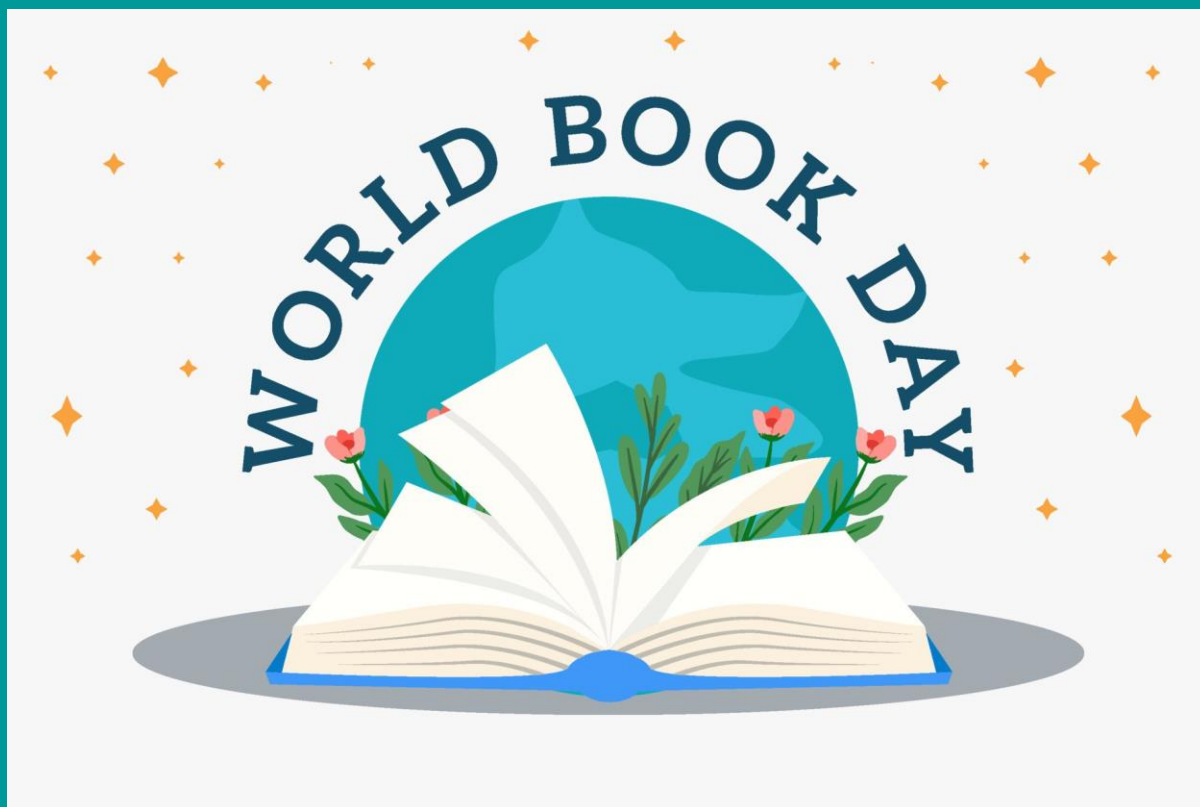
Well, it's been a very short term, but I've managed to welcome some new children into the ELSA room and spend some time getting to know them.

I recently went on a training course in Gloucester called 'A sense of belonging' which was eye opening and has given me lots of ideas and tools to continue making sure all our children feel they are worthy and belong to St Briavels Parochial CoE Primary School.

Some children have been looking at self-esteem this term and something small I encourage children to do with their grown ups before they go to bed, is to think of 3 good things that happened during their day and discuss them with you.....it could be anything from a school trip, playing a great game at break time to it being chocolate cake day at lunchtime.

Mrs Hill

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). There will also be a baking competition and bake sale - details to follow.

We are keen to stress that we do not want you to spend a great deal of money on your childrens' costumes, please do share resources!

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

Malvern Afterschool Gardening Club (weekly club each Friday, starting 28th February – pick up time 4:20pm). All children welcome but KS1 children must be accompanied by an adult

Thur 6 March – World Book Day (details to follow)

Wed 12 March – Maths Morning (parents invited to visit classrooms at 9am for 30 mins of Maths activities).

13-19 March - Book Fair in School

Wed 2 April School Photos - class and leavers

Fri 11 April – Easter Service (details to follow)

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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Term Time		Holidays	
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