

# St Briavels Parochial C of E Primary School Newsletter

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## Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

During the summer term we had a period of consultation with our staff, governors and families to consider our vision which I am now proud to share with you. A sense of nurture and compassion and desire for all children to succeed shone through many of the responses we received and from these sentiments, we have written our new vision for all.

Whilst, as a Church of England federation, we root our vision in theology, I hope that whatever your beliefs, you are able to recognise the work we do in school in these words:

Love, Learn, Live

Love is at the centre of our federation with the importance of developing the whole child at the heart of all we do.



As a nurturing, inclusive community we enable and engage all to grow, flourish and succeed; discovering a love for one another, for learning and for life.

We seek to inspire ambition, courage and respect to give our children the skills they will need to live in a diverse and ever- changing world now and in the future.

Love your neighbour as yourself. Mark 12:31; God is Love 1 John 4:8

Our vision is then underpinned and lived out through our four values: Courage, Compassion, Resilience and Respect. These have not changed and the children are very familiar with them. Our values also underpin our behaviour code and are used to encourage our children to develop positive learning and social behaviours.

At the start of our new school year, we spent valuable time with the children thinking about the new routines, new learning in our new year groups and the new children in our school and classes. Our values truly helped all of us, children and staff to manage this period of change and come to this point in the term feeling like it has always been this way. Like every other term, this term has flown by and so much has been achieved. We can't wait to share these achievements with you during our upcoming parents evenings at the start of next term.

For now though, I wish you all a happy and restful (where it can be) half term break.

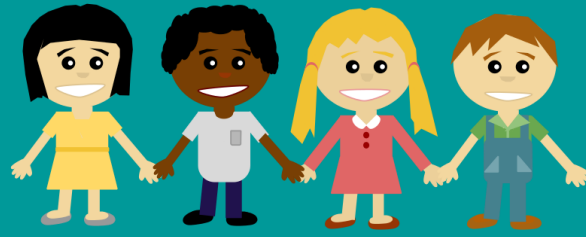
With kindest regards

Natalie Frey

## Sunflowers



What an absolutely wonderful start to the year. The Sunflower children have been amazing, they have settled in to the Sunflower routines so quickly and we have seen such kind behaviour.



## PE with the Pre-school Children





The Pre-school children have been learning so many new skills such as following instructions on how to throw and catch a ball or bean bag, how to use our own space, how to use the school climbing frame safely and how to put socks and shoes back on after.

### Creative Activities

The children have engaged in so many different creative activities and displayed their imagination through playdough, music, paint, cutting and gluing and through cooking apple crumble and science experiments making volcanos









## Bluebell Class

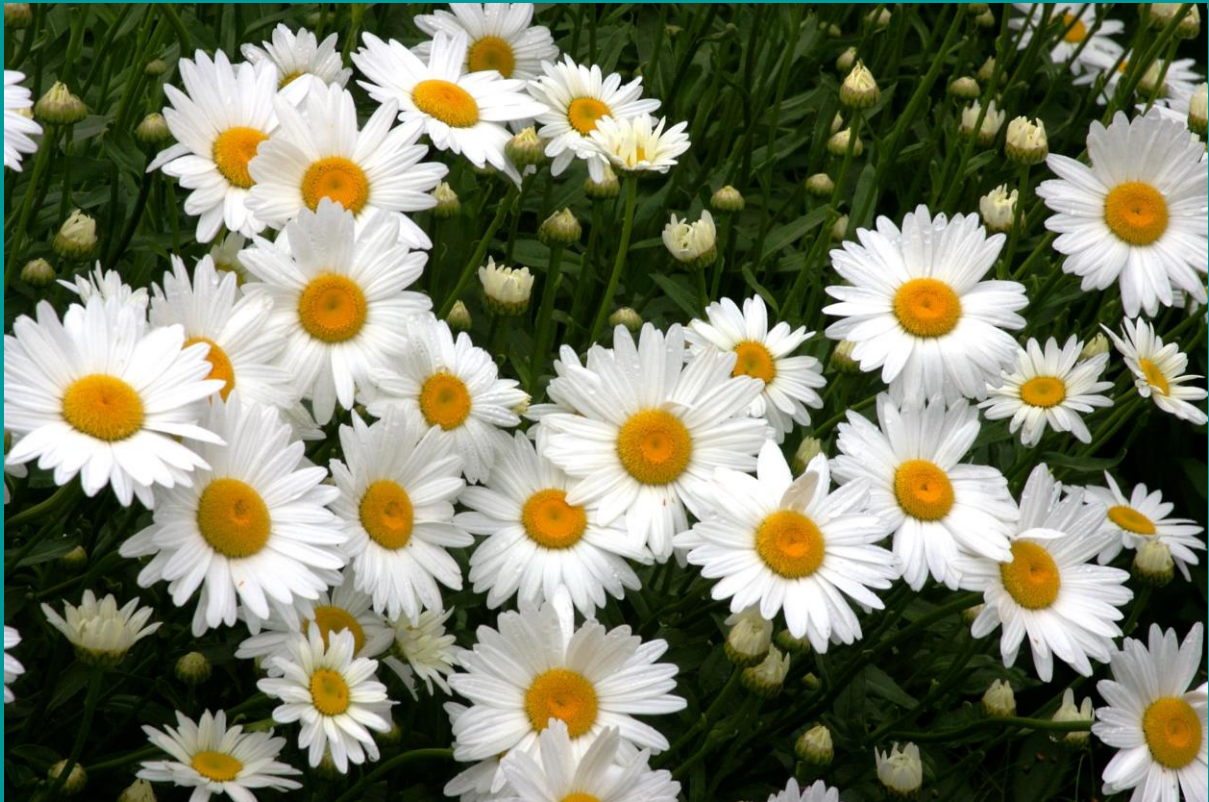


Bluebell Class have been enjoying lots of outdoor learning this term. We have harvested vegetables, planted willow cuttings and thoroughly explored our Forest School. We have been learning about the order of the seasons and the changing weather. The children have collected lots of leaves and petals, looking for different colours in the natural environment and making lion masks. We have also collected seeds from vegetables, flowers and trees, in readiness for Spring.

We would love any of your old books to help keep our reading corner refreshed, so if any of the older children in school are having a clear out of books (in good condition) we would be very grateful to receive them. A big thank you to one family who has already thought of us!



## Daisy Class



What a great start to this academic year all of Daisy class children have had! They are all well settled and busy exploring and learning new things. We have tried to make most of the beautiful weather this autumn and have enjoyed the outdoors as much as possible, doing maths and science activities, taking part in a Rugby taster session and Year 1s also went for an autumnal walk around the village. The children also participated in a drama dance workshop where they practised and performed a rainbow dance with streamers. All of this, as well as working on their phonics, reading, writing, counting, historical knowledge etc. Now it is time to rest a little bit and enjoy the break. We wish you all a happy holiday!











## Poppy Class



Poppy class had the most amazing trip to Stonehenge in tropical temperatures! We were able to investigate the Neolithic huts, try to pull one of the stones, attend a burial and enjoy the stones. A huge thankyou to Mrs Frey, Mrs Morse, Mrs Blair and Mrs Taylor for organising and attending.

I have also been so impressed by the art work created by Poppy class after their visit to the stones. Please pop into the reception area if you would like a closer look.

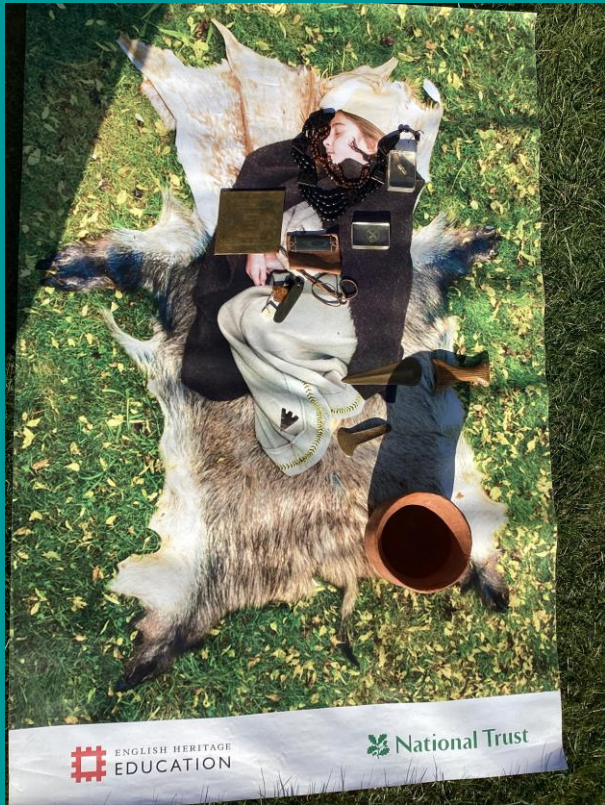
We are very lucky to have 2 student teachers in Poppy class. Their names are Miss George and Miss Anderson and will be with us until early December.

Mrs Kear.













## Speedwell Class

Speedwell class has had an action packed start to the school year. From a great start with our book character day to drama, tag rugby & music workshops. They've adapted well to the new expectations of the year and I've been so impressed by how well everyone has settled into our new class.

We've also been getting stuck in to our class book the borrowers and trying our hand at different forms of poetry. In History we've been looking at the Anglo-Saxons, discovering not only where they came from but how they dealt with justice. Certainly, in a far harsher way than we do today! Speedwell love art and I have to say I've been increasingly inspired by their manga they have created on different animal poems.

I've attached below some pictures of the different activities Speedwell and the rest of the school has been getting up to!









## Foxglove Class



Foxglove Class have had a lovely start to the year. This term we have enjoyed a drama session, tag rugby and dressing up as our favourite book characters. All have settled well into Foxglove Class and are now used to our new routines.

In English, we have created some super poems about emotions based on the book bottled and adventure narratives about a Viewer from the book The Viewer. In History we have been learning

about the Anglo Saxons, where they came from how they changed the religion of the country and introduced a justice system.

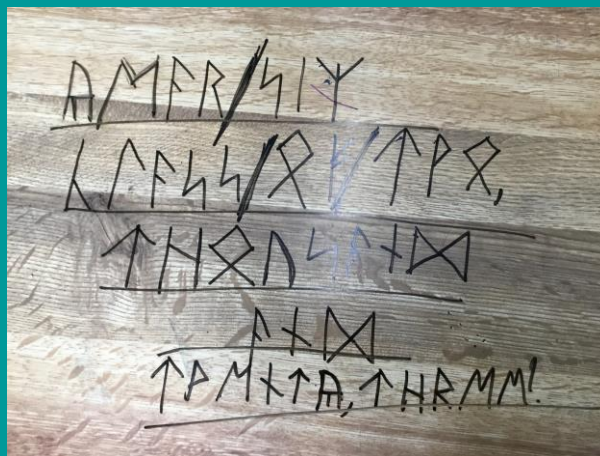
The children have had great fun learning about and creating Typography on maps. In PE we have been learning Bollywood dance and the children put together some super dances.

Hope you all have a restful half term and look forward to seeing after the break for another fun packed term.

Mrs Critchley



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## Sporting Updates



This half term children from Year 5 and 6 have taken part in a number of sporting activities.

A team of Year 5 and 6 boys took part in a football tournament and played some super football and grew as a team as the morning went on.

A team of 11 boys and girls took part in a cross country event at Five Acres. The children all showed off their running abilities and some beat their time from last year.

Next up was a team of 6 Year 6's took part in a Hockey tournament at Newent School and they finished 3rd overall. Again the children showed great teamwork and improvement across the afternoon.

Finally a mixed team of Year 5 and 6 girl took part in a girls football tournament, for some of the team it was their first ever experience of playing football. The girls showed great resilience and improvement as the morning went on.







## ELSA News



It was lovely to welcome back children in the ELSA room after the summer and has been lovely to get to know some new children.

Children have continued to learn about recognising emotions in themselves and understand how much certain emotions can affect our bodies and how we can help ourselves when we have strong emotions.

We have found that using 'I statements' have been an effective way of children communicating their wants and needs after struggling to manage their emotions before. I have put a link to a helpful website with an explanation and guidance on how to use them. It comes with a great visual aid for children to use. It can also be great for parents to use to let children know how we're feeling too!

<https://constructiveparenting.com/blog-i-statements-child-therapist-and-parenting-counselor-charlotte-nc/>

Mrs Hill



# I STATEMENTS

A Simple Tool to Help  
Kids and Parents Be Heard

## I FEEL



sad



worried



ashamed



tired



angry



jealous



hurt



scared

**BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_ HAPPENED**

(NAME THE SITUATION)

## I NEED



A hug



You to listen  
and try to  
understand



A snack  
or a drink



Alone time  
to calm  
down



Help  
Breathing



You to  
remind me  
you love me



Help safely  
releasing my big  
energy



Help Fixing the  
Problem

## Parking Request



Please can we request that parents and carers refrain from using the spaces marked “Buses” and “Disabled” (unless of course they are in possession of a Blue Badge) when dropping off and collecting children from school. The bus bays are specifically in place to assist the taxi firms in getting a number of children onto and off of the school site safely.

Additionally, it has been observed that some parents/carers are continuing to park over the solid white lines and across dropped kerbs which poses a safety risk for our families trying to get across the road.

We do appreciate that parking has been and continues to be very tricky at each end of the day but it is very important that our pupils and their families can get to and from school without incident.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

## Thank You

Our Ground Force Day at the beginning of this term was phenomenal and so many of you came along to support us with your skills and enthusiasm. We'd like to say a big thank you to each and every one of you for supporting us but have some special thanks for:

The PTA and particularly Emily Matthews who worked so hard to get a big donation of materials from Jewson's.

Jewson's for their very generous donations towards our Ground Force Day. Much appreciated!

Richard Sharp (Emily's dad) for sourcing and refurbishing the blinds in our school hall.



We are truly grateful for all that was achieved on that day.



2 - *Jewson Building Materials*

## Piano lessons



Tracey Gwynne our piano teacher has space for a piano lesson. If you are interested, contact her at:

[gwynne905@btinternet.com](mailto:gwynne905@btinternet.com)

## Dates for your diaries

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

- Thursday 26 October - Foxglove Class Cake Sale 3:20pm
- Monday 6 November - Reception 2024 Intake Tours
- Wednesday 8 November - Reception 2024 Intake Tours
- Thursday 9 November - "Rags to Riches" collection day
- Monday 13 November - Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm
- Wednesday 15 November - Parents Evening 3:30-6:30pm
- Friday 17 November - R-Y2 Pantomime Trip, Drill Hall
- Tuesday 21 November - Individual and Sibling Photographs (Sunflowers to Year 6)

- Wednesday 22 November - Phonics Morning (R & Year 1)
  - Thursday 23 November - Flu Immunisations (R to Year 6)
  - Saturday 25 November - Christmas Fayre
  - Wednesday 29 November - Reading Morning (Years 2 to 6)
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- Wednesday 6 December - Evening Choir Concert
  - Friday 8 December - Christmas Jumper Day
  - Wednesday 13 December - KS1/KS2 Nativity & Performances 2:00pm and 6:00pm
  - Friday 15 December - Y3-6 Pantomime Trip, Savoy Theatre
  - Friday 15 December - Early Years Nativity (Bluebell: Reception & Sunflowers 2:00pm)
  - Wednesday 20 December - Christmas Lunch
  - Thursday 21 December Christingle Services – St Briavels Church - Year 3 to 6 from 9:00am, Year R to 2 from 10:30am

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

## Term Dates 2023-2024

There is a downloadable version of this on our website at:

[https://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk/web/term\\_dates/372930](https://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk/web/term_dates/372930)

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<b>Term Time</b>		<b>Holidays</b>	
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