

# 89 St Briavels Parochial C of E Primary School Newsletter

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## Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

It only seems like yesterday that I was welcoming children back to school in September and now we're at the end of the academic year. This time of year is always full with goodbyes and this year has been no different.

As I write, the Year 6 children are having their shirts signed around the school and loving every minute. this morning we had our leavers service and I shared some words with them that I will also share here:

Very occasionally, you get a very special class come through a school, a class that captures your heart and that you love wholly.

Year 6, you are one of those classes. You are all without exception respectful, kind, compassionate, exceptional young people. Young people I have had the privilege of getting to know and watch flourish over the past couple of years. You have made me smile, you've made me laugh, you've very occasionally made me frown, you've made me want to protect you and you've also made me cry because the thought of you leaving today makes my heart heavy.

But, I know that this is the right time. You've outgrown our school, you're ready for the next steps in life.

So, Year 6, as you move on from us today, go and embrace every opportunity that comes your way, be courageous, try new things, get even better at the things you love and be resilient with those you don't. Keep learning. You have learnt so much from us and we have learnt so much from you. Remember every day of your life will be a new journey, sometimes things will go according to plan and sometimes they won't and that's ok.

And know, that St Briavels will always be here for you, in your memories and I hope in your hearts, just as you will always be in ours. Our class of 2023.

We have a number of children moving to new schools as well as our Year 6 children, I would like to wish them all the luck in the world as they move on from St Briavels and start in pastures new.

We say goodbye to Mrs Woods who moved from St Bs to Redbrook at the start of this year. I'd like to say thank you to her for all she has done for us at St Briavels, Redbrook and the federation as a whole. I just know she is going to love her new job teaching adults in the community maths.

We also say goodbye to:

Mrs Davies who has been working with one of our Year 6 children over the past few years. She has been such a wonderful addition to our support team and we can't thank her enough for all she has done.

Mrs Crompton, who left us a few weeks ago to take up a new post as a TA in Westbury. Again Mrs Crompton has worked with some of our Year 6 children at Redbrook, in Daisy class and supported many at lunch times. She too made such a great contribution to our support team and we're ever grateful for all she has done.

Mrs Lypynska, our Ukrainian support teaching assistant. Sadly we will no longer be funded for her support in September and with a heavy heart, we are saying goodbye. She has been a wonderful link for our Ukrainian children and families and we will miss her very much.

We are so hugely blessed in our school to have an amazing staff team and I want to thank each and every one of them here at St Briavels. They are incredible and the school wouldn't be what it is without them. They give so much for the children and I am deeply grateful for all that they do.

That then just leaves me to say a huge thank you to you, our families for all of your support this year and the generous gifts and cards you have sent in over the past few days. We never expect anything but it is always lovely to receive your thanks.

Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 6th September ready for a new school year.

With kindest regards

Natalie Frey

## Sunflowers



## Monkey Puzzle

The Sunflower children were extremely creative for the St Briavels carnival. The children made individual monkeys, a large elephant, the butterfly life cycle, birds, bugs and many more animals found in the Monkey Puzzle story book.

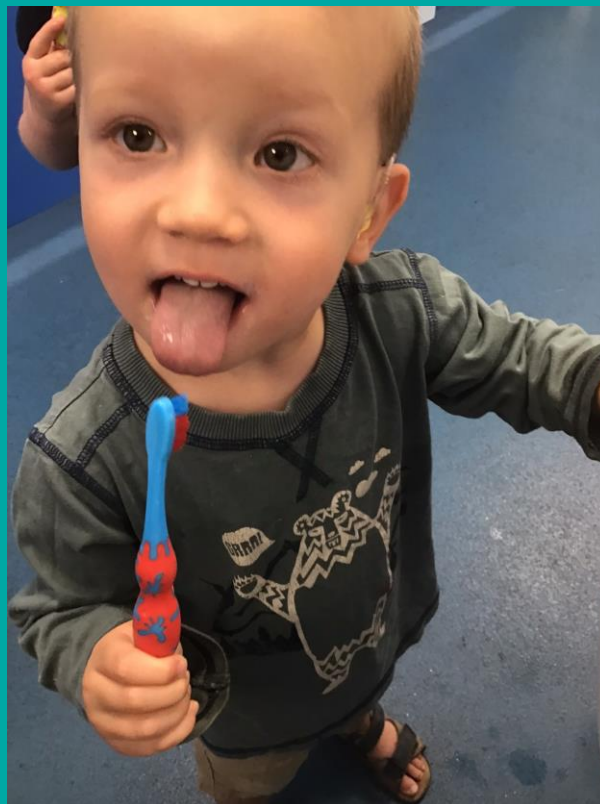
The children won 1st prize in the float category and won the Edward Page memorial cup.

Unfortunately we were all so busy on the float we have not got any photos to add to the news letter.

## Keeping Healthy



*1 - This term we have been teaching the children how to stay healthy; which foods and drinks are good for us, how to clean our teeth, and have a shower or bath and how important it is to exercise and rest.*



## Caterpillars and Butterflies



*2 - We have been very lucky to watch 7 caterpillars grow, turn into chrysalises then into butterflies.*

*The children were able to hold the butterflies, showing care and respect, before releasing them into the Sunflower garden.*



## Sports Day



*3 - The Sunflower children displayed their ability, courage and determination to give many different sports a try, when joining Bluebells in their sports day.*



## Bluebell Class



Congratulations to Bluebell Class on completing their sponsored bike ride! It was a very soggy affair but the children persevered and did themselves proud. Thank you to all the parents who have sponsored their children and thank you for supporting us by bringing in their bikes and scooters each week.



## Daisy Class



Summer term in Daisy Class has been about making the most of the outdoors. The children have had lots of fun at Forest School each week, playing together and exploring the nature - whatever the weather. Everyone had a fabulous time at the Sports Day and we loved the Zumbathon morning too! We have even managed to sneak in some reading time in the sunshine!







## Poppy Class

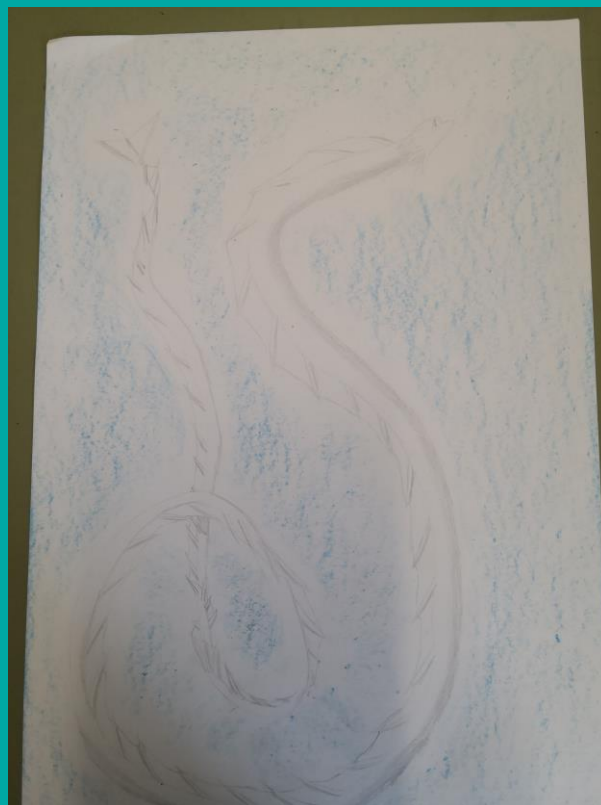


Poppy class have had such a busy term. We have really enjoyed doing our work based on the book "The Boy Who Grew Dragons". We have created some amazingly detailed dragon eyes out of clay and also produced some very exciting dragon pictures.

It has been an absolute pleasure to teach Poppy class this year and I will really miss them. A huge thank you to Mrs Morse, Mrs Harris and all the wonderful parents and carers for their support.

Hope you all have an awesome Summer.

Mrs Kear.





## Speedwell Class

Speedwell's last term has really been action packed!

From guitar concerts to sports day, I have to say my class has risen to every challenge. Even those unexpected ones like the projector failing in the middle of our performance. I cannot be prouder of the resilience Speedwell has grown into this year.

In English this term, we wrote newspaper articles about the crash of the airship 'Dragonfly' from the book Cogheart. We have also begun to look at balanced arguments in relation to our author study Neil Gaiman and whether we recommend people read his books or not.

Science this term has involved Animals including Humans. Year 5 have studied how our bodies change as we age with a focus on our bones while Year 4 looked at food chains and webs and the differences between predators, prey and producers.

Congratulations are also owed to Year 4 for completing their Times Table check this term and their results have shown the hard work they have put in.

I would like to wish both those returning to Speedwell next year and those moving on a lovely summer.

Mr Ford

## Foxglove Class



Wow!! How have we come to the end of the Year. What a final term it has been!!!

In English we have written balanced arguments following reading the book *The Boy in the Girls Bathroom* as a text. The Year 5's went on to write acrostic poems from *The Lost Words* book and Year 6's have written autobiographies.

Science this term has been Animals including Humans. Year 5 have created fact files about lifecycles of humans and conducted experiments linked to bone density. Year 6 have been looking at microorganisms, how they spread and classifying animals.

PE this term has been netball and different sports activities.

The year 6's had a lovely morning at the cathedral for their leavers service and a very wet and soggy day at West Midlands Safari Park both of which they did with huge smiles on their faces and giggles by all.

I would like to say well done to all the children who have worked so hard this year and have made me feel so welcome.

A huge congratulations to Year 6 for completing your SATS and I wish you all the best for September at your new schools. You will all be greatly missed.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer.

Mrs Critchley





## Year 6's Final Weeks

The Year 6's have had a great final couple of weeks at St Briavels. A very wet and soggy day at West Midlands Safari Park and An Evening with Year 6.

At West Midlands Safari Park the Year 6's enjoyed a trip around the world looking at animals with the Giraffes and Lionesses being a keen favourite. We then went into the Safari Park and enjoyed the rides. The monkey rollercoaster being a firm favourite all round.

We then enjoyed a great evening with the parents where a very competitive game of rounders took place. With the adults narrowly beating the children. The children then got their own back in a parents against children football match. A super evening was enjoyed by all.





## ELSA News



It has been lovely watching some of the children's emotional literacy grow over the year and their understanding of how everyday experiences and events can change our feelings and emotions. Children have learnt things ranging from recognising emotions in ourselves and others, having a greater understanding of emotional vocabulary, what qualities make up a good friend, having better self-esteem, understanding what our body does when we feel different emotions, knowing how to help ourselves when we have strong emotions and much more.



Some of the children have been learning how to communicate effectively when they are having strong feelings by naming the emotion they are feeling, why they are feeling that way and what they need to make them feel better. i.e. *I feel sad because I had an argument with my friend, I need a hug.* This way, we as adults can help our children get through these strong emotions together.

I hope everyone has a lovely summer and takes some time for themselves to relax!

Mrs Hill

## Volunteer Tea Party

Poppy class were very privileged to host the volunteer tea party. We have so many amazing volunteers and they enable the school to flourish and for the children to enjoy so many wonderful opportunities. A huge thankyou to Mr Keen for donating some delicious cakes and Tesco for their support with ingredients.

A big thank you to the choir for finishing off the tea party with a fantastic performance.







## Zumbathon

Jo Davies kindly gave up her morning last week to run a sponsored Zumbathon in school to raise funds for a new hall floor. We invited children to dress up as zany as they would like and a great time was had by all.

Our total raised stands at £596 – thank you to our families for their support with this and a big thank you to Jo and her Zumba team!



## Ukraine Day

We have been very fortunate to have Svitlana Lypynska in our school this year to support our Ukrainian children. She has been integral in making those children feel safe, happy and to thrive in our school. To celebrate her time with us we enjoyed a fabulous Ukraine day. The children all dressed up in blue and yellow, Svitlana and the children shared their experiences of living in the Ukraine and we also tried some Borscht which was delicious.

Svitlana, Iryna, Svitlana, Christina, Dasha, Elif and Veronica all led us in a traditional Ukrainian dance and to round off we all busted out moves to the Eurovision winning song from last year.

Olga very kindly made some traditional potato pancakes for us to try and they were scrumptious.

This was a wonderful way to celebrate Svitlana's time with us and we wish her all the best for the future.





## Choir Trip



Let me introduce you to our choir. This photo of 30-ish happy children is from the hugely successful trip to Cardiff to see Annie last week. These children have blossomed together as a team as their skills and confidence have grown. Only a couple of months ago when asked who wanted a solo in our new songs there were a fair few who were happy to remain in the back half of the group and let the usual suspects fill their boots... fast forward to this week and every single one of them wanted a line to sing on their own. They were biting my hand off to get more than one!

I can not express how proud the choir team are of these kids. Even with no pianist to lead them at the end of term family showcase they threw themselves into their performance and sang and acted their hearts out. No mean feat. These sort of life skills will be hugely beneficial in a host of ways as they navigate the years ahead of them. It's not just about the singing.....

So a big thank you to all of them for having the courage and resilience to get up in front of an audience and be the best they can be every time they perform.

Thank you Mrs Frey for supporting us in this project and to Mr Ford for letting us have his classroom for rehearsals.

I leave you with a mixture of sadness to say goodbye to the fantastic year 6s as they head off to their secondary schools and excitement to welcome our enthusiastic new recruits in September!

PS We've signed up for Young Voices 2024 (the largest children's choir in the world!). All the information on this will be coming out shortly but it is VERY exciting....

Claire, Jo, Charlotte and Olivia x

## Thank You

We would like to thank Rob and Sam Keen from Keen's Kitchen for donating all of the ice lollies for the sports day and for the boxes of cereal for the children's snack.

Thank you to Annie Tyhurst for giving us her time and skills in her music sessions.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Deacon for the donation of the caterpillars.

Thank you to the parents who donated their time helping with the creations for the carnival float, dressing the carnival float and dismantling it.

Thank you to Darren Wasley for driving our Sunflower float.

## Dates for your diaries

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

- Friday July 21st - last day of term
- Monday Sept 4th INSET
- Tuesday Sept 5th INSET
- Wednesday Sept 6th - first day of term
- Monday 11th September (tbc) Bluebell Class welcome meeting
- Tuesday 12th September (tbc) Poppy class welcome meeting
- Wednesday 13th September (tbc) Speedwell class welcome meeting
- Wednesday 13th September Roald Dahl day
- Thursday 14th September (tbc) Daisy class welcome meeting
- Monday 18th September (tbc) Foxglove class welcome meeting
- From Sept 12th, Foxglove swim lessons (7 weeks)

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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