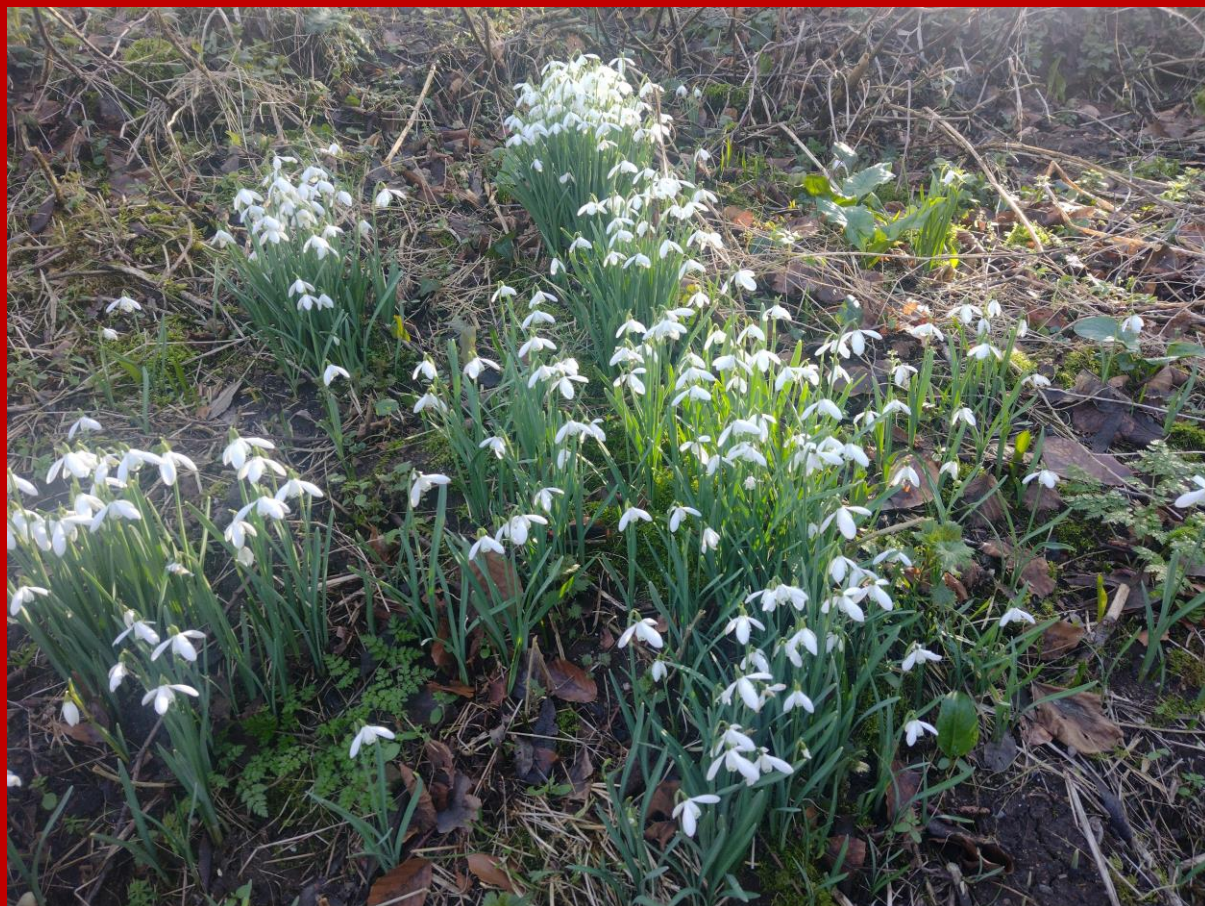




## Redbrook C of E Primary Newsletter

No 104 February 12th 2026

## Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

This term in our worships, we have been thinking about how being resilient can help us to achieve more. We have learnt about a range of people who have all shown great resilience in their personal stories, from Malala to Harry Kane and a host of other people whose stories have inspired many. We have thought about how being resilient is like being a bouncy ball that springs back up after being dropped, or being strong enough to "bounce back" from tough times. We also know that keeping going when things are tricky is important as that helps us to learn. A key feature of many of the stories we have heard is that we must work hard and never give up hope. Resilience is one of our school values and we work to develop this in all of our children as we know that it will aid them greatly not only in school but in life beyond our school doors.

This week, we have also thought about Children's Mental Health week in our classrooms. The theme this year is belonging and what that means to children. With 41 children now being in our school, belonging is all the more important to us and we want our children to feel that they belong to our school community where they are loved, respected and celebrated for being themselves.

Part of our wider community is our wonderful PTA who work hard to raise funds and put on events for our children and families. We are always grateful for all they do and give back to the school – thank you to all that are involved, I am truly grateful of your support.

At the end of last term, I sent out an online safety update to all families, I hope it was useful. As we head into the holidays again, if you need any support around online safety please take a moment to look back at this letter as in it there were many websites and groups that can help you if needed. We are also happy to help in school too – do reach out to us. There will be a further update for you before Easter.

As I write this, the sun has finally come out from behind the clouds and it is a beautiful afternoon. It reminds me of the brighter days to come and whilst the forecast next week is not ideal, I hope you are able to have a good break.

I look forward to seeing everyone back in school for term 4.

Natalie Frey

Executive Headteacher

## Robin Class

What a fun and busy first half term of the year! The children have settled back into their routines brilliantly.

Year 2, along with Year 3, have enjoyed exploring the texts 'Grandad's Camper' and 'If all the world were'. They've done some fantastic writing to describe the characters, using expanded noun phrases, prepositions and commas in a list. They enjoyed writing their own sequel stories to 'Grandad's Camper', demonstrating the key skills they had learnt!

In Maths, Year 2 have enjoyed learning all about money. They have discovered the many ways they can make £1, as well as adding pounds and pence. Some children enjoyed a trip to the Redbrook shop, to buy ingredients for wrap 'taste testing' that afternoon. They had a £10 budget and enjoyed seeing what items they could buy, and working out the change they would be given!

Computing has been a big hit this half term, with a focus on programming. Both Years 1 and 2 have been busy coding and de-bugging, to make sure their programme has worked effectively. In Music, they have enjoyed learning about a range of percussion instruments and finding out the difference between the beat and rhythm. They recently made their own 'rhythm grids', to play to their friends using claves.

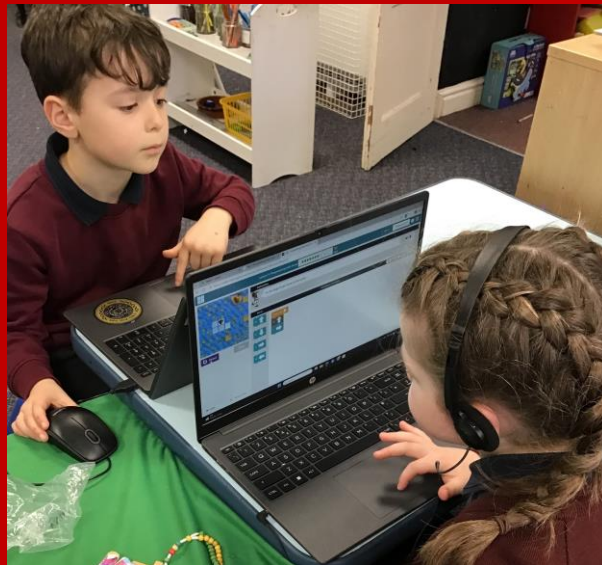
Reception and Year 1 have enjoyed reading and acting out 'Max's Adventures'. They've drawn and written about his adventures, described where they like to go on a walk and talked about how Max felt when he went back home. The magnetic tiles have been a firm favourite with the children this half term, and they have used them in a multitude of ways - ramps, sky scrapers and garages being a few! The children have also enjoyed experimenting with ice and learning about why it melts. They tested different objects to see which float and which sink.

We hope you have a lovely half term break!

Best wishes,

Miss Marfell and Miss Taylor











## Kingfisher Class

Another very busy half term! We started the New Year with a bang and some exciting news from me! A big thank you to everyone for their kind words, thoughts, support and understanding – it is very much appreciated.

January seems to have flown by this year. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their History topic; Egyptians. We've enjoyed learning about Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs, writing our own names and codes to be cracked, as well as learning about the pharaohs, mummification and their gods. We even played a mummy game, wrapping one another in toilet paper – not like the Egyptians did it at all! It has also linked to our most recent English text. Inspired by this, Y4, 5 and 6 have been learning to use appropriate grammar and vocabulary necessary for fantastic stories about 'The Curse of Tutankhamun'.

The children have also been enjoying our music topic this half term; rhythm grids. We've loved using different body percussion as well as a range of percussion instruments, creating our own rhythms and recording them with symbols. We worked in different pairs, groups and as a whole to explore texture, layering different rhythms on top of one another.



This half term in worship, we've been focusing on our school value 'resilience'. We included this in our well-being sessions and looked at the song, 'The Roses of Success' from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang! The children created their own 'roses of success', thinking about what is resilience and what helps us to be resilient.

Finally, a big well done to our Year 6s who sat another set of practice SATs in preparation for May.

I hope you all have a wonderful week off and we look forward to everyone's return on Monday 23rd February.

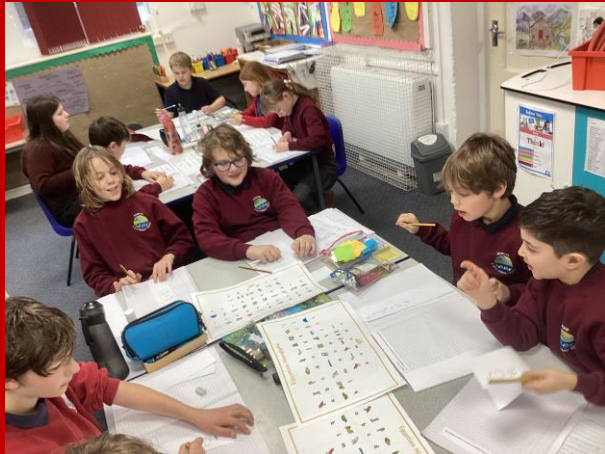
All the best,

Miss Chambers











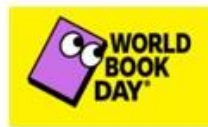








## World Book Day



March is nearly upon us and that can only mean one thing - World Book Day is just around the corner! On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating all things reading and books.

We invite the children and staff to come to school dressed up either as book characters or in their favourite comfy reading clothes.



At WFF, we also have a tradition of inviting children to get creative in sharing their favourite books and we love that this often gets the whole family involved! This year, the challenge is to create a **'Book in a Jar'**. One jar, one story – nothing else. Get creative!

Here are a few examples for inspiration!



## Family Pig Race Night

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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.



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!

## St Briavels School Hall

## Friday 6th March

## 5:30-8:30

If you would like to attend, please email your food choices and/or pig name to [ntaylor@st-briavels.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto: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.

Ham Solo

Sir Oinksalot

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Friends of Redbrook School (FORS)

- The annual Easter egg hunt and Toy swap sale will return on Thursday 19th March at 3.20pm. Please accompany your children if they wish to take part. As part of encouraging children to reuse and recycle we will be holding a toy swap sale alongside. Please bring any items you wish to swap or even donate on the day. Any donations left over will be given to a local charity shop.
- Board game after school club will be back on Thursday 26th March 3.20-4.45pm. This club is run by Smarties board game club. This is an unaccompanied event so no need to collect after school. Children will be given a snack before the games begin at 3.30pm. Please sign up no later than the 19th March to the school office bringing the correct change only. This



event is subsidised by FORS and costs £3.50 per child or £6 if you have siblings at the school.

- Happy to share that the crafts made at Christmas craft club profited £45, as always money used will go towards events and equipment for the children.
- Family quiz night date TBC ( after Easter hols) An evening for the whole family to enjoy with a fun quiz and dinner.
- Save the date ! The school fete will be returning on the playground on Saturday 11th July 12-2pm

**Thank you!**



Many thanks to Halls Charity, who have donated £250 to us to enable us to buy new books.  
Thank-you!



Thank you to The Outdoor Guide Foundation who have donated 10 sets of waterproofs and wellies for our children to use in their outdoor activities. Thank you!



## Dates For Your Diaries

Please check emails home for more details about events. Please note dates may change.

**LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 13 Feb**

**FIRST DAY OF TERM - Mon 23 Feb**

**Fri 27 Feb - Years 1 & 2 Bristol Aerospace Trip** (children to be dropped off at and collected from St Briavels School)

**Thurs 5 March World Book Day** (more info to follow)

**Fri 6 Mar - In The Net trip** (info sent to those involved)

**Fri 6 Mar - 5.30-8.30pm, Pig Race** at St Briavels School in aid of Malvern Garden project

**Thurs 19th Mar, 3.20pm - Easter egg hunt and Toy swap sale**

**Fri 20 Mar - Federation Malvern Day** - all staff and children at St Briavels School that day (more info to follow)

**Thurs 26th March 3.20-4.45pm - Board game after school club**

**LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 27 Mar**

**FIRST DAY OF TERM - Mon 13 April**

**Wed 22 April - Class Photographs**

**Save the date! Sat 11th July 12-2pm School fete!**

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 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/363933](https://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk/web/term_dates/363933)

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