



Frogwell Primary School & Complex Needs Resource Base

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Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

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Attendance

The top attending classes this week were:

1. **Jeffers Class 98.3%**
2. **Lewis Class 97.6%**
3. **Rosen Class 95.9%**

The highest attending class (or classes!) each week wins extra playtime or another activity chosen by the class. We also have a bigger class prize/reward at the end of each term for the class that has the highest attendance overall for that term, and one for the whole year! The winning class at the end of Term 2 was Zephaniah Class. Please remember to report all absences via email at attendance@frogwell.wilts.sch.uk or using the online form embedded into the school website at www.frogwell.co.uk.

Please can parents of children in Potter and McKee Classes (Resource Base) remember that Class Dojo should not be used to report absences – you need to use the standard absence reporting email / online form to ensure the messages are getting through to the right people quickly.

Car park / taxi area

We are aware that there have been quite a few issues lately with adults becoming angry with each other about parking.

Taxi lane / drop off lane

I need to clarify for everyone that the taxi drop-off area can be used for two purposes only:

1. "Drop and go" – this means you pull in and your passenger gets straight out and you drive off, no waiting or leaving the car
2. Wiltshire Council SEN transport (for our school this is currently all taxis) – these vehicles are allowed to park up in the drop-off lane, and in fact they need to do this. Some of these cars need to park in a specific spot on the drop-off lane to be able to use wheelchair ramps or meet children's needs. This needs to be respected by other car park users.

No-one other than Council SEN transport should be parking in the drop-off/taxi lane, even if they have a blue badge.

Blue badge parking

We have two dedicated disabled parking spaces. The disabled parking spaces must only be used by registered blue badge holders where the person the badge is for is exiting the vehicle. The badge must be displayed. The disabled spaces are not supposed to be used if the person who the badge is for stays in the car.

The guidance on blue badge use is clearly stated here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-blue-badge-scheme-rights-and-responsibilities-in-england/the-blue-badge-scheme-rights-and-responsibilities-in-england#who-can-use-the-badge>

Open Classrooms

Our next Open Classrooms sessions will be on **Monday 20th January** and **Wednesday 19th March**, from the end of school **until 15.40**. Parents and Carers need to be leaving the classrooms at 15.40 as the teachers have other meetings and commitments to get to straight after these sessions. We will ring the hand bell down the corridors to signal the end of the session! If you have children in multiple classes, please can we ask that you are mindful not to arrive in the last child's class too late because the teachers cannot extend the time after 15.40 – you may need to go to the different classes on different days over time rather than visiting several on the same day.

Reminder about playtime snacks

Children are allowed to bring in a snack to eat at morning playtime. For many children, a snack is a good idea as growing children can get very hungry and this can affect concentration levels. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 nationally receive a free piece of fruit or veg each day from the government scheme, but these are fairly small so can be supplemented by parents if you know your child needs more. Key Stage 2 snacks need to be provided from home as there is no government scheme for the older pupils.

We are aiming for a common-sense approach, with the key being to keep it as healthy as possible and no chocolate, sweets or crisps.

Snack guidelines

We suggest:

- Fresh fruit and vegetables should be the most common snack, with other items from the list below occasionally rather than daily (any kind of fruit, carrot sticks, celery sticks, halved cherry tomatoes etc)
- Basic plain cereal bars
- Plain breadsticks
- Oat cakes or unsalted rice cakes
- Cubes of cheese / Babybel cheese
- Dried fruit such as raisins or dried apricots are allowed but are not recommended every day as they are higher in sugar than fresh fruit

Crisps, pastries, chocolate-coated biscuits, chocolate bars, sweets, fruit wind-ups should not be brought for morning snack as they are much higher in salt / fat / sugar.

Popular snacks like School Bars, Yoghurt Fruit Flakes, Fruit Strings, Fruit Winders and Bear YoYos claim they count as "one of your five a day". However, experts warn their high sugar content means they should be seen as an alternative to sweets rather than as an alternative to fresh fruit, with some having as much sugar as a Mars Bar. They are much worse for children's teeth than standard fruit and we do not think they should be eaten for morning snack at school.

We encourage parents, wherever possible, to use reusable containers for snacks rather than single use pots and packaging; this helps cut down on rubbish and litter at school as well as being more environmentally sustainable. Please ensure snack boxes are labelled with your child's name. Pre-prepared fruit pots are also a much more expensive way to buy fruit (for example, a single 100g pot of sliced apple from Tesco is £1.35, while a pack of 5 large whole apples is £1.70, with some varieties available for only £1.09 and £1.49 for five).

Parent Pond news

The Parent Pond has been nominated for the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme!

This means from January 13th until the end of March, you can vote for us using the blue tokens in several stores across Chippenham:

- ♀ Frogwell Tesco Express
- ♀ Pewsham Tesco Express
- ♀ Foundry Lane Tesco Express
- ♀ Lyneham Tesco Express
- ♀ Chippenham Central Tesco store

The project with the highest number of votes across our region could receive up to £1500 from the scheme – so please show your support for Frogwell Primary School by grabbing those tokens every time you shop!

See more here: <https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/>



Stronger **TESCO**
Starts. Every little helps.

Children's news



Diary dates for 2024-25

Mon 20th Jan	Open Classrooms 15:15-15:40
Fri 31st Jan	Wiltshire Parent Carer Council coffee morning 9:00 (part of the PINS Project – Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) King-Smith Class school trip to Roman Baths
Mon 10th Feb	Extra TD day Resource Base classes only (school closed to McKee and Potter Class children)
Fri 14th Feb 2025	End of Term 3
Mon 24th Feb	Start of Term 4, children back to school Evening - Dance Festival at Neeld Hall (Halls Class)
Fri 28th Feb	Wiltshire Parent Carer Council coffee morning 9:00 (part of the PINS Project – Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools)
Wed 19th March	Open Classrooms 15:15-15:40
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Mon 31st March	Spring parents' evening 1 (15.30-17.30)
Wed 2nd April	Spring parents' evening 2 (15:45-18:15)
Fri 4th April	End of Term 4
Tues 22nd April	TD day – school closed to children
Wed 23rd April	Start of Term 5, children back to school
Week of 12th May	Year 6 SATs week – no absences will be authorised this week
Fri 23rd May	End of Term 5
Mon 2nd June	TD day – school closed to children
Tues 3rd June	Start of Term 6, children back to school
Wed 23rd July	End of Term 6
Thurs 24th July	TD day, school closed to children

Remaining Teacher Training Day dates for 2024/25

The school will be closed to children on:

- **Mon 10th Feb** (closed for Resource Base only, all mainstream classes at school as normal)
- **Tues 22nd April** (all children)
- **Mon 2nd June** (all children)
- **Thurs 24th July** (all children)



Calling Parents and Carers

**Are you a parent or carer of a child
with SEND?**

Tea, coffee, cake and chat sessions

Your school is taking part in a national project, supported and funded by the Department for Education (DfE) and NHS England (NHSE). This project is called PINS which stands for Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools. Parent carers are key partners in the delivery of the PINS programme and a key objective is to strengthen partnerships between parent carers and schools.

Collaboration with parents and carers is critical to the success of the PINS programme. The Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC) has a team of experts by experience who are parent carers themselves; they are the WPCC PINS team.

The representatives of the WPCC PINS team are friendly, approachable and knowledgeable, and are keen to work with parent carers in schools to provide training, support and information sessions, and help parents learn more about what schools are doing to become more inclusive and to support children,

A representative of the WPCC PINS team will be arranging informal sessions for parent carers in your school. Your child does not need a diagnosis and you do not need to be registered with the WPCC; we want to hear from all parents and carers.

Please join us for free tea, coffee, cake and conversation.



Please see below for details of the next parent carer PINS coffee and chat session for your school

Date

**Friday 31st January
Friday 28th February
Friday 28th March**

Time

**All dates start
at 09:00**

Location

**Frogwell
Primary
School**

**ARE YOU EIGHT YEARS OR OLDER
AND EAGER TO GET ACTIVE?**

JOIN OUR DOORSTEP SPORTS CLUB!

Starting on Friday 17 January

Chippenham Doorstep Sports Club

4.30pm – 6pm, Every Friday
(during term time)

Ladyfield Evangelical Church,
Hungerdown Ln, Chippenham
SN14 0BA

Our **FREE** sports sessions are taking place in locations across Wiltshire, every week.

Sessions are fun, inclusive and everyone is welcome. Find out what is going on in your community now.




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 Ladyfield Evangelical Church

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 Doorway

 Wiltshire Council

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

MULTI SPORTS COURSES

17TH - 20TH FEBRUARY 2025
9AM - 4PM



MONDAY 17TH FEB

Our Popular Inflatable Obstacle Course

TUESDAY 18TH FEB

Team Rubicon, Skateboarding and Scootering

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEB

Multi Sports, Laser Tag and Silent Disco

THURSDAY 20TH FEB

Paul from Baskervilles, Trampolining and Gymnastics



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Hardenhuish Lane
Chippenham
SN14 6RJ



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We offer:

- Financial support with club membership fees for primary school children
- Provision of sports kit, gear and equipment
- Access to a wide network of local clubs - football, netball, hockey, rugby & cricket

Participating clubs 2024

- Chippenham Town Youth FC
- Chippenham Hockey Club
- Chippenham Netball Youth
- Chippenham Cricket Club
- Chippenham Rugby Club

Want to learn more? Contact the club and ask about "Game On"



www.gameoncharity.com



