

Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

15th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Interviews

As you know we have been successful in our recent staffing for our Resource Base with Ms Judd and Mrs Shiles appointed to both positions.

We interviewed last week for staff to fill both teachers' roles and are delighted to say that we have appointed 1 new teacher for one of the positions and have an advert out as we look for another teacher. Please do share the advert with anyone you know who may be interested in teaching in our special school.

We will update you on which classes teachers will be in next year, after half term when we know more about which teachers and TAs will be in which classes. I am feeling very encouraged that we have had some really positive experiences as a staff team. Communication is good and the team are all working hard to give our children the very best experiences both in classes and outside in our playtimes!

SATS week

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 class, many of whom completed their SATS tests this week. I was immensely proud of them all as they tackled the tests with a maturity and sense of calm. Thank you to the rest of the school too, who were all quiet and adaptable around timetables etc. What a long way our lovely Year 6's have come!

Well done to all of you for doing such a fantastic job in your SATs! You've worked really hard, and you should all be very proud of yourselves.

Multiplication Times Table Check – A message from Miss Bates

As we approach the end of Year 4, children will soon be taking part in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). This is a short online check designed to assess children's fluency in recalling times tables up to 12×12 . Regular practice at home can make a big difference, so please continue encouraging your child to use Times Table Rock Stars and other quick-fire recall activities to build confidence and speed. The Soundcheck game on TTRS and the Multiplication Check on Maths Frame are both very similar to the format of the MTC and are excellent ways for children to practise the style and timing of the questions. A parent and carer meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th May from 2:45–3:10pm to explain more about the MTC and answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your continued support.

Grittleton Residential

On Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th April, Year 3 and 4 children went on a one-night residential visit to Grittleton. The children had a brilliant time and experienced body zorbing, low ropes, scooter and skateboards and circus skills. In the evening, they sung silly songs around the campfire and had tasty hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows. The staff were impressed by the children's behaviour, resilience and increased confidence. For many, this was their first night away from home.



I was very pleased to see them all back happy and safe having tried so many different activities! Well done to Year 3 and 4. Thank you to all the teachers and support staff who accompanied them; your time was so valued by us all.

Maths Morning – Monday 18th May

The children are looking forward to another Maths Morning! This is something we hold every term to celebrate how fun and engaging Maths can be, the children thoroughly enjoy exploring a range of exciting activities and challenges. It is wonderful to see their enthusiasm and confidence growing as they work together. This term, each child will be bringing home a Maths activity book, along with a special Maths pencil to keep practising their skills. This is a special gift and not part of their expected homework.

A message from the Children's School Commissioner – Dame Rachel de Souza

As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey, [The Big Future](#).

Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.

Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, The Big Future.

Your students should complete the survey here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. To do that, I need your help.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today. I am asking you to share the survey with all the children, parents and carers in your school or college community. Schools and colleges that achieve high participation rates will receive formal recognition for their contribution to amplifying children's voices and encouraging civic engagement, and a summary of their pupils' responses.

Teacher Development Days 2026-27

We have now decided on our Teacher Development (TD) days for next year. These days are in place to help ensure that our youngest children have a smooth introduction to school life.

Two of these days will take place at the very beginning of the school year, with a further two scheduled around the May half-term holiday. We have planned these dates in response to feedback from parents and carers, to help

families plan ahead and potentially book more affordable breaks away together. The final TD day will take place at the end of the summer term to minimise disruption to learning.

The Teacher Development days are as follows:

- 1st September
- 2nd September
- 27th May
- 28th May
- 23rd July

I do hope that you all have a wonderful weekend. Do remember that there is no school on Friday.

Miss Woods

Diary Dates

Thursday 21 st May	Parent Pond - Spring Disco
Friday 22 nd May	TD Day – School closed to children
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 8 th May – Friday 12 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Timetables Check
Tuesday 9 th June	Murphy Class Assembly
Wednesday 10 th June	Resource Base Longleat Trip
Tuesday 16 th June	Jeffers Class Assembly
Tuesday 23 rd June	King-Smith Class Assembly
Wednesday 24 th June	Welcome to EYFS Meeting 2pm-3pm
Thursday 25 th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 30 th June	Lewis Class Assembly
Wednesday 1 st July	Reports to Parents/Carers
Wednesday 1 st July	Welcome to School Meeting 2pm-3pm
Thursday 2 nd July	EYFS, Year 1 & Year 6 Trip to Palette and Pasture
Thursday 2 nd July	Art Exhibition
Friday 3 rd July	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 3 rd July	Parent Pond – Fun Run
Friday 3 rd July	Art Exhibition
Tuesday 7 th July	Zephaniah Class Assembly
Wednesday 8 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 13 th July	Year 6 Movie Premiere – Whole School Viewing
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Movie Premiere – Parents/Carers
Friday 17 th July	Parent Pond – Summer Party
Monday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers’ Party
Tuesday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd July	TD Day – School closed to children
Thursday 23 rd July – Monday 31 st August	Summer Holidays