

Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Resource Base Staffing Update

We are pleased to share some positive news regarding our Resource Base provision. Ms Judd has been appointed as Interim Resource Base Lead, and Mrs Shiles will be joining as a Resource Base class teacher from September.

Both teachers will be spending time in the Resource Base over the coming weeks to support a smooth transition for the children. Alongside Miss Kennedy and Mrs Ward, they will also be reviewing children's plans, attending relevant meetings, and ensuring strong continuity of provision.

We are currently in the process of appointing a new teacher to take over Ms Judd's current class and will provide further updates as soon as possible.

We are delighted to welcome such experienced staff to our team and look forward to the positive impact they will have.

We are also collecting for a gift for Miss Kennedy as she prepares for her maternity leave. If you would like to contribute, please contact the school office.

New Play Equipment



You may remember that last year The Parent Pond applied for a Tesco Stronger Starts Grant. Thanks to your support—placing your blue tokens in our slot—we were awarded an incredible £1,500. While we didn't take first place, this funding has made a real difference. We've used it to revamp the Resource Base outdoor area, creating a safe, engaging, and inspiring space for our children to explore. We're sure you'll agree it's a fantastic improvement and a space that truly reflects the spirit of Frogwell School.



The staff team and I would like to thank Mr Pierce for putting the equipment together for us.

Parent Pond UV Disco – Get Ready to Glow!

Join us for a fun-filled **Parent Pond UV Disco** on **Thursday 21st May 2026!** Put on your brightest neon and come dance under the UV lights.

Session times:

- **KS1:** 3:30–4:30pm
- **KS2:** 5:00–6:00pm

Tickets are **£2.50 each** and will be available via Classlist.

We can't wait to see everyone glowing on the dance floor!

Uniform Reminder

A quick reminder of our school uniform expectations to help maintain a smart and consistent appearance across the school:

Everyday Uniform:

- Grey skirt or trousers
- Light blue polo shirt
- Royal blue jumper or cardigan
- Plain black shoes

PE Kit:

- White T-shirt
- Black shorts or joggers
- Black hoodie or jumper
- Black trainers

All items should be **plain, without text or logos**, with the exception of the school jumper or cardigan, which can be purchased from our supplier, Gooddies.

Reading and Phonics

In our previous newsletter, we highlighted some of the key benefits of reading with primary-aged children. Building on that, there are even more reasons to make reading together a regular part of your routine. Shared reading not only strengthens language and comprehension skills, but also supports emotional development, sparks imagination, and helps children build confidence in their learning. It's also a valuable opportunity for quality time and meaningful conversation. We encourage all parents and carers to continue supporting their child's reading at home and to make the most of these important benefits.

Mental Health and Wellbeing: Regular reading promotes relaxation and can improve sleep patterns. It builds self-esteem and provides a calm, safe space for children to escape, fostering creativity and imagination.

Future Success: Children who read for pleasure are more likely to have higher-level qualifications and succeed in their future careers, regardless of their background.

Daily Reading Exposure: Children read to daily can be exposed to 290,000 to over a million more words by reception than peers who are not.

Optimal Duration: Research suggests that reading for about 12 hours a week is linked to improved brain structure.

Long-Term Impact: Daily reading in early childhood is linked to better cognitive performance and mental health in adolescence.

Reading as a Bonding Experience:

Reading aloud to children is a powerful tool for building confidence and security, as it offers focused attention, reassurance, and love.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, do remember we have Bank Holiday on Monday and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Miss Woods

Diary Dates

w/c Monday 11 th May	SATS Week
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
Wednesday 24 th June	School Reports
Thursday 25 th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 8 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 3 rd July	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 3 rd July	Parent Pond – Fun Run
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Movie Premiere
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