

Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

A Message from Chippenham Town Heads

As a group of ten primary schools working together across Chippenham, we are proud of the strong partnerships we have with our families and wider community. We know that when we work together with mutual respect and understanding, our children thrive.

We understand that social media is a space where people share thoughts and experiences. However, we kindly ask that any concerns or feedback about our schools be raised directly with us, rather than posted publicly online. Negative comments on social media can have a real impact — not just on staff wellbeing, but on the wider school community, including children and families.

We are committed to listening, learning, and improving — and we welcome constructive conversations. Let's continue to work together to create a positive, supportive environment for everyone in our schools. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Chippenham Town Heads

Harvest Festival Lunch – Monday 6th October

We're excited to celebrate Harvest Festival with a special lunch on **Monday 6th October** – enjoy a traditional **roast chicken with all the trimmings** or a hearty **vegetable pot pie!**

Harvest Festival is a time to give thanks for the food we have and to remember the importance of sharing with those in need. It's a tradition that goes back centuries, marking the end of the harvest season and celebrating the abundance of the earth.

This year, we're proud to support the **Doorway Harvest Appeal**. Doorway is a local charity that provides food, shelter, and practical support for people who are homeless or facing crisis in our community. Their work is vital in helping individuals and families find stability, dignity, and hope. By joining in the Harvest Appeal, we can make a real difference to the lives of those who might otherwise go without.

We are kindly asking for donations of essential items (see attached list at the end of the newsletter for those most needed). All donations should be brought into the classroom **by Monday 17th October**.

Thank you for your generosity and support in helping us make a positive impact this season!

Please check your dinner bookings for the week, as the menu will be slightly different to accommodate this special meal.

Year 6 Residential – The Beacon

Children in Year 6 will be departing for their residential trip on Monday 6th October. We will plan to leave school at 9:30 so that we get to Lynton, Devon by lunchtime. The children will be experiencing lots of different activities such as climbing, zip wire and archery. We will return on Friday 10th October and should be back at school by 3:15, although sometimes the Friday afternoon traffic can make the journey back a little slow. Mrs Cooper will keep everyone updated with our adventures and our estimated time of arrival when we return. Thank you to Mrs Cooper, Mrs Gosal and Miss Pickett for agreeing to come on the trip and give up their own time with their families. We wish Year 6 a fantastic trip away and hope they create some wonderful memories.

Parent and Carer Meetings

It was lovely to meet some of the Parents and Carers at last week's Headteacher meetings. We covered quite a few topics together over the three meetings held, which included:

1. Plans for the next year in terms of our School Improvement journey
2. An overview of some of our building development work
3. Discussions were held about our plans to improve play times through the national programme 'OPAL' (thanks to Mrs Neville and the team's work, this has been fully funded) The project, which starts in January with training for all staff, is in partnership with the University of Exeter
4. Communication - discussions included how to streamline this across the school. Some Parents felt that it may be better to have less lines of communication. I am currently in discussion with the office team about this and we are looking at different methods and systems that will improve this. We are likely to consult further with the school community and launch any changes in the new year.

There were lots of really useful questions and suggestions which were very welcome.

I will set up some more Headteacher meetings in Term 2 where I would encourage more of you to attend. I am particularly using these meetings to hear your views and gather together as many of you who are supportive of the school to share your ideas and help me understand our community as we move forward together.

The Parent Pond AGM – Wednesday 8th October

Every year The Parent Pond holds an **AGM (Annual General Meeting)**. It might sound a bit formal, but really it's just our chance to get together and look back at what we have achieved over the past year - the events we've run, the money raised, and how that money has been used to benefit our children.

At the AGM we also:

- Share the PTA accounts, so everyone can see things are handled properly
- Elect the committee for the year ahead (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, etc)
- Give parents and carers a chance to ask questions, share ideas, and get involved.

Because we're a registered charity, holding an AGM is something we must do each year – it keeps everything fair, transparent, and official. But more than that, it's a great opportunity to celebrate our successes and plan exciting things for the year to come.

We'd love as many parents and carers as possible to come along – your support and input really do make a difference!

To apply for a main committee role (Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, etc), please email: theparentpond23@gmail.com

Alternatively, if you'd simply like to join the wider committee (not a named role) and be involved in organising some/all of our events (in whatever capacity you have to offer) then please come along and register at the AGM.

We really value all of our volunteers, without them we wouldn't be able to put on any of our events!



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General Reminder

Please remember to use the bins provided on the playground and around the school. Litter left behind, including outside the school gates, is still on school property and affects everyone. By keeping our grounds tidy, we ensure a safe, welcoming space for all our students. Thank you for setting a positive example!

Thank you to everyone who is supporting us in ensuring the children walk into school in the mornings and practise their greetings! The work on calm entries and exits continue alongside basic manners. I now have children across the school wishing me a 'Good Morning Miss Woods' or 'Good Afternoon Miss Woods', all children now have yellow lanyards to go to the toilet and pink ones to do special jobs or to come to see me for special / noteworthy learning or behaviour! The teachers have been brilliant in making sure children learn this system quickly! The vast majority of children are picking up some or even all these tiny adjustments. Do encourage them to continue. I will keep you all up to date on the changes both large and small, via the newsletter but do feel free to speak to me on the gate anytime.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Miss Woods

Diary Dates

Monday 6 th October – Friday 10 th October	Year 6 Residential to The Beacon
Wednesday 8 th October	3:30pm Parent Pond AGM
Wednesday 15 th October	Autumn Parents Evening
Thursday 16 th October	Autumn Parents Evening
Friday 17 th October	Year 1 & Year 2 Multi Skills at Hardenhuish
Friday 17 th October	1:30pm Headteacher Tour
Thursday 23 rd October – Friday 31 st October	Half Term
Friday 7 th November	Year 3 & Year 4 Multi Skills at Hardenhuish
Friday 7 th November	1:30pm Headteacher Tour
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Friday 12 th December	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Festival at Hardenhuish
Friday 12 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January	Half Term
Monday 5 th January	Teaching Development (TD) Day – School closed to children
Monday 23 rd March	Spring Parents Evening
Tuesday 24 th March	Spring Parents Evening
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Half Term
Monday 27 th April – Tuesday 28 th April	Year 3 & Year 4 Residential to Grittleton House
w/c Monday 11 th May	SATS Week
Friday 22 nd May	TD Day – School closed to children
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Wednesday 17 th June – Thursday 18 th June	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 24 th June	School Reports
Thursday 25 th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 1 st July	Reserve Sports Day
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

UPCOMING SCHOOL TOURS

FROGWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Join us for our **Headteacher tours** at Frogwell Primary School! We invite prospective parents to explore our vibrant community and see first-hand the engaging learning environment we offer.

The tours will take place on; 12th September, 26th September, 3rd October, 17th October and 7th November. All tours start at 1:30pm and will end at approximately 2:30pm.

We look forward to welcoming you and answering your questions.

Contact our Office Manager on 01249 652 815 or admin@frogwell.wilts.sch.uk to book your place.



Doorway Harvest Wish List

Yes please, we really need...



- Tinned tomatoes
- Baked beans
- Tinned vegetables (including potatoes)
- Tinned meat (e.g. corned beef, meat stew)
- Tinned fish (tuna, mackerel, sardines etc)
- Bags of pasta & rice
- Packet soups, packet instant mash
- Packet savoury noodles
- Coffee & Tea
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned puddings & custard
- Packets of biscuits, bars & cereal bars
- Long life fruit / jelly pots
- Individual cartons of fruit juice










No thanks, we have enough or can't

use....

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- Tinned soup, tinned pulses
 - Cereals & porridge
 - Pot Noodles
 - Jars of cooking sauce
 - Jam & Chutney
 - Fresh produce
 - Catering-sized items
 - Anything containing alcohol
 - Anything that is past its best before date



*Thank you for
your support!*

Doorway