

Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Clubs

I met with our Frogwell Pupil Parliament on Wednesday, and you can read our minutes [here](#) to see what we discussed. One idea the children were particularly enthusiastic about was the possibility of a lunchtime or after-school gardening club. Many pupils highlighted this in our recent survey, and there is clearly a great deal of interest and excitement around bringing gardening back to Frogwell.

We are delighted that Mrs Brandebourg will be leading this club, with the aim of working towards the RHS School Gardening Awards. To help make this a truly vibrant and rewarding venture for our children, we would very much welcome parents or carers who might be able to offer their time or support. Whether you have gardening experience or simply enthusiasm, your involvement would make a real difference.

If you are interested in supporting the club, please contact Mrs Brandebourg. More information about this exciting new opportunity will follow in January.

Road Safety

Well done to Years 1, 3 and 6 who completed our annual road safety sessions with Mrs Beck from Wiltshire Council. Year 3 also took their learning outside to practise crossing roads in the local area with specialist guidance from Mrs Beck. Mrs Cooper was very proud of the children and their sensible actions when out and about on the roads.

Safety Notice: Double Yellow Lines - Please could no one park on these as you may inadvertently cause accidents. We must make sure we all drive and park safely for our children and for our community. Thank you

SEND reform

Many of you will appreciate that many of us care deeply about SEND and SEND issues. You may not know however that the Government is inviting all stakeholders (Parents, Carers, teachers, leaders etc) to share their views. Next year, the Government has announced a white paper and this consultation will be reviewed as part of this SEND reform process. If you, like us, have an interest in SEND please feel free to click on the link and 'join the conversation'.

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/send-reform-national-conversation/>

Homework

A few weeks ago, in Term 1, I reached out to parents and carers about Homework. I had very few responses but would appreciate another attempt at hearing your views now that more and more of you are actively engaging with me about possible next steps for our school.

The teachers and I have designed a suggested Homework Timetable for all children, which we hope will support learning. Please see the suggested timetable below. I would like to hear any comments you have about the Homework schedule below (or homework more generally) to adapt or consider any 'tweaks'. We will launch our new Homework approach from January. All aspects of Homework, set days, how much and what will be set out in the first Headteacher's newsletter in the new year.

	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
READING	X10 mins per day of a reading scheme book	X10 mins per day of a reading scheme book	X10 mins per day of a reading scheme book	X 15 mins per day of a reading scheme book or independent reader	X 15 per day of reading scheme book or independent reader	X 15 mins per day of own choice book	X 15 mins per day of own choice book
SPELLING	Phonic sounds practise Tricky words	Spellings Little Wandle Tricky words	Spelling shed CEW	Spelling Shed CEW	Spelling Shed CEW	Spelling Shed CEW	Spellings KS2 lists CEW
MATHS	Tapestry Maths challenge	Numbots	Numbots	TT Rockstars	TT Rockstars	TT Rockstars	Y7 preparation

Christmas Jumper Jumble – Monday 8th December

Join us in the dinner hall after school on Monday 8th December for our festive Christmas Jumper Jumble. Bring along any outgrown jumpers to swap for a better fit, or pick up a preloved jumper for a small donation. It's a fun, eco-friendly way to get ready for Christmas—everyone welcome!

Frogwell Staff Festive Hamper Raffle

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase next week after school on the playground for our wonderful Frogwell Staff Hamper — jam-packed with everything you need to celebrate the festive season! The draw will take place on Wednesday 17th December, and the lucky winner will be notified by text.

Good luck, everyone!

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 12th December

Get ready to sparkle and shine in your festive finest! Our annual Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Friday 12th December. Pupils are invited to wear their best (or silliest!) Christmas jumpers to school.

This year, we will also be collecting items for our Christmas Shop, which will be held on Wednesday 17th December. Each class has been given a suggested donation theme to help us create a wonderful selection of gifts:

- **Murphy – Gifts:** cosmetics, scarves, jewellery, gift sets
- **Jeffers – Gifts for Bathing:** bath soak, bath bombs, "smellies," moisturiser, brushes
- **King-Smith – Gifts for Crafting:** pens, colouring pencils, stickers, paint, Play-Doh
- **Lewis – Gifts for Kids:** toys, books, games, craft kits, hats/scarves
- **Zephaniah – Gifts for Sweet Lovers:** chocolates, sweet jars, biscuits
- **Rowling – Gifts for the Home:** candles, tea towels, mugs, Christmas decorations
- **Carle/Butterworth – Gifts:** deodorant, socks, games, keyrings

Thank you for your generosity and support—your donations will help make the Christmas Shop a magical experience for all our pupils!

Christmas Shop – Wednesday 17th December

We are excited to be holding our very first Christmas Shop on Wednesday 17th December! Children are invited to visit the shop during the school day, where they can choose a special gift for someone at home. They'll also have the chance to wrap their present, ready to place under the tree. Parents can pay the £2.50 fee via Classlist, and cash will also be accepted on the day. We're delighted to introduce this new festive tradition and hope the children enjoy the experience!

Governor – Are you our new Parent Governor? We are still looking for you! Come and see me if you are interested! This is a really rewarding role at an incredibly powerful time in our school's history!

We are looking forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Miss Woods

Diary Dates

Monday 8 th December	Parent Pond Christmas Jumper Jumble
Tuesday 9 th December	Virtual Headteacher Meeting for Parents and Carers 6pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Headteacher Tour 11am-12pm
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm -2.45pm
Thursday 11 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 9.20am-10.00am
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 th December	Parent Pond EYFS & KS1 Christmas Disco 3:30pm-4:30pm
Friday 12 th December	Parent Pond KS2 Christmas Disco 5pm-6pm
Friday 12 th December	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Festival at Hardenhuish
Wednesday 17 th December	Parent Pond Christmas Shop
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 19 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert at Ladyfield Church 9:30am
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January	Half Term
Monday 5 th January	TD – School closed to children
Monday 23 rd March	Spring Parents' and Carers' Evening
Tuesday 24 th March	Spring Parents' and Carers' 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