

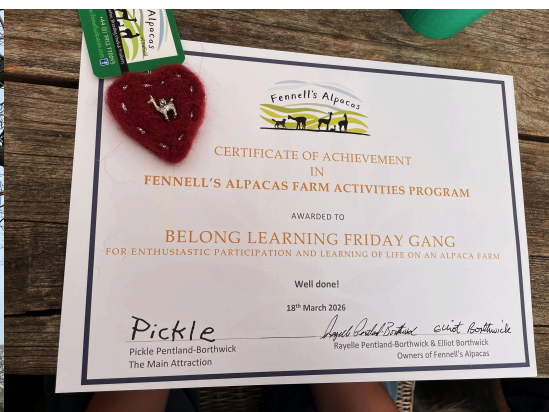
Belong School Gloucestershire Spring recap 2026

From the Headteacher

Welcome to our 2026 update, which I hope will give you a flavour of what our students have been learning this term.

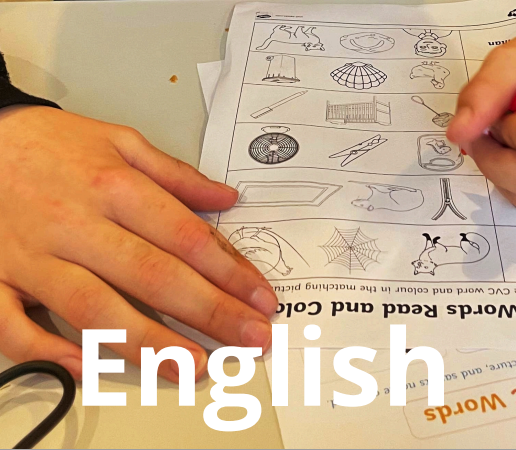
One of the highlights has been our work local business, Fennels Alpacas, learning all about the inner workings of an Alpaca farm whilst finding out about animal care and the many uses of Alpaca wool, some examples of which you can see on this page.

For regular updates on what is happening at our school, please see our website www.belonglearning.co.uk and our Facebook page



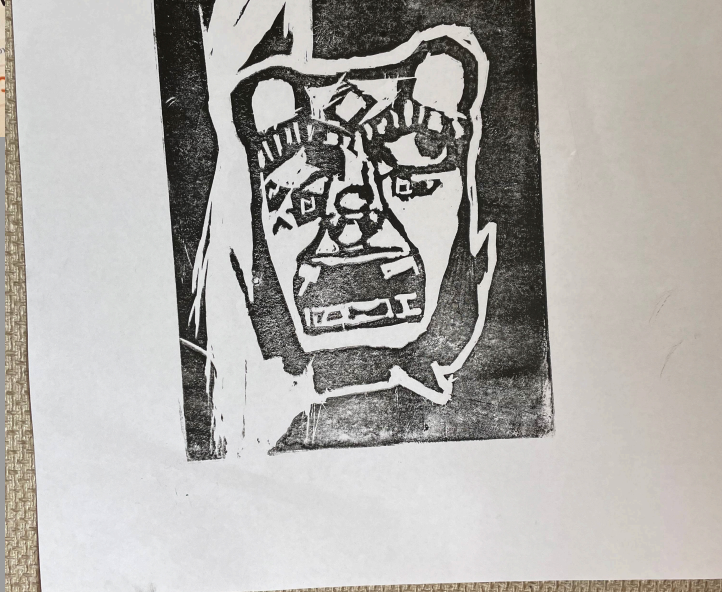


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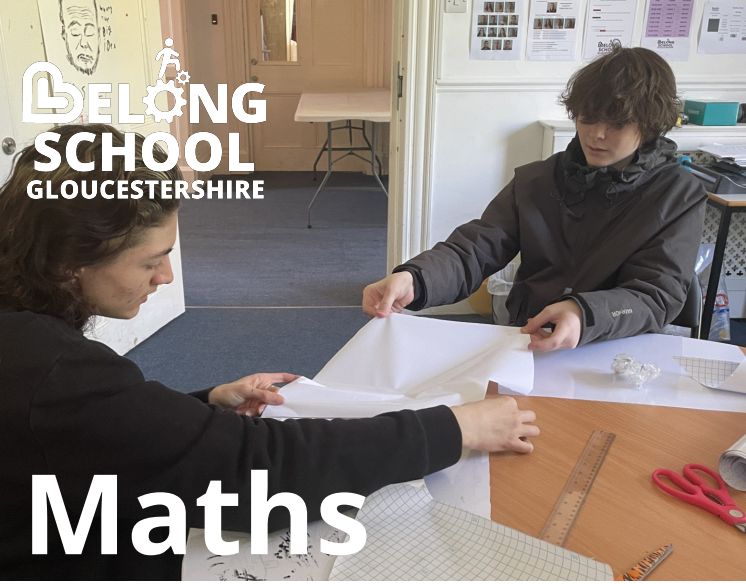


English

In some of our English lessons, one of the subjects students have been delving into is the various ways we can use adjectives to depict people, places, and objects. Additionally, we have been describing different environments through our senses: what can we see, hear, touch, smell, or taste? We also utilized Roald Dahl's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" to envision ourselves as golden ticket winners, even tackling interview questions from that viewpoint! In Maths, we have reinforced our understanding of addition and subtraction, progressing from mental calculations to formal written techniques to achieve this.



This term in Art, students have continued to explore a wide range of creative projects and techniques. Our KS3 students have been working on a range of exciting projects, with a particular focus on Brutalist architecture. They have built on their knowledge and understanding of this style, creating impressive models of Brutalist city scenes using industrial materials. Within the Arts Award, students have created their own signage for Belong's two school sites, and we are very much looking forward to seeing these installed.



Maths

This term in Maths Year 11 pupils have worked exceptionally hard on their revision and exam preparation, demonstrating resilience and determination as they approach their final assessments. Meanwhile, Year 10 pupils, alongside some Year 9s, have already begun sitting their Functional Skills examinations — a fantastic achievement that reflects not only their academic progress, but also their growing social and emotional development.

At KS3, we have made some changes to the way lessons are delivered, helping us to better meet individual needs and support continued progress for all learners.

WROC Calculation has placed a strong emphasis on financial literacy this term, reinforcing the importance of maths in everyday life. This links closely to our wider vision of supporting young people to become independent, and active participants in both their own lives and the wider society.



Careers

This term we invited Kim from E.G Carter, a local construction company, to Belong to work with our Year 11 students and offer some advice around CV writing which sparked some interesting conversations around the use of AI.

Coming up in the Summer Term We will be welcoming Bridge Training and TMS into school to speak with our Year 9 and 10 students about what they offer at Post-16

Severn Trent Water & Forest Green Rovers will also speak with KS3 students about how they work to help the environment as well as the variety of job roles within their organisations.

Next term, students will learn about Labour Market Information (LMI) and how it can help them to understand more about the world of work in Gloucestershire and make decisions about their future education and careers.

