

Journals Application Enhancements v1.1

Overview

This release introduces several enhancements to the Journals application, a tool designed to give students an authentic audience to showcase their work.

Below is an overview of the key updates included in this release:

Individual Viewing of Posts

- Full-screen display
- Click or swipe through multiple attached files (images, videos* and PDF's*)
- Zoom in/out functionality, including pinch-to-zoom on touch devices
- Video playback support
- Download option for attached files
- File counter (e.g. "1 of 5") for easier navigation

Creation of Posts

- Ability to upload videos and PDFs into posts

Personalisation of default posts displayed (Staff/Admin only)

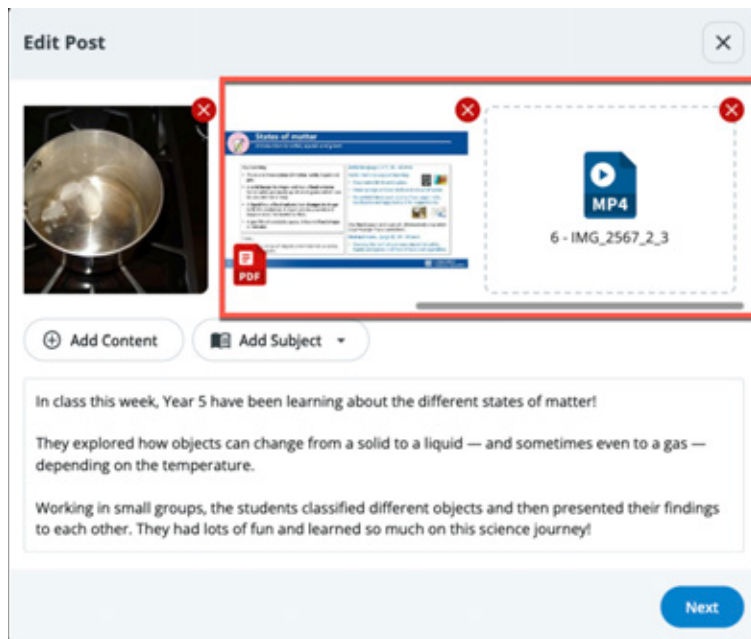
- Currently staff and admin have a default view of "All Posts,". With this release, when a user selects a specific group under "My Groups," this preference will now be remembered across sessions on desktop, mobile browsers, and the Frog GO mobile application.

How-to

Previously, Journals only supported image uploads. This has now been enhanced to allow schools to upload PDFs and video files, including the ability to record a video directly from a mobile device and upload it to a post.

Whether you're creating a new post or editing an existing one, uploading a PDF or video works in exactly the same way, simply browse your device and select the files you wish to include. These will then be added to your post automatically.

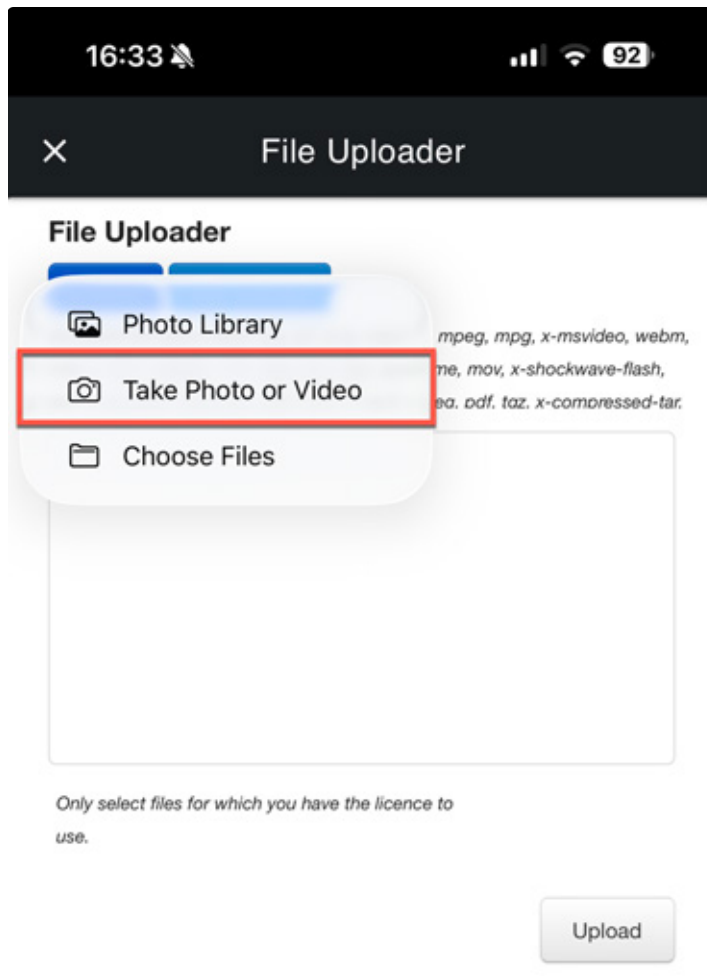
In the example below, an existing post has been edited to include both a PDF and a video file uploaded from a desktop device. A preview of the first page of the PDF is displayed alongside a document icon to indicate the file type, while the video displays a file-type icon with a play button. This visual presentation remains consistent across desktop browsers, mobile and tablet browsers, and the Frog GO mobile application.



In addition, videos can be recorded directly from a mobile or tablet device and uploaded to a Journals post.

To do this, either from a mobile/tablet browser or within the Frog GO mobile application, select the + button to create a new post. In the File Uploader window, select Browse. Depending on your device, you should then see an option to take a photo or record a video.


Below is an example of how this option appears on an iOS device.



Now that we've edited an existing post to add a PDF file and a video, let's take a look at the enhancements made to how individual posts are viewed on both desktop and mobile/tablet devices, noting a few small display differences between them.

When viewing a post on a desktop device, you'll notice several small enhancements to improve the experience:



1. File counter (e.g. 1/6) – Indicates which file is currently selected out of the total number of attached files.
2. Download button – Enables you to download the attached file to your local device.
3. Full-screen icon – Allows you to expand the selected file to full-screen mode for better viewing.
4. Navigation arrows (< >) – Easily click through the attached files on the post.
 - a. **NOTE** - You can also use your trackpad to swipe through the attached files.


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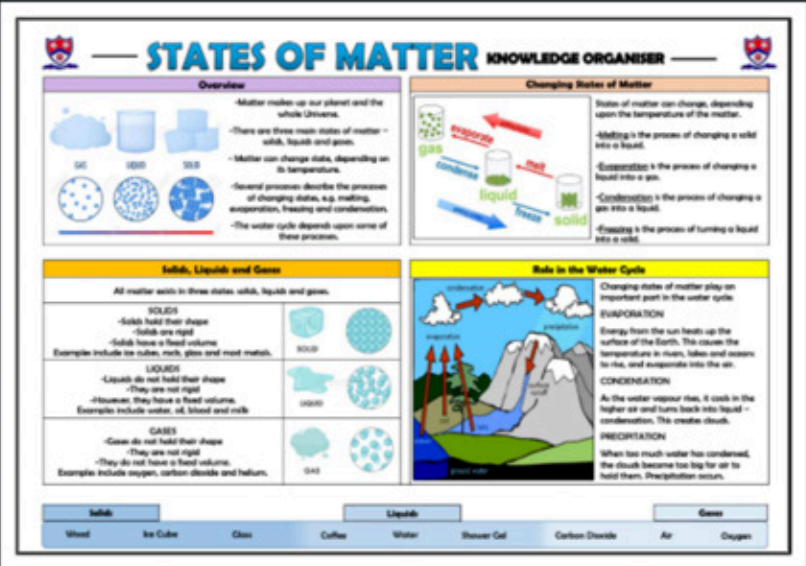
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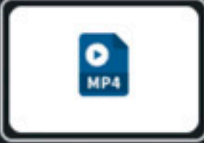


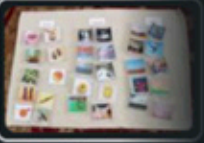
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In class this week, Year 5 have been learning about the different states of matter!

They explored how objects can change from a solid to a liquid — and sometimes even to a gas — depending on the temperature.

Working in small groups, the students classified different objects and then presented their findings to each other. They had lots of fun and learned so much on this science journey!

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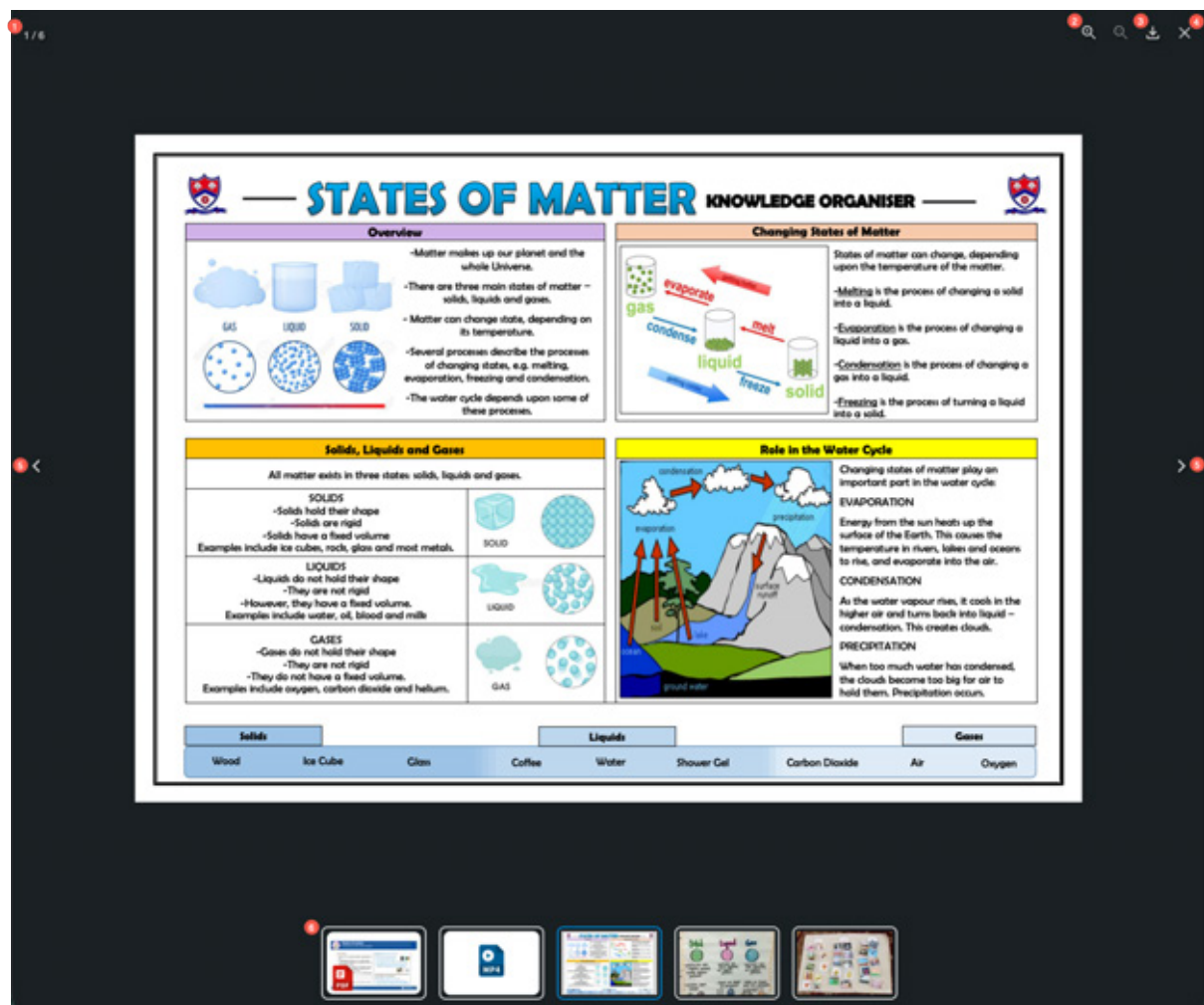
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The next change we'll look at on a desktop device is the ability to view image files in full-screen mode.

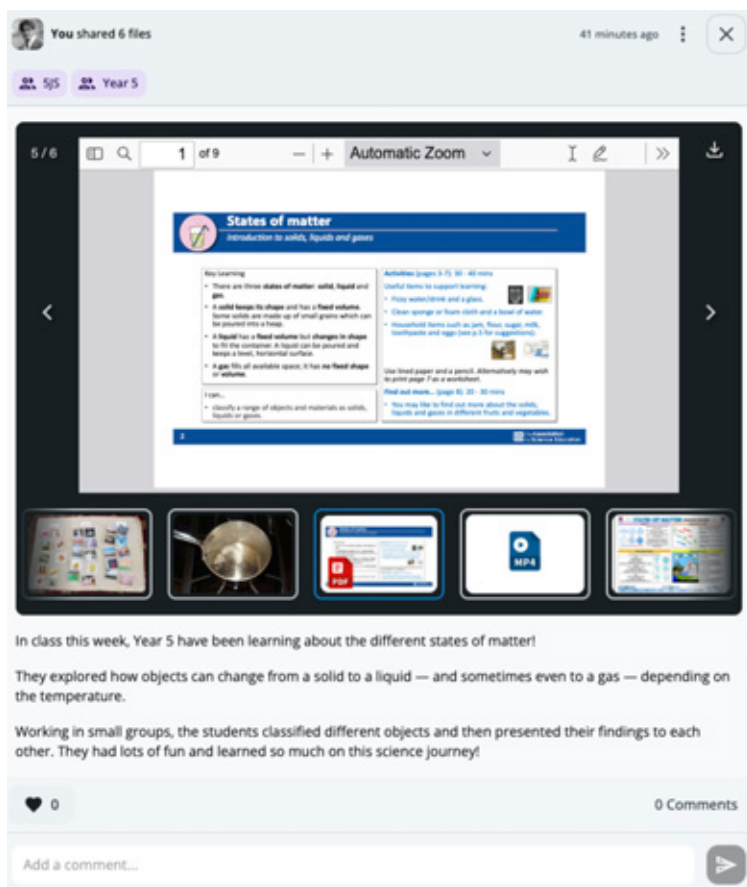
To do this, simply click on the image itself or use the full-screen icon to enter full-screen display. Once in full-screen mode, you'll notice several options available, including some familiar ones from earlier, along with new additions:

1. File counter (e.g. 1/6) – Indicates which file is currently selected out of the total number of attached files.
2. Magnifying glass buttons – Enables zoom in/out functionality on image files.
3. Download button – Enables you to download the attached file to your local device.
4. X button – Closes full-screen mode and returns you to the post view.
5. Navigation arrows (< >) – Easily click through the attached files on the post.
 - a. **NOTE** - You can also use your trackpad to swipe through the attached files.
6. Preview carousel – Displays all files associated with the post as thumbnails, allowing quick selection and navigation.



When viewing PDF files within a post on a desktop device, they will appear in the same format as PDFs displayed using the PDF widget, including the standard toolbar.

Below is an example of a PDF file viewed within the individual post view.



Below is an example of the same PDF when viewed in full-screen mode.



When viewing video files within a post, the video displays a file-type icon with a play button. Selecting the video will launch the standard video controls, allowing you to play the video directly within the individual post view. This visual experience remains consistent across desktop, mobile/tablet browsers, and the Frog GO mobile application.



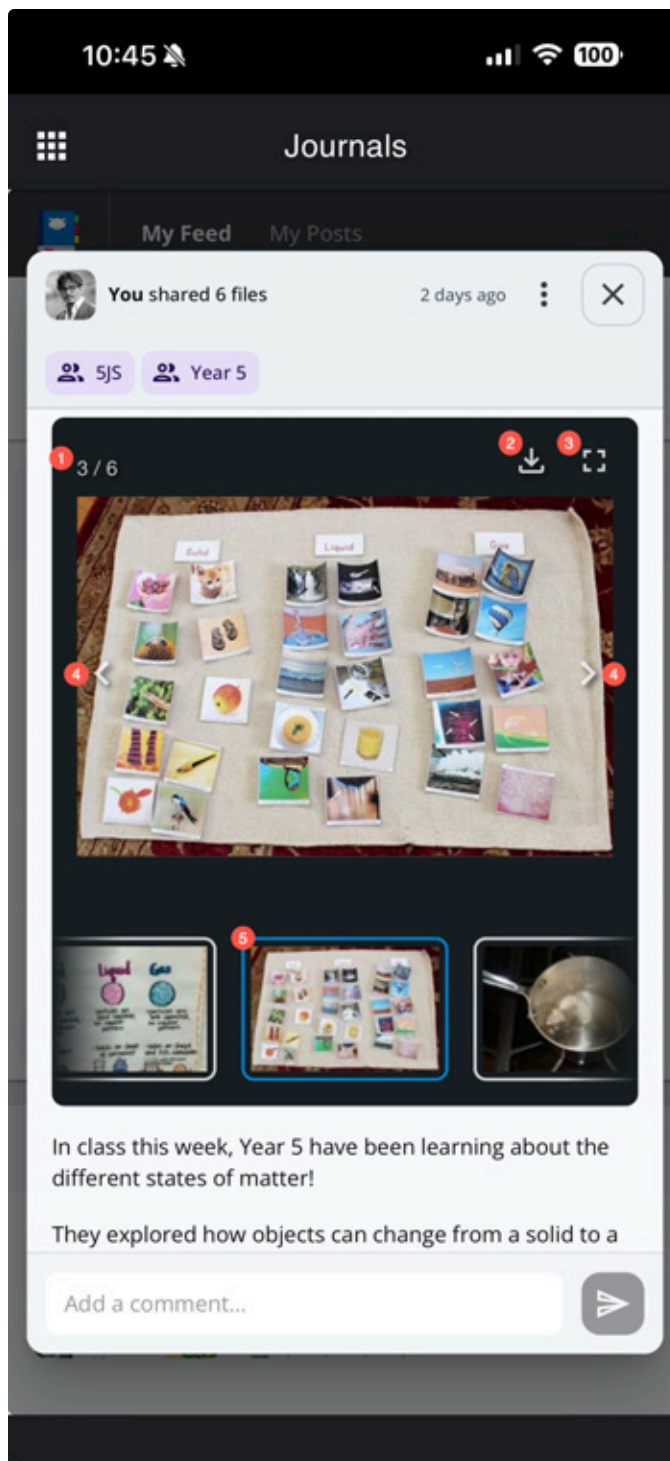
Now let's take a look at how files associated with posts display within the Frog GO mobile application.

NOTE – Please ensure you are using the latest version of Frog GO:

- Apple – Frog GO v3.3.17
- Android – Frog GO v3.3.17

When viewing an individual post in Frog GO, the experience closely mirrors the desktop display. You'll see the following features:

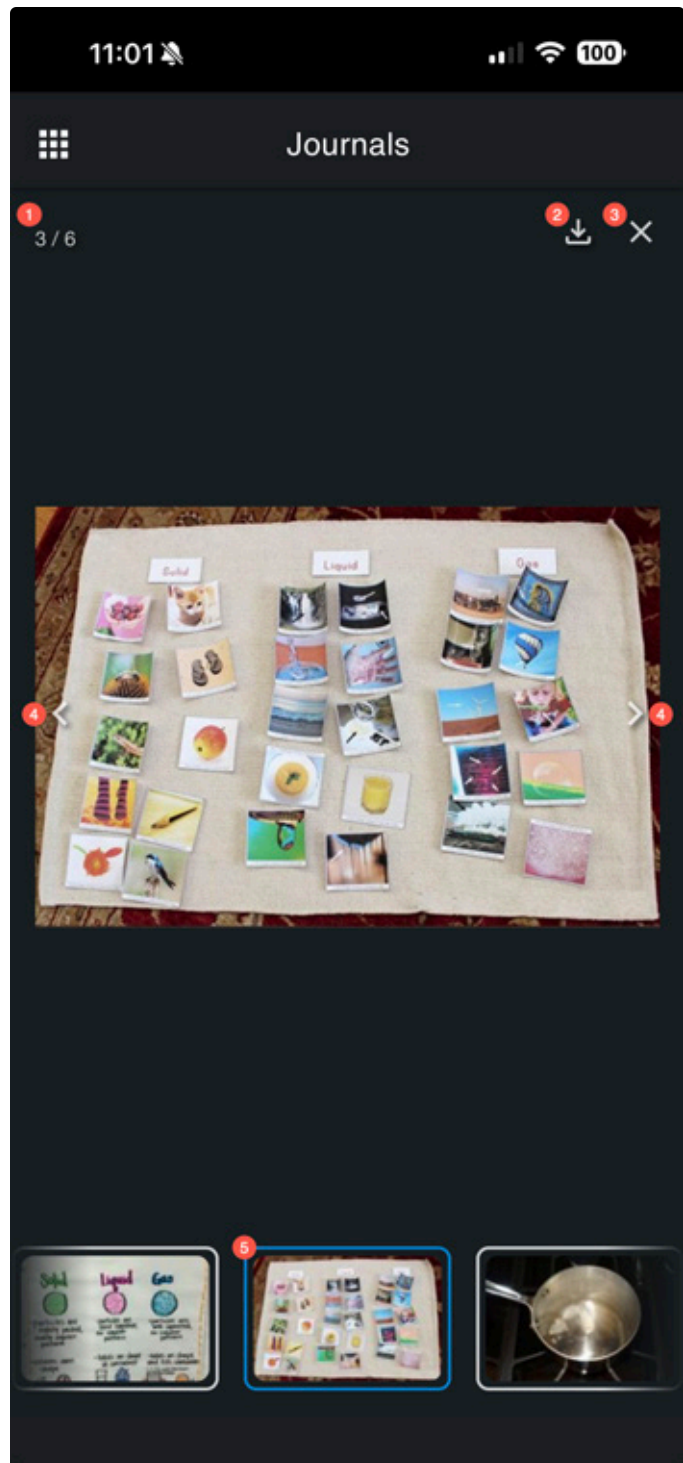
1. File counter (e.g. 3/6) – Indicates which file is currently selected out of the total number of attached files.
2. Download button – Enables you to download the attached file to your local device.
3. Full-screen icon – Allows you to expand the selected file to full-screen mode for better viewing.
4. Navigation arrows (< >) – Easily click through the attached files on the post.
 - a. **NOTE** - You can also swipe left or right to go through the attached files.
5. Preview carousel – Displays all files associated with the post as thumbnails, allowing quick selection and navigation.



The same as a desktop device, within the Frog GO mobile application you will have the ability to view image files in full-screen mode.

To do this, simply click on the image itself or use the full-screen icon to enter full-screen display. Once in full-screen mode, you'll notice several options available, including some familiar ones from earlier, along with new additions:

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2. Download button – Enables you to download the attached file to your local device.
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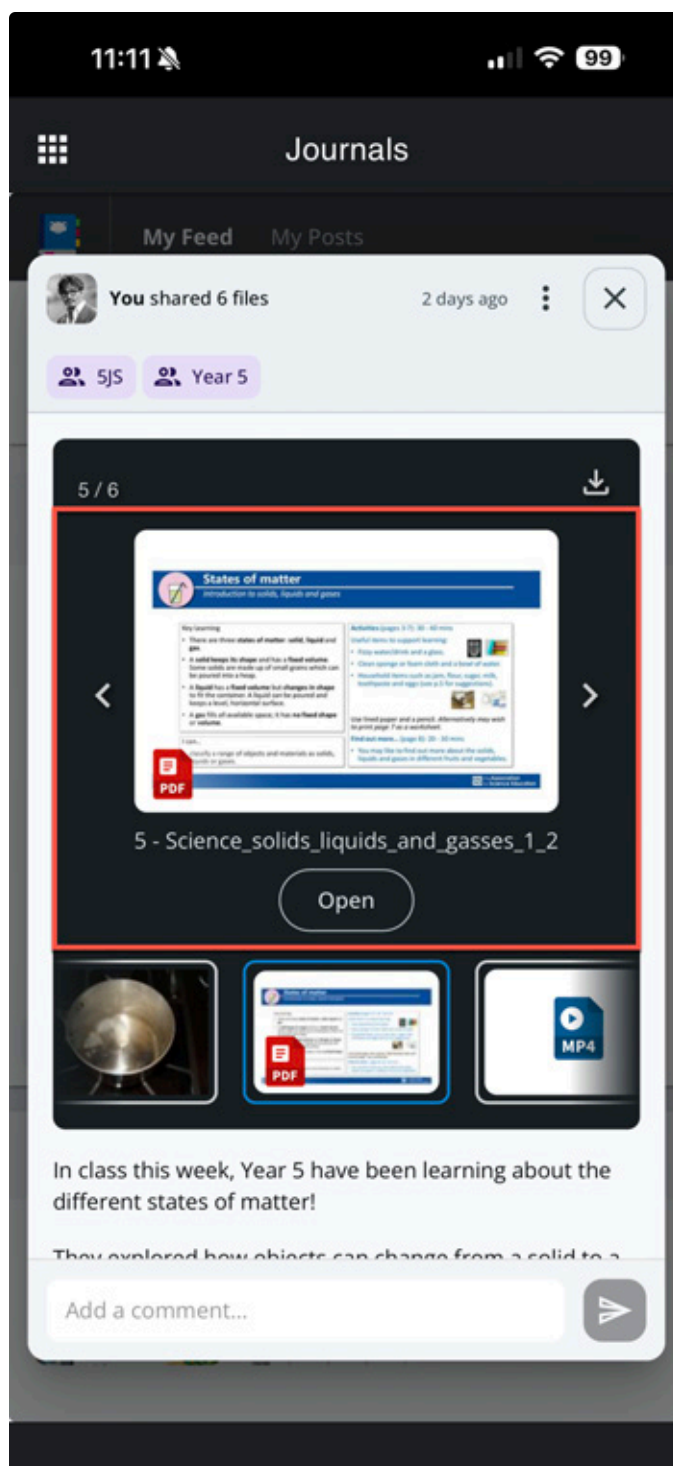
When viewing an image on a journal post in full-screen mode on a mobile/tablet browser, or within the Frog GO mobile application, you can use pinch-to-zoom gestures to zoom in and out on the image.

Below is an example of an image displayed in full-screen mode, zoomed in using the pinch-to-zoom gesture within the Frog GO mobile application.

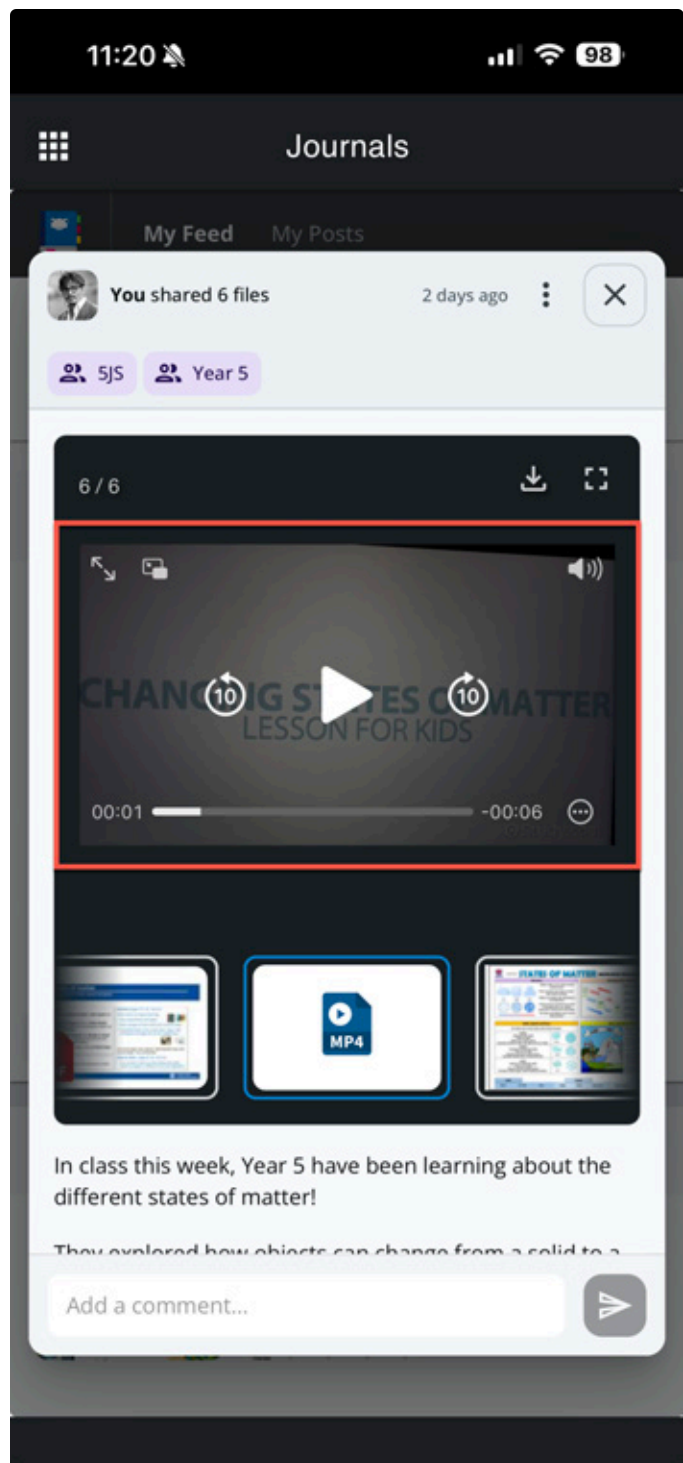


When viewing PDF files within a post either on a mobile/tablet browser, or within the Frog GO mobile application, a preview of the first page is shown alongside a document icon indicating the file type, along with an Open button.

Tapping the Open button will launch the PDF using a suitable application on your device, such as the default browser.



When viewing video files within a post, either on a mobile/tablet browser or within the Frog GO mobile application, the video displays a file-type icon with a play button. Standard video controls are included, allowing the video to be played directly within the post view.



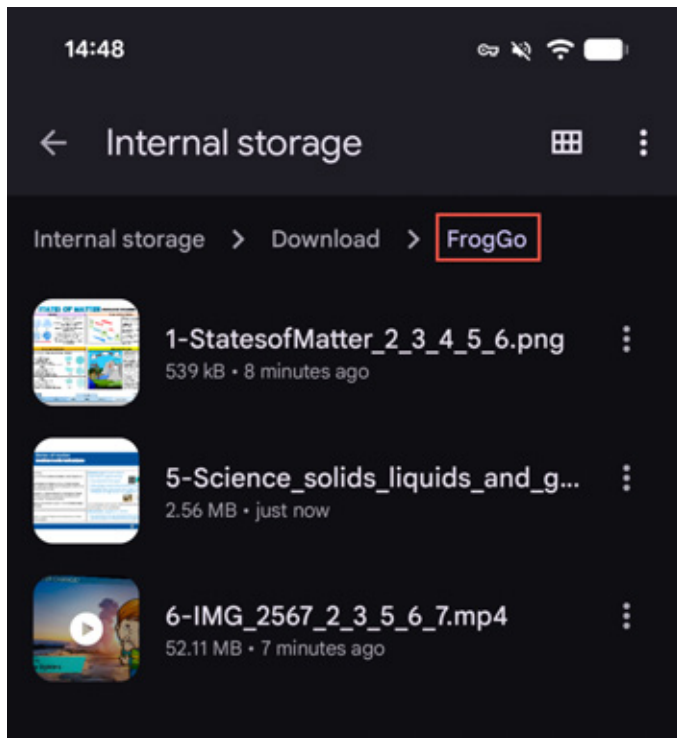
The final new feature available when viewing an individual post is the ability to download attached files to your local device.

On Android devices, whether using a mobile browser or the Frog GO mobile application, selecting the download button will save the file to your device in a dedicated FrogGO folder.

To locate files downloaded from a Journals post on an Android device, navigate to:

Files > Internal Storage > Downloads > FrogGO

Please note that the location of the FrogGO folder may vary depending on the Android device and operating system version being used.



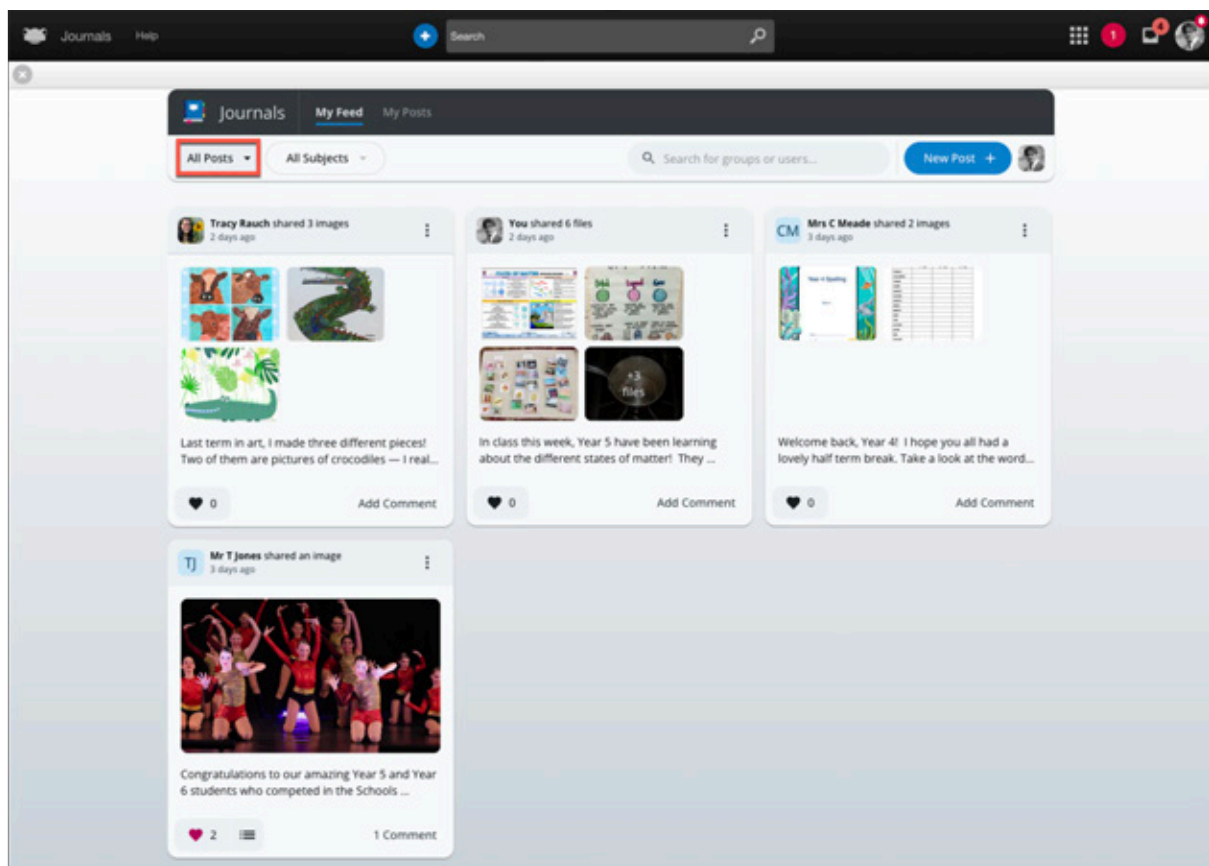
On iOS devices, whether using a mobile browser or the Frog GO mobile application, tapping the download button will save the file to your device in a dedicated Frog Go folder.

On an iOS device, you can find any files downloaded from a Journals post by navigating to Files > On My iPhone > Frog Go.



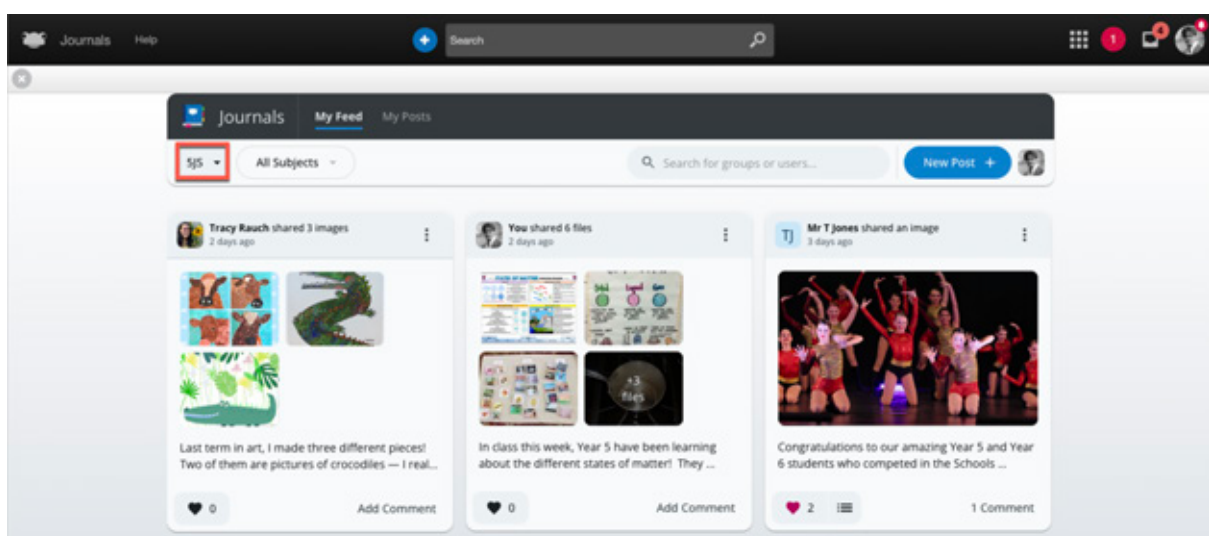
The last change to Journals as part of this release is the personalisation of the default posts displayed for staff and admin users.

Currently staff and admin have a default view of All Posts within the Journals application.

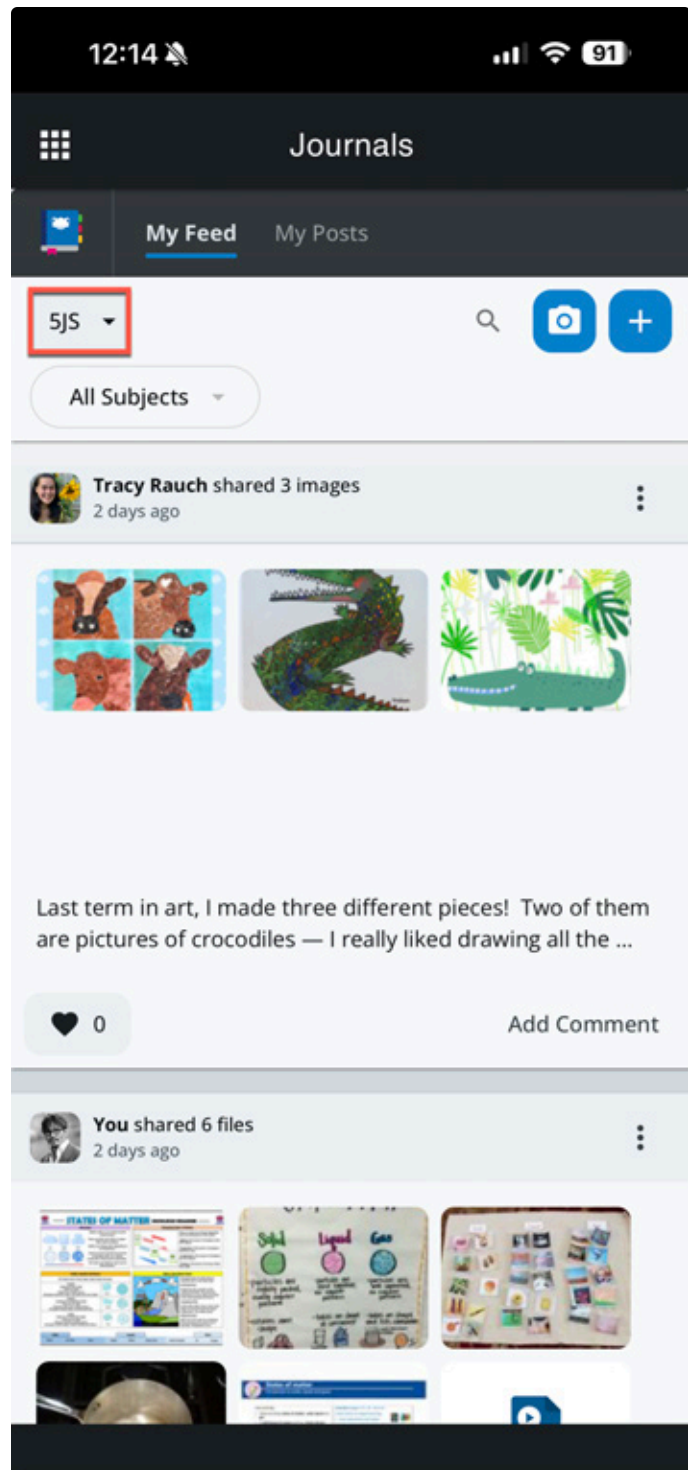


With this release, when a user selects a specific group under My Groups, that preference will now be remembered across sessions, whether on desktop, mobile browsers, or within the Frog GO mobile application.

In the example below, the teacher Mr J Sparrow has selected the group 5JS, which will now be saved as his default view for posts each time he opens the Journals application on any device.



On an iOS device, when launching the Frog GO mobile application and accessing Journals, the default view for Mr J Sparrow is also set to the previously selected group, in this case, 5JS.



If Mr J Sparrow chooses to change the selected group within the Journals application on any device, this new preference will be saved and automatically applied the next time the Journals application is launched.