



### **'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis and Gwen Millward**

**Blurb:** When two small sisters go fishing to the magic pond, they find something much better than a frog or a newt. They find a bog baby. Small and blue with wings like a dragon, the girls decide to make him their secret. I won't tell if you won't.

But the bog baby is a wild thing, and when he becomes poorly, the girls decide they must tell their mum. And she tells them the greatest lesson: if you really love something, you have to let it go.

### **Ms Foster's Book Review:**

I was recently introduced to this book, which focuses on two young girls who decide to visit a magical pond in the bluebell woods. The girls find a beautiful wild animal which they name as their 'Bog Baby'. It is a delightful story, which gently focuses on the responsibilities that we have for the world around us and teaches children about respecting our wild animals. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading this book with my class and because of this I have shared it with my own children. The illustrations are detailed and very calming to look at, allowing the reader opportunities to use them to further their imagination. I would recommend this book for children from 5 years but believe even older children would enjoy this magical story too.

**Recommended age: 4-6 years**