



Newsletter: 24th April 2026

Message from the Headteacher

This week, Elm and Birch classes enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Richard Jefferies Museum and Coate Water where they learned all about the rich local history of our Swindon area. The children took part in exciting workshops, created their own maps, and made the most of the lovely weather while exploring the park. A huge thank you to all the parents and volunteers who supported us on the trip. Visits like this have been enjoyed by schools across TPAT throughout this month and provide wonderful learning opportunities for our children.

We have also been very lucky with the weather this week and have been enjoying our OPAL lunchtime playtimes, making full use of our whole school site. The children have loved the freedom to explore, play creatively, and work together outdoors. If you have any donations of suitcases, strollers, or action figures, these are proving to be extremely popular and would be very gratefully received. Thank you for your continued support.

Payment for Lost Books

Please ensure all phonics reading books are returned each week to school and are in a good condition, as they are part of set resources used in group reading. Lost or damaged books will incur a replacement charge, and no further books will be sent home until this has been paid. Thank you for your support.



Parking/Rainham Road

Please note the spaces outside the properties on Rainham Road are for **residents only**. We have received reports that residents are unable to park on their drives/in their parking spaces and on occasion parents/carers are parking over 2 spaces during drop off / pick up times and blocking residents access. Please be respectful to the residents and considerate of where you are parking and park a little further away and walk if you can't find a safe and suitable parking place. Thank you.

Absences

A quick note from us with a smile but a serious message. We can't authorise holidays during term time, and - just to make you aware - your children *absolutely* tell us everything! If you're heading off somewhere sunny, snowy, or anywhere in between, they will spill the beans with great enthusiasm!

Registers are legal documents and must be recorded accurately so please do tell us the real reason your child is absent. Honesty really does make life easier for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and for keeping things straightforward.

Our Core Value this term is

Responsibility

Our Assembly Theme this term is

Service

House points for this week!

Blunsdon: 108



Liddington: 98



Silbury: 110



Uffington: 105



Well done to Silbury for being this week's winners.

SCHOOL WEBSITE / FACEBOOK PAGE

Need to find out what is going on in class? Can't find your copy of the newsletter? Want to view the latest gallery?

You can find all this on: www.bridlewoodprimaryschool.org.uk or [Facebook page](#)

Diary Dates

04/05/26	Bank Holiday (school and nursery closed)
07/05/26	Inset Day (school and nursery closed)
11-14/05/26	Y6 SATs
22/05/26	Discovery Day - Careers Day
22/05/26	Last day of Term 5
01/06/26	Inset Day - School and Nursery Closed
02/06/26	Start of Term 6
02/06/26	YR Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip
09/06/26	Y3 Museum & Art Swindon Trip
09/06/26	Y4 Oxenwood Teams Meeting 4pm
17/06/26	Y1 Cotswold Beach Trip
24-26/06/26	Y4 Oxenwood Residential
03/07/26	PTA Summer Fete 5-8pm
07/07/26	Sports Day - details to follow

MDSA Vacancy

Bridlewood Primary School are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisor to assist with the supervision of pupils during the lunch break.

This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of a hardworking team in a friendly school. Some previous experience of working with children is desirable.

Hours: Monday to Friday 12.00-1.00pm
5.0 hours per week, Term-time only

Salary: £2,764.51 (actual)
£24,522 Full Time Equivalent

For more information or an application form, please contact the school office on 01793 706830 or email Stacey Long: longs@bridlewood.org.uk

School Closure Reminders

Please note Nursery & School will be closed on Monday 4th May for the Bank Holiday and Thursday 7th May and Monday 1st June for Inset Days.



Save the Date

Our PTA is organising the **School Summer Fete** on **Friday 3rd July, 5pm-8pm**. Please **save the date!**

We will soon be looking for **volunteers** to help set up, run stalls, and tidy away at the end of the event. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

We hope you can join us for a fun-filled evening!

Bridlewood Nursery

We have spaces available in our nursery for 3 year olds starting in September 2026. If you would like further information please visit the School Office.



BRANCHES SUPPORT GROUP EVERYONE WELCOME

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BRANCHES is a support group open to all parents and carers of children and young people with any Special Educational Need or Disability, aged 0-25 years



BRANCHES is a free support group, however voluntary donations for refreshments are welcomed