



Newsletter: 3rd July 2026

Message from the Headteacher

What a busy and exciting week it has been at Bridlewood!

On Monday, we took part in the Julia's House Teddy Takeover, raising money for this very worthwhile charity. We enjoyed a special assembly where we learned more about how Julia's House supports children with life-limiting conditions and their families. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously and helped support this important cause.

This week, many of our Year 6 pupils have been attending transition days at their new secondary schools. These visits have given them the opportunity to meet their new tutor groups, learn about routines and expectations, and begin preparing for the exciting next stage of their education.

Year 6 also finally had the opportunity to perform their production after the postponement last week. They did a fantastic job showcasing their acting and singing talents and clearly demonstrated their enjoyment on stage while performing *I'm a Year 6 – Get Me Out of Here!* Well done to everyone involved for all their hard work and dedication.

We were also treated to performances from all of our Rocksteady bands during their showcase for pupils and parents. It was wonderful to see the progress they have made in their musical learning, whether on keyboard, guitar, drums or as vocalists. Well done to all of our talented musicians for their confidence and commitment.

Our Year 5 pupils participated in their annual pilgrimage to St Andrew's Church, joining other local schools along the way. The children enjoyed sharing experiences, taking part in activities and reflecting together throughout the journey.

I would also like to offer a special congratulations to Jamie in Year 2 on his fantastic sporting achievements. Jamie has successfully qualified from the South West golf competition, the Callaway Wee Wonders Championship, to compete in the national final in Scotland this August. In addition, he has been selected as a football goalkeeper and will be playing against academy teams including Chelsea, Manchester United and West Bromwich Albion throughout August. This is a remarkable achievement, and we wish Jamie the very best of luck in both competitions.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open School event and the Nursery and Reception Stay and Play sessions. I hope you were able to take the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and visit their classroom ahead of our Shuffle Up sessions next week.

It has certainly been a very busy week, and it concluded today with our girls' cricket team competing in the Wiltshire Schools Cricket Finals. Thank you to everyone who supported the team with transport and encouragement at the event. The girls have done us proud.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at the PTA Summer Fete this evening. I hope you have a wonderful time and enjoy the start of the weekend.

Our Core Value this term is
Responsibility
Our Assembly Theme this term is
Courage

Attendance

Well done to Pine class for having the highest attendance for June. Fourth month in a row. Amazing!



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

03/07/26	PTA Summer Fete 5-8pm— TODAY!
06/07/26	Y6 Lake 32 Trip
07/07/26	Sports Day (see below for updated timings)
08/07/26	Reception Class Assembly 9.10am
09/07/26	Class Shuffle Up Afternoon
10/07/26	Y3 and Y6 Swimming
10/07/26	Girls' Football Competition for selected pupils
13/07/26	Rock and Pop Roadshow
14/07/26	Nursery Stay and Play 2.15-3pm
14/07/26	Online parent consultations for children remaining in nursery for Sept 2026
15/07/26	Music Recital 9.15am
16/07/26	Infant Voice Festival 4.45pm
17/06/26	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am
17/07/26	Last day of term - school finishes at 1.30pm and Nursery open for morning session only (until 11.40am)
03/09/26	2026/2027 Term 1 starts
14-16/09/26	Y4 Oxenwood Residential (rearranged date)

Changes to Sports Day Timings As Previously Published

Tuesday 7th July

Due to the warmer weather returning next week, we have made some amendments to the timings of sports day to allow it to take place during the cooler part of the day. Please see amended letters below:

[Nursery Sports Day 2026](#)

[YR—Y6 Sports Day 2026](#)

As advised, there are no hot school dinners available on sports day. If you have not pre-ordered a packed lunch from school please provide a packed lunch/picnic for your child.



Thank you to everyone who donated to Julia's House during our Big Teddy Takeover and pyjama day on Monday. We raised £130.18.

House points for this week!

Blunsdon:	89
Liddington:	101
Silbury:	96
Uffington:	137



Well done to Uffington for being this week's winners and the winners for June.

IMPORTANT - Changes to Free School Meals

We recently sent out a [Swindon Borough Council letter](#) detailing the changes to Free School Meals from September 2026. Please read this letter and if you believe you may be eligible to apply, please do so. **You have nothing to lose!** Children currently receiving income related free school meals **MUST** reapply to remain eligible. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives universal free meals you may be still be entitled to targeted free school meals which means the school receives additional funding to help with resources and trips.

You can apply now ready for September.

<https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20050/schools-and-learning/408/free-school-meals>

Book Fair at the School Fete

The Book Fair will be returning for our school fete this evening. Last time, your support helped us raise a significant amount of money, which we were able to use to purchase new books for both our class libraries and the school library.

There is currently an offer on books for 3 for the price of 2! We would really appreciate your support again this year, so please do come along, visit the Book Fair, and see what's on offer. There will be a great selection of books for all ages, and every purchase helps us continue to invest in reading across the school.





A place for learning, caring, sharing and growing together

Are you interested in becoming a Governor?

Governors play a vital role in supporting the strategic direction of the school and ensuring it reflects the values and vision of The Park Academies Trust.

While the role is voluntary, it is incredibly rewarding, offering the opportunity to make a tangible difference in your community and positively impact the lives of children.



Bridlewood is a popular school, with a committed team of staff, working hard for the children in our care. We are proud of our happy, caring and supportive environment and we encourage children to develop a love of learning whilst also upholding our strong core values of respect, responsibility and honesty.

As a Governor, you will help monitor progress, champion the voices of pupils, parents, and staff, and contribute to the school's strategic direction. We are committed to increasing the diversity of our Local Governing Committee. We want our governance to reflect the communities we serve and to benefit from a wide range of perspectives, lived experiences, and professional backgrounds. We warmly encourage applications from parents who may not have served in a governance role before – full support and training will be provided.

Acting as a critical friend you will be providing an essential role for the local school and the wider multi-academy trust. By becoming a Governor, you will find the interaction between the Trust Board and school is extremely rewarding.

If you can give approximately six hours per month, attend one termly meeting on a Monday evening, and are interested in supporting your local school, please make contact with us.

Interested?

Please send an email to:
clerk@bridlewood.org.uk

