



Newsletter: 19th June 2026

Message from the Headteacher

We are delighted to share that Bridlewood has once again been recognised for its commitment to sport, achieving the Platinum School Games Award for a second time. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the wide range of sporting opportunities available to our children. A huge well done and thank you to Mr Hilliker and the wider staff team for their dedication and commitment to promoting sport and physical activity across the school.

Our enrichment programme has continued to provide exciting learning experiences this week. Pine class enjoyed a successful trip to the Cotswold Water Park Beach, where the children had a wonderful day of outdoor learning and exploration. Meanwhile, Ash class welcomed Jonathan's Jungle, who brought along a fascinating collection of animals, including a tarantula, snake and millipede, as well as several other amazing creatures. This visit provided a memorable opportunity to enhance the children's learning following their Australia topic last term.

Our Term 6 Discovery Day took place this week, with a focus on the Environment. Classes across the school explored a variety of important environmental themes, encouraging children to think carefully about the world around them and the role they can play in protecting it for future generations.

We are also pleased to share the class and teacher allocations for September with you and your children (please see below). In addition, we would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Ash, who will be joining the Bridlewood team. Mrs Ash will have the opportunity to meet the children during 'Shuffle Up Day' later in the term, before officially starting with us in September.

House points for this week!

Blunsdon: 97



Liddington: 93



Silbury: 95



Uffington: 115



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

Our Core Value this term is

Responsibility

Our Assembly Theme this term is

Courage

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

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](#)

Classes for 2026-27

Year	Class	Teacher
Year 6	Oak Class	Miss Hulse
Year 5	Maple Class	Mrs Ash
Year 4	Birch Class	Mr Hilliker
Year 3	Elm Class	Miss Sykes
Year 2	Ash Class	Mrs Helsby/Mrs Watts
Year 1	Pine Class	Mrs Elborn/Mrs Barkham
Reception	Cherry Class	Miss Barber
Nursery	Hedgehogs	Mrs Hughes (Nursery leader)

'Shuffle up' afternoon to meet new teachers will be on Thursday 9th July.

Diary Dates

22/06/26	Y6 Production to parents 6pm
24-26/06/26	Y4 Oxenwood Residential
26/06/26	Y3 and Y6 Swimming
29/06/26	Julia's House Big Teddy Takeover for £1 donation
01/07/26	Rocksteady performance 9.15am
01/07/26	Open School 3.30-4.30pm
03/07/26	PTA Non-Uniform for bottle donations
03/07/26	Y3 and Y6 Swimming
03/07/26	PTA Summer Fete 5-8pm
06/07/26	Y6 Lake 32 Trip
07/07/26	Sports Day
08/07/26	Reception Class Assembly 9.10am
09/07/26	Class Shuffle Up Afternoon
10/07/26	Y3 and Y6 Swimming
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
17/07/26	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

Upcoming Events

Tickets for the **Year 6 production** are available on ParentPay. Please purchase tickets by end of Friday 19th June. The performance to parents/carers is on **Monday 22nd June at 6pm**. Year 6 children should be back in school for 5.30pm to get ready for the performance.

There will be an opportunity for you to visit your child's class, talk to the teachers and look at some of your child's work on **Wednesday 1st July from 3.30-4.30pm**. No booking necessary. After collecting your child please enter school from the main office entrance from **3.30pm**.

If your child is taking part in the music recital you will have received information on this. Tickets can be collected from the school office. Please collect by Tuesday 14th July. Performance is on **15th July at 9.15am**.

Sports Day

Tuesday 7th July

Families are invited to come along and support the children. Details are set out in the letters sent to parents/carers and also available on our website:

[Nursery Sports Day 2026](#)

[YR—Y6 Sports Day 2026](#)

As advised, there are no hot school dinners available on sports day. If your child is entitled to a free school meal and you would like to order a packed lunch from school, please see letter on how to do this. Lunches must be ordered by 29th June.



Bridlewood PTA

NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY Friday 3rd July

Dress in your best in exchange for a
bottle donation for our Summer Fete
Tombola

The bottle tombola is one of the most popular stalls at our fete so if you
have any extras lying at home they would be greatly appreciated



All proceeds raised from the tombola will go back into supporting Bridlewood School

Bridlewood Primary School & Nursery PTA

SUMMER FETE

Friday 3rd July 2026 5-8pm

FREE ENTRY
EVERYONE WELCOME

- Tombola •
- Bar •
- Raffle •
- Stalls •
- Hot food •
- Games •
- Ice Cream Van •
- Demos •
- Penalty Shoot Out •
- And Much More! •

5-12 YEAR OLDS

HS SPORTS SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP 2026

WEEK 1 Mon 27th- Thurs 30th July	WEEK 3 Weds 12th- Fri 14th August	WEEK 5 Mon 24th- Thurs 27th August
WEEK 2 Mon 3rd- Thurs 6th August	WEEK 4 Mon 17th- Thurs 20th August	

FUN FOOTBALL CAMP • ALL ABILITIES WITH EMPHASIS ON FUN AND FRIENDSHIPS • QUALIFIED EXPERIENCED COACHES • SIBLING DISCOUNT

8.30/9.00AM DROP OFF. 3.00PM PICK UP
Location: Kingsdown School, Hyde Road, Swindon SN2 7SH
Email hssportscamp.bookings@gmail.com
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Scan QR code for more information and to book on.

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Striker School and Midfield Masterclass

High performance training with focus on finishing, shooting technique and movement off the ball.
Tactical awareness, ball control, passing and vision.

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UK Social Media ban for under-16s: what you need to know

Government plans for **Launching spring 2027** UK Social Media Ban for Under-16s:

The Government's Plan

The government plans to ban under-16s from some social media platforms by next spring. Technology minister Liz Kendall called it a "defining moment for our children", saying it will "give them the freedom to be children again" and "put power back into parents' hands".

What Is the Ban?

Under the new law, children under 16 will be blocked from accessing certain social media platforms. The ban is planned to come into effect in spring 2027 and will be enforced through age-verification technology.

Expert Warning!

Professor Claire Haworth (University of Bristol) warns: "We must be careful about over-promising what a social media ban can do." She notes its impact will depend on enforcement and what replaces online social spaces.

A Parent's View

Claire Honor, a mother of three from Cirencester, said she was relieved: "We're not having to fight trillion-dollar technology companies on our own."

What do you think about the ban?



Our pupils' opinions

Ethan

More children will play outside — it will be a good thing.

Poppy & Cody

We think Parents should have more controls within apps rather than a full ban. Most children are sensible online so it should be the parents' choice.

Dougie

I agree with the ban but children should be allowed some social media for a small amount of time.

Antim

Older teens will have a limit on doom scrolling at night — but it should be parents' decision.

Iggy

Children will scroll less, but it should be up to parents.