



Newsletter: 23rd January 2026

Message from the Headteacher

We were delighted to launch **OPAL** this week! Although the weather has been rather challenging, the children have embraced the opportunity to explore the outdoor space — especially the woodland area. You may notice muddier clothes than usual, and we appreciate your understanding as everyone settles into these more adventurous playtimes. A big **thank you** to families for the generous donations. We are beginning to build up our stock of *small parts*, which will be introduced gradually over the coming term as we expand play opportunities even further. **Congratulations to Elm Class**, who were the first to complete their OPAL bingo card — well done!

This week we also welcomed a delegation of **Korean education leaders and teachers** who visited our school to learn more about our curriculum and computing provision. They enjoyed visiting lessons, speaking with staff, and even had the chance to watch some wonderful singing from our KS2 Young Voices group.

Ash Class had a fantastic trip to the **Roald Dahl Museum**, where they explored the interactive exhibits and took part in an *Enormous Crocodile* workshop connected to their current learning. The children represented the school brilliantly and had a wonderful time.

Today we rounded off the week with an array of **crazy hairstyles** for our themed day! Thank you to everyone who took part and for your donations to the PTA fund — your support is greatly appreciated.



House points for this week!

Blunsdon: 143



Liddington: 98



Silbury: 111



Uffington: 141



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

OPAL

Please ensure children have wellies and a warm, waterproof coat in school so that they are able to enjoy our OPAL playtimes. Children without these will be unable to access all the zones.

A spare set of clothes can also be kept at school if required.



**Our Core Value this term is
Honesty
Our Assembly Theme this term is
Justice**

SCHOOL WEBSITE / FACEBOOK PAGE

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

Diary Dates

29/01/26	Hockey Competition for selected pupils
30/01/26	Non-Uniform Day for Oxford Animal Sanctuary
04/02/26	Nursery and Reception Dress Up Day - People Who Help Us
05/02/26	Parent Maths Workshop and Lesson Visits 9-10am
06/02/26	Art Discovery Day - view the artwork from 3.15pm in Y1-6
09/02/26	Y5/6 Mary Poppins Performance at Abbey Park School
12/02/26	Meet TPAT Mental Health Team 1 -3.30pm in the school hall
12/02/26	PTA School Disco (details to follow)
13/02/26	Nursery and Reception Library Visit
13/02/26	Last day of Term 3
23/02/26	Inset Day - School and Nursery Closed
24/02/26	Start of Term 4
02/03/26	Y2 Cricket Festival
03/03/26	Class Photos
04/03/26	Parent consultations - school finishes at 1.20pm, Nursery open as usual
05/03/26	World Book Day (dress up) and Poetry Slam
10/03/26	Y1 Warwick Castle Trip
20/03/26	Y4 & Y5 Watermill Theatre Trip
27/03/26	Last day of term - school finishes at 1.30pm and Nursery open for morning session only (until 11.40am)
13/04/26	Start of Term 5

Anti-bullying Non Uniform Day

On **Friday 30th January**, the anti-bullying team have arranged a non-uniform day for the Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary. We are asking for pet food donations in return for children to come to school in non-uniform. Please hand donations in to your class on the day.



**Oxfordshire
Animal
Sanctuary**

Attendance

If your child is absent from school please ensure you call or email the school **by 9am on each day** of absence. If we do not have a reason for your child's absence, you will be contacted for a reason. If we don't hear from you, then a welfare visit may be made to your home address.

Children who are persistently absent will be required to provide medical evidence of illness.

If your child has a sickness bug with vomiting or diarrhoea they need to remain off for 48 hours from the last episode of this. This is to prevent the spread to other children and staff. If the vomiting or diarrhoea is related to a known intolerance or other illness (e.g. from coughing) they do not need to remain off for the 48 hours. Please use your best judgement with this and help keep the bugs at bay. If we believe a child is in school with a stomach bug, you will be contacted to collect your child.

Packed Lunches

We have seen an increase of parents/carers sending in their children with a packed lunch when a school meal has been ordered.

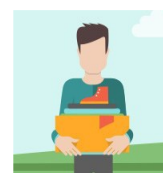
This causes unnecessary waste and cost to the school. Please only book school meals if your child is having them. You are able to amend bookings made in advance and these can be done by midnight on Thursdays for the following week. You are also able to check what you have booked on ParentPay, or contact the office if you are unsure.

Textile Recycling

Don't forget if you are having a sort out at home and have any clothing that can be recycled, these can be placed in our textile bin at the back of the school.

This will help us to raise valuable funds, so please bring along your unwanted (clean) clothing, handbags, belts and paired shoes.

If the bin is full please let the office know and we will arrange for it to be emptied. Please do not leave items at the side or top of the bin if it is full, as they won't take wet items.



Come meet the TPAT Mental Health Team



Find out what we do and how we support students



The Park Academies Trust



On the day there will be:

- Games & activities to support your mental health
- Support information and signposting
- Opportunity for questions and answers

Fitting in is about blending in, whereas belonging is about being seen and valued for your authentic self, even with imperfections.

Location: School hall

Date & Time: 12/02/26 1 - 3.30pm

To find out more, speak to: Mrs McLaughlin