



Newsletter: 17th April 2026

Message from the Headteacher

We would like to warmly welcome everyone back to the Summer Term. After a restful break, it has been lovely to see the school buzzing with enthusiasm for their new topics and ready for learning.

Our extra-curricular clubs started this week, and it has been fantastic to see such a high level of interest. There are still spaces available in some clubs, so please do get in touch if your child is still looking to join an activity.

As we start the new term, we would like to remind families of our expectations around uniform and jewellery. Trainers should only be worn on PE days. Pupils may wear a watch and small stud earrings; however, earrings must be removed for PE. No other jewellery, including hooped earrings, should be worn to school. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high standards and keep pupils safe.

This week, Elm Class enjoyed an exciting visit to the Salisbury Museum as part of their Stone Age topic. The pupils took part in hands-on Stone Age workshops and learned about the ancient exhibits, helping to bring their learning to life.

We were also pleased to welcome one of our Academy Trustees into school this week. They commented very positively on the calm, purposeful atmosphere around the school and how engaged the pupils were in their learning.

We would also like to remind everyone that our school values are respect, responsibility, and honesty. We expect all members of our community - children, parents, carers, and staff - to uphold these values at all times, including during drop-off and pick-up, on the journey to and from school, and when communicating with one another. If you have any concerns, please use the appropriate channels by speaking to your child's class teacher in the first instance or arranging a meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. A reminder that any concerns relating to incidents outside of school should be reported to 101 to be investigated by the appropriate authorities.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Multi-Purpose Compost

Due to recent tree works requiring some tree removal, our woodland area has sadly lost much of its character, and we are working to bring this area back to life with some planting. If you have any spare or leftover compost/soil suitable for planting, we would greatly appreciate donations. Please give to Miss Barber (Cherry Class) at drop off or pick up.

Thank you for your support!

Miss Barber and the Eco Council

**Our Core Value this term is
Responsibility
Our Assembly Theme this term is
Service**

House points for this week!

Blunsdon: 98



Liddington: 98



Silbury: 98



Uffington: 102



Well done to Uffington 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

22/04/26	Y3 & Y4 Richard Jefferies Trip
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
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

Bridlewood Primary School Facebook Page

Please check out our [Facebook page](#) and keep up to date with news and events happening at Bridlewood!

Give us a 'like' and feel free to share with other family members too!



Online Safety

We would like to remind families of the importance of keeping children safe online. Please continue to monitor your child's use of social media, online games, and age-restricted platforms to ensure they are appropriate for their age. We encourage parents and carers to talk regularly with their children about what they are doing online and who they are communicating with.

If you or your child encounter anything online that is inappropriate or abusive, please ensure it is blocked and reported directly to the platform.

Further advice and practical guidance for parents on social media settings, blocking, and reporting can be found on the NSPCC website:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

Upcoming Inset Day and Term Dates

A reminder that school and nursery are closed on Monday 4th May for the bank holiday and Thursday 7th May for an inset day.

Please also see attached our term dates for the remainder of this [academic year](#) and for [2026/2027](#). When planning your family events and holidays please bear in mind the dates to avoid booking during term time.

We are unable to authorise absences in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances and absences over the threshold of 10 sessions (normally 5 days) in a rolling 10 school week period will be referred to the Local Authority to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice.



School Nursing
Swindon



We'd love to see you at our School Nurse Forum;
****Parents, Carers and Professionals welcome****

AGENDA:

- ☐ WELCOME/INTRODUCTION - 1230 HRS
- ☐ WORKSHOP 1 - CONTINENCE - 1245 HRS
- ☐ WORKSHOP 1 - SLEEP - 1245 HRS
- ☐ WORKSHOP 2 - CONTINENCE - 1330 HRS
- ☐ WORKSHOP 2 - SLEEP - 1330 HRS
- ☐ PARENT/CARER & SCHOOL NURSE TEA/COFFEE - OPPORTUNITY FOR SIGNPOSTING - 1400 HRS
- ☐ PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING - 1430 HRS

THURSDAY 23RD APRIL
2026

1230PM-1500PM

EVERLEIGH CENTRE
EVERLEIGH ROAD
PENHILL
SN2 5HB

PLEASE BOOK VIA THE QR
CODE. PARENTS/CARERS,
PLEASE SELECT THE
WORKSHOP/S YOU WOULD LIKE
TO ATTEND



QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH....
SWINDONSCHOOLNURSETEAM@SWINDON.GOV.UK

GOLDEN TICKET

Find the Golden Ticket stuck to the bottom of your tray for a special treat!

April 27th – 1st May
Join us for lunch and you could be a daily Golden Ticket Winner !!

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Helping your child to stay safe online

Course Dates: Friday 24th April
Times: 10:00am to 12:00pm
Location: Online

This workshop, led by two assistant educational psychologists from Swindon Borough Council, explores how the online world affects children and young people, including their three core psychological needs, the constant presence of the virtual world, and how technology can influence developing brains. We'll look at the four main types of digital harm, alongside the many positives that technology can offer. The session will also share practical strategies and advice to help you support your child in staying safe, balanced, and confident online. By the end of the course, you will:

- have a clearer understanding of how the online world affects your child
- be more confident using practical strategies to help your child stay safe online

To request a place on this course:



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acl@swindon.gov.uk

Find details of more Adult Community Learning courses using the QR code above or www.swindon.gov.uk/adultlearning

* To be eligible to enrol on these free courses you need to be over 19 years old as of 31st August 2025; have the right to reside in the UK; or be an asylum seeker and have applied for asylum more than 6 months ago; be unemployed, or working and earning less than £25,750 a year.

For more information about our eligibility criteria please visit our website www.swindon.gov.uk/adultlearning



Helping your child with anxiety

Course Dates: Friday 1st May
Times: 10:00am to 12:00pm
Location: Online

This workshop, led by two assistant educational psychologists from Swindon Borough Council, will explore what anxiety is, how it commonly presents in children and young people, and why it can sometimes feel overwhelming for them. We'll look at how to talk to your child about their worries in a calm and supportive way, and we'll share practical approaches and techniques you can use at home to help them manage anxious feelings more confidently. If you're looking for simple, effective strategies to support your child's wellbeing, this session may be helpful for you. By the end of the course, you will:

- have a clearer understanding of what anxiety is and how it can show up in children
- feel more confident using simple, practical strategies at home to help your child manage their worries more effectively.

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Helping your child get better sleep

Course Dates: Friday 17th April
Times: 10:00am to 12:00pm
Location: Online

This workshop, led by two assistant educational psychologists from Swindon Borough Council, explores why good-quality sleep is so important for children's wellbeing, learning, and emotional regulation. We'll look at how sleep and stress affect the developing brain, common sleep difficulties, and what helps, including routines, environment, and reassurance. The session also shares practical, easy-to-use strategies you can try at home to support healthier sleep patterns. By the end of the course, you will:

- improve your understanding of why good-quality sleep matters for your child's wellbeing and learning
- be more confident using simple strategies at home to support healthier sleep routines

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