



Newsletter: 5th December 2025

Message from the Headteacher

We kicked off the festive season with our Advent assembly, where each class shared fascinating facts and examples of popular Christmas traditions - such as advent calendars, candles, cards, wreaths, festive foods, and the Christingle. A special highlight was Cherry Class, who proudly brought in their homemade decorations and became the first to adorn our school Christmas tree!

Our talented *Rock Steady* bands also took to the stage this week, performing for the school and parents. It was a joy to witness their progress - the music truly showcased the children's creativity, confidence, and enthusiasm.

Midweek, Hedgehogs and Cherry Class enjoyed a delightful walk to the local post box to send their letters to Santa. A big thank you to all the parents and volunteers who supported the trip. Fingers crossed for a reply from Santa soon! Today Pine Class enjoyed their Teddy Bears Picnic and guess the teachers teddy to finish their topic on toys.

Looking ahead, we can't wait to welcome many of you next week to our Reception and KS1 Christmas performances - it promises to be a wonderful celebration.

Finally, a reminder: this weekend is your **last chance** to complete our annual parent survey before it closes on **Monday, 8th December**. Your feedback is invaluable to us. This year, we're also asking for your thoughts on a proposed change to an 'active uniform' for next academic year. Please see the link below and share your views - we'd really appreciate it!

House points for this week!

Blunsdon: 137



Liddington: 157



Silbury: 107



Uffington: 93



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

End of Term 2

On **Friday 19th December** school will finish at **1.30pm** for the Christmas break. There will be no after school club on this day.

Nursery will finish at 11.40am. There will be no afternoon or top up session on this date.

Please ensure you collect your children at the appropriate time.

School Uniform

A reminder that PE uniform consists of **plain black** shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms, a **plain white** t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls. Children may also wear a Bridlewood hoodie **or their usual green Bridlewood jumper** in cold weather.

Hoodies and trainers are only to be worn on PE days. Bridlewood jumpers or cardigans can be worn at other times.

Reminder

Application deadlines for requesting school places are as follows:

January 15th 2026 - Primary School applications

Applications should be made on the following link:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions

Our Core Value this term is

Respect

Our Assembly Theme this term is

Humility

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

09/12/25	KS1 Christmas Play 2.15pm
10/12/25	KS1 Christmas Play 10am
11/12/25	Reception Nativity 9.30am
12/12/25	PTA Non-Uniform for Christmas Hamper Donations
12/12/25	Nursery Stay and Play
15-17/12/25	Christmas Raffle Tickets on Sale
17/12/25	Music Recital 9.15am
17/12/25	Christmas Lunch and Jumpers
18/12/25	Christmas Raffle Draw
18/12/25	Christmas Parties/Non-Uniform
19/12/25	Last day of term - school finishes at 1.30pm and Nursery open for morning session only (until 11.40am)
05/01/26	Term 3 starts
16/01/26	Young Voices
21/01/26	Y2 Roald Dahl Trip

Annual Parent Questionnaire

Last week we sent out our [annual parent questionnaire](#). Please complete responses by **Monday 8th December**.

It is very important to us that we understand how you view our school. Please take a moment to answer the questionnaire and share with us what we are doing well and where we have an opportunity to improve. We have included an additional question regarding uniform which we would like your views on.

Please click on the link below to access the questionnaire:

<https://forms.gle/whuR9STy1L3MxuCf6>



Design a Christmas Cake Competition

Last few days to get your entries in. Entry forms are available from outside the school office or you may wish to print your own from the school [website](#).

Please hand in your design to the school office by **3.30pm on Monday 8th December** for the chance to win a festive sweet treat.

Winners will be announced on Christmas lunch day!

Lost Property

We do not keep a central lost property in school and encourage all parent/carers to label ALL clothing and belongings to ensure these are returned to the correct child. It does not have to cost a lot of money to do this - a name written in sharpie does the trick!

In the last few weeks we have had a few items handed in to the office, some of which have been found out the front of school. If these are yours please collect them by the end of this term, otherwise they will be disposed of.



Christmas Performances

Reception - 'We're Going on a Baby Hunt'

11th December at 9.30am

Y1 & Y2 - Tinsel and Tea Towels

9th December at 2.15pm

10th December at 10am

Music Recital

17th December at 9.15am

Parents/carers of children involved in the music recital have been sent the letter regarding tickets.

Please see letters sent out for further details.

Deadlines for tickets is approaching so please don't miss out!



Christmas Lunch 2025



Details have been sent out regarding our Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 17th December**. Please ensure orders are placed by **Tuesday 9th December**. See [letter](#) sent for further information.





Non School Uniform Day

Friday 12th December 2025

In exchange for a contribution to the
PTA christmas hamper raffle



Contribution ideas. Bottles,
Chocolates, Biscuits, Pamper items,
Toys (new only) Donations of
vouchers or services would also be
most appreciated.



Christmas Hamper Raffle
will be drawn on Thursday 18th December

Tickets will be on sale in the playground from
Monday 15th December to Wednesday 17th December.
(Cash only)

£1 a ticket

Raffle winners will be announced via email on Thursday 18th December.
Prizes to include an assortment of hampers and a selection of vouchers. Prizes
must be collected on the day



Bridlewood PTA

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrcr.de/minfec>.



Could your child be entitled to a

FREE school meal?

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals (known as Universal Infant Free School Meals). Meals are still to be booked on ParentPay by midnight on Thursdays for the following week so we are aware of numbers for ordering food supplies.

If you or your child receive any of the [benefits listed on this page](#), you are entitled to apply for free school meals. **This applies to all children, regardless of whether you are in receipt of Universal Infant Free School Meals.** This will help the school to get extra funding from central government, which will be used to buy additional resources to benefit our pupils and **entitles you to support with school trip payments and access to free music tuition.**

If you believe you are entitled to receive Free School Meals you can apply [here](#). Please speak with the school office if you have any queries.

Apply for free school meals



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One Team - One Goal - Love the Game



EVERY TUESDAY (TERM TIME)

LOCATION: ABBEY MEADS PRIMARY 4.30pm-5.15pm
Space are limited - Secure your spot today

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Dear All,

We are excited to invite all children aged 12 and under alongside their families to our Santa's Secret Grotto on 17th December, 4-7 PM.

This is a free community event filled with festive fun and a chance to meet Santa himself!

We hope you can join us for some Christmas magic and joyful celebrations.



Warm wishes,
BEST - Be a Better You

Unit 20, Athena venue. SN2 8EJ