



Newsletter: 14th November 2025

Message from the Headteacher

It's been an incredibly busy and exciting week at Bridlewood! Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic Viking Day at Oxenwood, complete with a battle re-enactment, while Year 3 explored the Living Rainforest and were thrilled to spot the sloth - thank you to the parents and volunteers who helped to make these trips possible.

Across the school, we marked Anti-Bullying Week with assemblies, Odd Socks Day, PSHE lessons, and a KS2 theatre performance, all reinforcing this year's theme of using our 'Power for Good'. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors led an inspiring assembly and introduced the updated child-friendly version of our Anti-Bullying Policy.

This week, Year 5 and 6 also visited Abbey Park for a special author event alongside other local Trust primary schools, and today we rounded off the week with a creative lantern-making workshop for Year 6. These lanterns will feature in the 'Swindon Winter Fest' on 22nd November in the town centre - a magical new annual event celebrating creativity with free family-friendly experiences. We're proud that our pupils have contributed to the enchanting *Magical Lantern Forest* that will be part of the festival trail. Finally, a big thank you for your generous donations during today's Children in Need non-uniform day - your support makes a real difference!

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

Book Look

There will be an opportunity for Reception to Year 6 parents to drop in to view their children's books on **Wednesday 26th November from 3.30-4.30pm.**

No booking necessary. After collecting your child please enter school from the main office entrance from **3.30pm** to see what the children have been up to.



House points for this week!

Blunsdon: 146

Liddington: 112

Silbury: 104

Uffington: 135



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

Our Core Value this term is Respect
Our Assembly Theme this term is Humility

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 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

18/11/25	School Flu Vaccinations
19/11/25	Nursery parent/carer consultation—online
21/11/21	PTA Cake Sale
25/11/25	Football Competition for selected pupils
26/11/25	3.30 - 4.30pm - Parent Book Look
27/11/25	Y3/4 Football Competition for selected pupils
28/11/25	Discovery Day - International Day
28/11/25	Toy Appeal Donations
01/12/25	Advent Assembly
02/12/25	Reception Walk to the Post Box
05/12/25	Y1 Teddy Bear Picnic
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	Nursery Stay and Play
17/12/25	Christmas Lunch and Jumpers—details to follow on how to book
18/12/25	Christmas Parties/Non-Uniform
19/12/25 finishes	Last day of term - school at 1.30pm and Nursery open for morning session only (until 11.40am)
05/01/26	Term 3 starts



Advance Notice of Diary Dates

Due to such a busy term we have tried to provide as much notice as possible of upcoming events. Where information has not yet been provided, this will be communicated to parents by ParentPay in due course.

Holidays in Term Time

Please remember that **we cannot authorise holidays in school time** unless there are exceptional circumstances. We often receive applications from parents for holidays who seem to be unaware that this is the case.

Occasionally parents tell us that children have been poorly or have an appointment but then the children tell us what a lovely trip or holiday they've had which puts us in a difficult and embarrassing position. Please use our inset days and school holidays to enjoy a break with your children or if this is impossible please complete a holiday form to avoid dishonesty.

We understand that holidays can be expensive but the school register is a legal document and it is important that the correct absence code is recorded e.g. if a child is on holiday it cannot be recorded as illness when this is not the case. Of course we want the children to be in school and learning every day so that when they move on to secondary school they are secure and ready to progress with confidence.

Where possible please try and avoid booking routine medical/dentist appointments during the school day, to minimise the disruption to your child's learning. Children are expected to be in school whilst not attending the appointment. Proof of appointments may be required.

Please visit the school office should you need to request time off in term time and complete a Notification of Absence Request **at least 10 days prior to the absence.**



FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER
3.15pm

CAKE SALE

We will also be selling
Hot Chocolate
(Must be with an adult to purchase)

Cakes – 50p each
Hot Chocolate – £1.50p

Cakes to be provided by
Maple Class (Yr5)



CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Helping Swindon's children to be happy
by providing gifts this Christmas!



FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS IN
THE MORNING AT THE SCHOOL
OFFICE OR CLASSROOM.



Would you like to be a Parent Champion?



WHAT DO PARENT CHAMPIONS DO?

- Talk to parents about Early Years Funding and Childcare
- Encourage families to access local services
- Share health and wellbeing messages
- Enhance own skills and boost personal development

WHATS ON OFFER?

- Information, ongoing support and further training opportunities
- Monthly/ termly meetings with the Early Years Brokerage team
- Flexibility to fit volunteering around your daily routine

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