



Newsletter: 21st November 2025

Message from the Headteacher

This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils welcomed community police officers into school for an important information session on *hate crime*. The session helped our children understand what hate crime is, why it matters, and how we can all work together to promote respect and kindness in our community.

A big thank you to all our Nursery parents who attended the parent consultation meetings this week. Your support and engagement are greatly appreciated and play a vital role in your child's learning journey.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Lampard from our admin office team. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication and wish her every success in her new role.

Thank you for your patience and support during this week's Ofsted inspection. As this inspection took place in only the second week of the new Ofsted framework, the report is unlikely to be available for parents until after the Christmas break due to the additional quality assurance process required for these early inspections. We were well supported by our wider Trust team and a big thank you to my staff for their continued dedication and hard work but particularly over the last few days. The children had lots of opportunities to show off all their learning and speak to inspectors about what it is like to be a Bridlewood pupil. Thank you to parents who contributed their views either directly to inspectors or through the online questionnaire.

With the inspection behind us, we can now turn our attention to the remainder of the Autumn term learning and assessments and the exciting, busy Christmas period ahead. Please also remember to support the PTA cake sale after school today!

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

House points for this week!

Blunsdon: 87



Liddington: 69



Silbury: 84



Uffington: 85



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

Children in Need



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

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

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
03/12/25	Rocksteady Performance 9.15am
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	Music Recital 9.15am
17/12/25	Christmas Lunch and Jumpers- details to follow on how to book
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

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.

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.



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 Term Dates

Please note the [2025/26](#) and [2026/27](#) terms dates are both available on our website. Please use these when planning your family breaks and holidays to avoid disruption during the school terms.

Email Addresses

A polite reminder that our email addresses end @bridlewood.org.uk. Please ensure you are using the most up to date version as we have had a few missed emails going to old addresses no longer in use.

All email addresses are available on our [website](#).



Free KS2 learning support

We're pleased to let you know that Bridlewood Primary School has partnered with [Atom Learning](#) to provide free KS2 learning to primary school children who are eligible for Pupil Premium.

Eligible students will receive access to Atom Home for free (normally £575.90 a year). Atom Learning is a viable, more child-centric alternative to private tuition that we believe is a non-stressful and enjoyable way of making progress at KS2 and, when relevant, preparing for exams. A 5-day free trial of Atom available for non-PP families. **The [application link](#) can be found on their website.**



Christmas Lunch 2025



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



OPAL shoutout

As part of our OPAL programme and our commitment to outdoor play in all weathers, we kindly ask that every pupil brings a *named pair of wellies* to keep in school. Having wellies on site ensures all children can fully enjoy our outdoor spaces every day, no matter the weather. Thank you for helping us make outdoor play safe, fun, and accessible for everyone!

This week, we're collecting old waterproofs and wellies to support all-weather play. A collection bucket for these items will be available outside of YR5&6 during drop-off and collection.

We're also still on the lookout for a carpenter who can help us create some storage items. If you're handy with wood and willing to lend a hand, please email HillikerD@Bridlewood.org.uk

Together, let's make outdoor play amazing!

Parking

We appreciate that parking is limited and pick up and drop off times can be very busy, but please can we remind parents/carers not to use or block resident parking spaces and to keep pathways and dropped curbs clear for pedestrian use. Please also do not block in other vehicles.

Please also be mindful of our neighbours and the environment and do not leave cars idling.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Data Collection

School parents will have received a letter this week regarding data collection updates.

Children's data collection sheets will be in marked envelopes for parents to review at the book look on Wednesday 26th November. Data collection sheets will only be given to parents to review. Please see [letter](#) for further information.

Nursery data collection sheets will be given to parents at drop off/pick up next week.

Please review, amend if necessary, sign and return the data collection sheet as soon as possible to the school office or your class teacher.

If you have any queries regarding this please speak with the school office.



Bridlewood PTA

FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER
3.15pm

CAKE SALE

TODAY!

We'll 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)



"THIS MORNING,
HE HAD A
RUNNY NOSE...
BUT LOOK AT
HIM NOW!"

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

 HM Government

Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.

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