



Newsletter: 28th November 2025

Message from the Headteacher

A huge congratulations to both our Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 football squads who competed in the Swindon Schools' tournaments this week. Both teams won most of their games and represented the school brilliantly, showing fantastic behaviour throughout. Thank you to Mr Hilliker and Miss Sykes for organising the children, and to all the parents who supported with transport and cheered the teams on at the events.

Thank you for joining our Autumn term 'book look' this week. It was wonderful to see so many parents in school celebrating the children's learning so far this term.

It's that time of year again for our annual parent survey. Please check the link in the communication sent out earlier this week or use the QR code at the office entrance (and below) if you haven't yet completed it. Your views are incredibly valuable. This year, we are also seeking feedback on a potential change to an 'active uniform' for next academic year, and we'd really appreciate your thoughts on this.

Next week we begin the festive period with our Advent assembly and the 'Rock Steady' bands will also be performing to parents and carers. The Christmas post box will also be open next week for anyone wishing to post their cards for delivery around school!



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

Bikes and Scooters

Please can we remind you that all children should **dismount and walk** with their bikes and scooters when arriving and leaving the school grounds. It is very busy at drop off and pick up times and we don't want any collisions!

House points for this week!

Blunsdon: 105



Liddington: 116



Silbury: 117



Uffington: 89



Well done to Silbury for being this week's winners and to Blunsdon for being the winners for November!

Attendance

Well done to Ash class for having the highest attendance for November.



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

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	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

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.

Cause-and-Effect Toys

We are looking for *cause-and-effect* toys for our Early Years provision.

We would be very grateful for any items that fit the following types:

- Push-button or light-up toys
- Toys with simple switches or levers
- Musical or sound-response toys
- Pop-up or press-and-release toys
- Sturdy, exploratory toys designed for developing early play skills

If you have any suitable items you no longer need, please leave donations with Miss Barber (Cherry Class) or Mrs Hughes (Nursery). Thank you.

Annual Parent Questionnaire

Earlier this week we sent out our [annual parent questionnaire](#). 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>



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.

Design a Christmas Cake Competition

Entry forms are available from 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!



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.



Esafety champions: Online Relationships

Staying Kind, Safe, Smart & Respectful

The internet is a great place to play games, interact, and learn new things online, but remember: good online friendships need care and caution. There is a real person behind every screen, so treat others kindly. If someone says something unkind, makes you feel uncomfortable, or asks you to keep secrets from your family or teacher, tell a trusted adult immediately.

The internet is a great place to be; however, always be careful of who you trust. If something doesn't feel right, speak up. Good friends protect and respect each other.



Guard your privacy and complaints carefully; understand the digital rules and stay protected by being kind online.



Champions top tips:

- 1** Remember: online kindness is important. Be honest, respectful, and treat others the way you want to be treated.
- 2** It's important to report anything that feels unsafe or uncomfortable straight away.
- 3** Good online friends will never ask you to do something that makes you feel worried or unsure. Always tell a trusted adult.
- 4** Good online friends are caring and supportive. Always tell someone if something doesn't feel right or makes you worried.



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Craft & Cake With Santa

Join us for a spot of craft & cake with Santa & his elves. Santa will read a story, the elves will help you with crafts and we will all eat yummy homemade cake. Plus, all good boys & girls will receive a gift!

Children: £12. Adults: £8

MONDAY, 22 DECEMBER 2025
 13:30 - 15:00 | 15:30 - 17:00

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- We deliver three step-by-step recipes and all the ingredients you need, straight to your door
- Your personal mentor will support you by phone or WhatsApp with lots of tips and advice along the way
- At the end you'll get a free gift of wallet-friendly recipes

What do I need to do?

- All we ask is that you cook the three recipes and send us photos of your lovely food!

How long does it take?

- About two weeks but you can work at your own pace

How do I join?

- Register online: www.bagsoftaste.org/students
- Call/WhatsApp 07813678660
- Email swindon@bagsoftaste.org

Once we've confirmed your registration we'll contact you to arrange your delivery



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