



Newsletter: 16th January 2026

Message from the Headteacher

This week, our Year 6 pupils took part in a **Drug Awareness session with UTurn**, where they explored the importance of making safe and responsible choices as they grow older. The children showed real maturity in the discussions and engaged thoughtfully with the scenarios presented.

This afternoon, a team of **Year 5/6 girls represented Bridlewood in a football competition**, demonstrating great teamwork, enthusiasm and determination throughout. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were a real credit to the school. A big thank you to **Mrs Taylor** for accompanying them, and to the **parents** who came along to support.

This evening, a group of Bridlewood KS2 singers are travelling to Birmingham to take part in **Young Voices**, an exciting opportunity for the children to join thousands of others in a huge massed choir. If it is anything like last year, they are sure to have an unforgettable experience. Thank you to **Mrs Helsby and all the staff** supporting the children and making this event possible.

We are also pleased to share our **Ofsted report**, which was sent out to families earlier today. Inspectors judged Bridlewood to be *meeting the expected standard in all areas* under the new, more rigorous framework. The report celebrates our inclusive ethos, the positive attitudes and conduct of our pupils, and the strong safeguarding culture across the school. We are proud of this outcome and will continue to build on our strengths **and work on the areas for development identified in the report**, ensuring the school continues to move forward with ambition and confidence.

House points for this week!

Blunsdon: 163



Liddington: 134



Silbury: 151



Uffington: 103



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

Maths at Bridlewood

We are delighted to invite you into school for a special opportunity to learn more about how we teach maths at Bridlewood and to see your child's learning in action.



Date: Thursday 5th February 2026

Time: 9:00am- 9:15am – in the school hall for a welcome and introduction and 9:15- 10:00 – in your child's classroom to see maths in action. If you have more than one child, you are invited to share your time between the classrooms.

Please see [letter](#) for further details.

**Our Core Value this term is
Honesty**

**Our Assembly Theme this term is
Justice**

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

21/01/26	Y2 Roald Dahl Trip
23/01/26	Crazy Hair Day
29/01/26	Hockey Competition for selected pupils
30/01/26	Non-Uniform Day for Oxford Animal Sanctuary
04/02/26	Nursery and Reception Dress Up Day - People Who Help Us
05/02/26	Parent Maths Workshop and Lesson visits 9-10am
09/02/26	Y5/6 Mary Poppins Performance at Abbey Park School
13/02/26	Nursery and Reception Library Visit
02/03/26	Y2 Cricket Festival
10/03/26	Y1 Warwick Castle Trip
20/03/26	Y4 & Y5 Watermill Theatre Trip

Ofsted Outcome

Parents/carers have been sent a copy of our recent Ofsted report detailing the outcome of our recent inspection. Please check your emails for the report and letter from Mrs Sammon. The report will be available on the Ofsted website next week.

As you may be aware, Ofsted introduced a new Framework and grading system earlier this year.

Please see their guidance and video on [Understanding Ofsted report cards and grades](#) which they have released to help families understand what has changed from the old system.



Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent parent questionnaire and the Ofsted parent survey in November. Your views help us celebrate what's working well and focus on what matters most.

What you told us we do well

- **Children enjoy school and feel safe** – this continues to be a real strength.
- **Teaching and support** – parents feel their children are learning well and getting the right help.
- **Clubs and enrichment** – opportunities for activities have grown since last year.
- **Most families would recommend our school.**
- **Ofsted survey highlights** – parents praised our caring ethos, the way staff know pupils well, and the positive relationships across school.

What we're working on next

- **Behaviour and consistency** – this is already a key development priority. We've introduced Zones of Regulation and OPAL play, alongside staff training from the Trust School of Solutions team, visits to complex needs units, and trauma informed training for all staff. We regularly revisit behaviour routines and celebrate positive choices through our rewards system.
- **Anti-Bullying** – Most parents felt this was rare or dealt with quickly. However, we are committed to eliminating any bullying behaviour through our anti-bullying ambassadors, anti-bullying week, our PSHE curriculum and our current priority on behaviour. Where bullying behaviour comes to our attention (reported by parents or pupils) we will follow up with prompt action & communication.
- **How we handle concerns** – we are committed to responding quickly and working in partnership with parents and carers. It is rare for concerns to escalate, and we will always seek to find constructive solutions together.

Thank you again for your support and partnership as we continue to make our school the best it can be.



Bridlewood PTA

CRAZY HAIR DAY!



Friday 23rd January 2026

Children are invited to come to school with their hair styled in a silly, Wacky, or creative manner. We suggest colourful hair accessories, temporary hair dye, or other fun hair accessories.

School uniform to be worn

Donations of £1 or more for the PTA will be collected on the day



FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
MOST SUITABLE FOR 5-16 YRS

SCIENCE BAZAAR

Saturday 21 February 2026
9:30am - 11:30am Relaxed autism-friendly early opening
11:30am-4pm Open to all

Fun activities, hands-on workshops, experiments, talks, show, competitions and cafe



BOOK TICKETS



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CONSTRUCTION



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NO PARKING ON SITE EXCEPT FOR ACCESS NEEDS

Celebrate SWINDON on Swindon Day

To celebrate the Charter of Incorporation and Scheme for the Borough of Swindon, signed by Queen Victoria on 22 January 1900, we will be open for tea and cake, chat and opportunities to pray for and celebrate Swindon, as it is, 126 years later.

It's like Swindon's birthday!

AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
Thursday 22nd January
3-4.30pm



Tadpole Lane (between Lyall Close and Blunsdon
Abbey Caravan Park), SN25 2DW