



Newsletter: 5th September 2025

Message from the Headteacher



Welcome Back to a New School Year!

We hope all our families had a lovely summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead. It's been wonderful to see the children returning with such enthusiasm and smiles!

Next week, we'll be holding **Welcome Meetings for parents and carers of children in Years 1–6**. These informal sessions are a great chance to meet your child's class teacher, hear about the year ahead, and ask any questions. Please see the schedule below for details.

We're thrilled to share that our **running track has been resurfaced** over the summer. This means the children now have a safe, year-round pathway for their daily run—whatever the weather!

We also warmly welcome several **new staff members** to our school community:

- **Miss Sykes** is teaching Year 3, with **Mrs Barkham** covering the class every Monday.
- **Miss Briggs** is now teaching Year 2.
- **Miss Webb** joins Miss Barber in Cherry Class on her teacher training placement for the Autumn and Summer terms.
- Our new support staff include **Mrs Morton** and **Miss Megan** who will be helping at lunchtimes. **Mrs Joy** is our new After School Club Assistant.

You may have spotted me on crutches again this week! After injuring my knee earlier in the year, I've recently had surgery to repair it. I'm recovering well and will be back out on the gate to greet you all again as soon as I can.

We're really looking forward to the year ahead, full of learning, growth, and memorable moments. Thank you for your continued support.

House points for this week!

Blunsdon: 34

Liddington: 37

Silbury: 35

Uffington: 29



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

Diary Dates

08/09/25	3.30pm Y6 class online meeting followed by Pencelli meeting
09/09/25	3.30pm Y5 class online meeting
10/09/25	3.30pm Y4 class online meeting
10/09/25	4.00pm Y1 class online meeting
11/09/25	3.30pm Y3 class online meeting
12/09/25	3.30pm Y2 class online meeting
22-26/09/25	Y6 Plas Pencelli Residential
01/10/25	Individual and Sibling Photos
18/11/25	School Flu Vaccinations

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](#)

Our Core Value this term is
Respect.
Our Assembly Theme this term is
Thankfulness.



Moved House, Changed Your
Phone Number Or Email Address?
Please Let Us Know!

It is the parent/carers' responsibility to ensure that the correct contact details are held by the school, so that you can be contacted in an emergency. We also use these details to send out important documents such as reports. Please can you ensure that you inform the office of any changes to these details.

Please also ensure you update us to any changes to your child's medical or dietary needs.

Speak to the school office if you have any questions or queries.

Mobile Phones

Any phones brought to school by year 5/6 pupils who are walking to school, **must also be switched off at the gate and handed in to the teacher at the beginning of the day.** Children must have completed a Mobile Phone Agreement before bringing their phone to school. Agreements are available from the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Uniform

A reminder that our PE uniform colour is black (Not navy) for shorts and tracksuit bottoms with a plain white t shirt.

They may wear a Bridlewood hoody or their usual Bridlewood jumper only, to keep warm.

Trainers should only be worn on PE days and otherwise school shoes worn should be black and able to be 'polished'.

The school and PTA hold a range of second-hand uniform so if you are struggling financially, please don't hesitate to contact us for support.

Could your child be entitled to a



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

Y1-Y6 Class Meetings

Please take note of the class meeting dates/times for years 1-6 below, **which will be taking place over Teams (using your child's school Teams login)** with the class teachers next week. This is a short welcome meeting for you to hear from the class teacher about expectations and routines and a chance to ask any questions at the start of the new term.

Year 6 – 3.30pm Monday 8th September
(immediately following the class meeting will be a meeting for those attending Plas Pencelli)

Year 5 - 3.30pm Tuesday 9th September

Year 4 - 3.30pm Wednesday 10th September

Year 1 - 4.00pm Wednesday 10th September

Year 3 – 3.30pm Thursday 11th September

Year 2 – 3.30pm Friday 12th September

Links for the meeting will be sent out by the class teacher in due course. If you have any questions or require your child's Teams log in details, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Attendance

Parents or carers of a child have a legal responsibility to ensure their child receives a suitable education. This is usually achieved through regular attendance at school.

Being in school every day that it is open, is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development.

When can my child be absent from school?

When you register your child at school, you have a legal duty to ensure your child attends that school regularly. This means that your child must attend every day that the school is open, unless:

- Your child is too ill to attend that day (see [poster](#) for guidance).
- You have asked **in advance** and been given permission by the school for your child to be absent on that day due to exceptional circumstances.
- Your child cannot attend school on that day because it is a day you are taking part in religious observance and you have informed us **in advance**.



There are a total of 13 weeks of school holidays during the year which are available to be used for family events and holidays. However, if you need to request time off during term time, please complete and return a Notification of Absence form. Forms can be collected from the school office and should be returned at least 10 days prior to the absence. Absences can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and unauthorised absences may be subject to referral to the Local Authority for a fixed penalty notice.

For more information please visit: [Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance) (www.gov.uk)

Our term dates for the 2025/2026 school year can be found on our [website](#).

Absence due to illness should be reported **before 9am** on each day of illness, giving an explanation of the nature of the illness to 01793 706830 or to admin@bridlewood.org.uk

If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, **please keep them at home for 48 hours after the symptoms subside**. Infections of this kind spread very quickly where young children are concerned.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Labelling Items

Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name, including water bottles.

We do not have a central area for lost property and any unlabelled items cannot be reunited with their owner.

Reminder

Application deadlines for requesting school places are as follows:

October 31st 2025 - Secondary School applications

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

An alert could put you at risk



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Nationwide Emergency Alert Test — Sunday 7th September, 3pm

The UK's new emergency alert system will send a loud siren, message, and vibration to every compatible phone even on silent. Survivors of abuse with hidden phones could be put at risk if the device is discovered. You can opt out in your phone's settings to protect your safety:

- ✓ iPhone: Search "Emergency Alerts" in settings → Turn off Severe & Emergency alerts
- ✓ Android: Search "Emergency Alerts" in settings → Turn off Severe & Emergency alerts (and other threat categories if listed)

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