



Newsletter: 17th October 2025

Message from the Headteacher

A huge congratulations to our Year 3/4 boys cross country team who triumphed as overall winners at the Swindon Schools competition this week! We also celebrated many impressive individual performances across all teams, including Grace in Year 6 who placed 5th overall—an outstanding achievement. Thank you to Mr Hilliker and all the parents who supported with transport and cheered on our runners at the event.

In Year 1, children enjoyed a special visit from a guest who shared historical toys and guided them in making their own, such as peg dolls—perfectly complementing their topic work on Toys this term.

Thank you to all the parents who attended consultations this week. If you haven't yet made an appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher.

We ended the week with our first 'Discovery Day' of the year, exploring and celebrating Black History through engaging activities and discussions.

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

House points for this week!

Blunsdon: 110



Liddington: 110



Silbury: 101



Uffington: 91



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

Poppy Appeal

Our poppy sale starts from Monday 20th October until Remembrance Day. Our Year 6 pupils will be visiting classes selling poppies and poppy appeal merchandise such as snap bands, festival wrist bands, reflective poppies and stickers. These items will be available for a donation, suggested as £1. There are also 2025 poppy pin badges and these will be available for £3 each. All money raised will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



Bridlewood Primary School Facebook Page

Please check out our [Facebook page](#) and keep up to date with news and events happening at Bridlewood!

Give us a 'like' and feel free to share with other family members too!



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

17/10/25	PTA Cake Sale
20/10/25	Poppy Sale
21/10/25	YR/1 Parents' phonics workshop 9am in the school hall
21/10/25	Y6 Coleshill Trip
23/10/25	PTA Pumpkin Competition
23/10/25	Y1-6 PTA School Disco
24/10/25	INSET DAY - School and Nursery Closed
W/C 27/10/25	Half term break
03/11/25	Term 2 starts
10/11/25	Anti-bullying Week - details to follow
11/11/25	Y4 Viking Day at Oxenwood
12/11/25	Y3 Living Rainforest trip
12/11/25	Y5/6 Author visit to APS
18/11/25	School Flu Vaccinations
21/11/25	Children In Need—Non Uniform
26/11/25	3.30—4.30pm—Parent Book Look

MDSA Vacancy

Bridlewood Primary School are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisor to assist with the supervision of pupils during the lunch break.

This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of a hardworking team in a friendly school. Some previous experience of working with children is desirable.

Hours: Monday to Friday 12.00-1.00pm
5.0 hours per week, Term-time only

Salary: £2,771 (actual)
£24,331 Full Time Equivalent

For more information or an application form, please contact the school office on 01793 706830 or email Helen Dunmall: sbm@bridlewood.org.uk

Cross Country Success!

This week, Bridlewood took 17 enthusiastic runners to the cross-country competition.

Every pupil showed fantastic determination in their races and cheered on their teammates with great enthusiasm. We're proud to share that we had several top 10 finishes, and our Year 3/4 boys' team won their category!

All our runners demonstrated excellent behaviour, sportsmanship, and true Bridlewood team spirit.

Well done, everyone!

PTA School Disco Y1 –Y6

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Deadline for purchasing disco tickets is **Tuesday 21st October**. Please see the [letter](#) sent to parents on how to book a ticket. Copies of the letter are available from the school office.



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



Attendance Facts

Did you know:

- 90% attendance equals **half a day** of school missed **every week**
- One school year at 90% attendance = **4 whole weeks** of school missed

Days off school means lessons and learning missed	Number of days off school a year
Pupil Attendance (%)	
95%	10 days absence
90%	19 days absence
85%	29 days absence
80%	38 days absence
75%	47 days absence

What is the impact of absence on children?

- It makes it harder for them to reach their potential as a learner.
- They will feel frustrated because they don't understand the lesson when they have missed the previous one.
- Their friendships will become harder to maintain.
- They will miss out on lots of fun activities.



Don't miss a piece of the puzzle, attend every day!

Parking

We appreciate that parking is limited and pick up and drop off times can be very busy, but please can we remind parents not to use or block resident parking spaces around school and in the Ash Brake area, keep pathways and dropped curbs clear for pedestrian use.

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

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Lost Property

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.



A festive red poster for a Christmas card competition. It features a central circular portrait of Will Stone MP, a man with glasses and a beard in a dark suit. The background is decorated with Christmas-themed items like pine branches, red and white striped candy canes, and small gift boxes. A gold star is at the top center.

WILL STONE MP
**CHRISTMAS CARD
COMPETITION**



OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY AGED
CHILDREN IN SWINDON NORTH
CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

SEND YOUR ENTRY TO:
WILL.STONE.MP@PARLIAMENT.UK

A teal-colored promotional poster for Monkhouse. It features the company logo at the top, followed by a large '20% off' text. Below this, a white box contains the text 'Everything In-store & Online!'. Further down, it says 'Including clearance' and 'From 27th October to 9th November'. A white box highlights the code 'SAVE20' with the instruction 'Use Code: ... at checkout.' The website 'monkhouse.com' is in another white box. At the bottom, a 'Please note' section excludes certain groups.

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