



Newsletter: 26th September 2025

Message from the Headteacher

This week, our Year 6 group had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Pencelli, where they enjoyed a range of adventurous activities including canoeing, climbing, caving, and gorge walking. Throughout the week, the children developed their resilience, teamwork, and independence skills in a truly memorable setting. A huge thank you to Miss Hulse, Mr Hilliker, Mrs Smedley, and Mrs McLaughlin for accompanying and supporting the children on this exciting experience. All the photos from the week are available on the Oak page of the website.

Meanwhile, the Year 6 pupils who remained at school took part in sessions with Premier Sports, trying their hand at fencing and archery. They also joined Pine Class for their weekly 'Explorers' session in our outdoor area and woodland walk.

Also this week, a big well done to our Year 5/6 football team, who kicked off their cup campaign with an impressive 7-0 win against South Marston!

A reminder that next week is our Harvest assembly. Please see below for further information about suggested donations for the local food cooperative.

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

House points for this week!

Blunsdon: 193



Liddington: 95



Silbury: 195



Uffington: 97



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

Harvest Celebration - Food Bank Collection

On Friday 3rd October we will be hosting our Harvest celebration. We will be considering this through our whole school assembly and collecting for the local food bank. Children are invited to bring their donation in on the 3rd October.

The food bank is feeding approximately 10,000 people and is most in need of the following:

Regular-sized tins, jars, bottles, cartons or packets of potatoes; meat; fish; tomatoes; soup; vegetables; fruit; puddings; pasta sauce; cereals; small jars of coffee; tea (40 bags); small bags of sugar (500g); biscuits; 1L bottles of squash; washing up liquid; toothpaste; laundry pods; 2 in 1 shampoo & conditioner; male and female deodorants.

Donations should be brought into school on Friday 3rd October.

**Thank you for your
support!**



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

01/10/25	Individual and Sibling Photos
03/10/25	Harvest Celebration
03/10/25	PTA Members Meeting @ 3.30pm
07/10/25	Nursery - Y6 'Doing it for Dan' Sponsored Run
09/10/25	Y5 Bristol Museum Trip
14/10/25	Y1 Victorian Toy Lady Visitor
15/10/25	Parent consultations - school finishes at 1.20pm, Nursery open as usual
17/10/25	Discovery Day—Black History Month
21/10/25	YR/1 Parents' phonics workshop 9am in the school hall
21/10/25	Y6 Coleshill Trip
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

Labelling Items

We have had a few reports of children losing items of uniform. We do not hold a central lost property and if belongings are misplaced they may not be returned unless they contain your child's name.

Therefore, please ensure **all** uniform items and belongings, such as lunchboxes and water bottles, are clearly marked with your child's name so they can be returned..

School Photos

On Wednesday **1st October** individual and sibling school photos will be taking place in school.

Children should come to school in their normal school uniform, even if they usually have PE on Wednesdays. Please ensure they have a school jumper or cardigan to wear on this day.

If your Bridlewood nursery child does not normally attend nursery on Wednesday mornings you are welcome to bring them in to have their photo taken. If you wish to do this, please bring your child to the School Office at 9am.

'Doing it for Dan' Sponsored Run

On **Tuesday 7th October**, Bridlewood children - in Nursery through to year 6 - will be taking part in a sponsored fun run in memory of former pupil Daniel Climance. The event will start at 1:30pm and will be finished by the end of the school day. The Doing it for Dan charity was set up in memory of ex-pupil, 11 year old Daniel, who tragically died in a road traffic accident in the summer of 2015. Sadly, the charity, set up by his parents, closed this summer, but Bridlewood will continue to run in his name. This year, we are asking for sponsorship money towards Brake Road Safety Charity, who support people bereaved and seriously injured by road collisions.

To enable this event to run successfully we are looking for as many parent/adult helpers as possible to marshal the route and run along with the children. If you are able to support us with this then please email me on hulsej@bridlewood.org.uk.

On the day, we ask that the children wear their Bridlewood PE kit and ensure they have sensible running shoes on. They will need a drink and layers to keep warm in the event of cold weather.

If you would like to sponsor your child to take part in the event and raise money for this charity, please donate via our [Just Giving Page](#)

Many thanks for your support in making this event a success.



Music Mark Recognition



We are delighted to share that Bridlewood has been awarded the Music Mark of recognition 25/26, showing our commitment to music within the school. We will continue to broaden our musical horizons by working with providers in our community and beyond.

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

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Have you ever wondered if your child is entitled to a free school meal? This summer, we are inviting all parents to complete an online free school meals application form for **each** child.

Did you know it is free, quick and easy to apply?

Many parents don't realise that if their child qualifies for a **benefits-related** free school meal, this also opens up other opportunities to receive help and support during the holiday period as well as further funding for their school!

Please read on to find out more!



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Is your child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2?

YES!

NO!

Your child will be automatically entitled to receive a free school meal. This is called the "universal free school meal."

Your child is **not** automatically entitled to receive a free school meal.

...but could they be entitled to more?

Parents whose children are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and already receive the "universal free school meal" should also apply for "benefits-related free school meals." Find further information via the link below.

To benefit from a free school meal, pupil premium and more, you must apply using the below link.

DON'T DELAY – APPLY TODAY!

To check your eligibility and apply please visit:

<https://www.swindon.gov.uk>

Search free school meals in the search bar.