



Newsletter: 1st May 2026

Message from the Headteacher

This week we have been enjoying the lovely sunshine. Please remember to apply all-day sun cream before school and send your child in with a hat and a water bottle each day.

A reminder that we are holding an online safety session for parents on Friday 8th May, led by community police officers. This will be followed by an opportunity to visit the Year 2–6 classrooms, where children will be taking part in computing lessons. Some classes will be using IT devices, while others will be focusing on online safety learning. With the increasing use of online platforms by children, it would be great to see as many parents as possible attend.

Please also note that, due to health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn in school. Only stud earrings and a watch are permitted.

Finally, please ensure that children do not bring fidget toys from home unless this has been agreed with staff, and that chewing gum is not brought into school.

We hope you all enjoy the upcoming bank holiday weekend. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Message from Wiltshire Police

We are experiencing a huge increase in “knock door and run”. This involves children banging on the front door, whether that be by hand or kicking the door (on occasion window), then running away. When challenged, often the children shout abuse at the home occupant before running away.

For the most part, the children involved are top end primary and secondary which brings in additional issues around the fact that if they are identified as having committed an offence (public order, criminal damage, harassment etc) then they would be above the age of criminal responsibility and would be dealt with accordingly.

Do not knock on the door at properties you have no connection with, it is antisocial behaviour and could cause significant distress to the occupants.

Should criminal offences be identified and the child is 10 years of age or older, then we will deal with this proportionately but could involve an interview at the police station etc to explain their actions.

Moreover, a number of these incidents involve children in their school uniform which makes the identification process much easier.



**Our Core Value this term is
Responsibility**

**Our Assembly Theme this term is
Service**

House points for this week!

Blunsdon: 92

Liddington: 142

Silbury: 101

Uffington: 118



Well done to Liddington for being this week's winners and also the April winners.

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

04/05/26	Bank Holiday (school and nursery closed)
06/05/26	Reception Vision Screening
07/05/26	Inset Day (school and nursery closed)
08/05/26	Y2-6 Computing Morning 9-10.30am
11-14/05/26	Y6 SATs
15/05/26	PTA Cake Sale
21/05/26	Y3-6 Aware+ Sessions
22/05/26	Discovery Day - Careers Day
22/05/26	Last day of Term 5
01/06/26	Inset Day - School and Nursery Closed
02/06/26	Start of Term 6
02/06/26	Reception Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip
05/06/26	Y3 and Y6 Swimming
09/06/26	Y3 Museum & Art Swindon Trip
09/06/26	Y4 Oxenwood Teams Meeting 4pm
12/06/26	Y3 and Y6 Swimming
17/06/26	Y1 Cotswold Beach Trip
19/06/26	Y3 and Y6 Swimming
24-26/06/26	Y4 Oxenwood Residential
26/06/26	Y3 and Y6 Swimming
03/07/26	Y3 and Y6 Swimming
03/07/26	PTA Summer Fete 5-8pm
07/07/26	Sports Day - details to follow
10/07/26	Y3 and Y6 Swimming
16/07/26	Infant Voice Festival 4.45pm

Attendance

Well done to Pine class for having the highest attendance for April.

Two months in a row - well done!



Sun Safety

Please ensure your child has a sun hat and water bottle in school and apply all day sun cream before they arrive at school, in order to protect them from the sun.



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: £2,764.51 (actual)
£24,522 Full Time Equivalent

For more information or an application form, please contact the school office on 01793 706830 or email Stacey Long: longs@bridlewood.org.uk

School Closure Reminders

Please note Nursery & School will be closed on Monday 4th May for the Bank Holiday and Thursday 7th May and Monday 1st June for Inset Days.



Screen Time Guidance for Under 5s

On 27th March 2026, the Government published [advice on screen use for children aged 0-5](#) on the Best Start in Life website.

The early years are a critical period for children's development. The advice offers practical, non-judgemental support to help families balance screen use with other activities.

The advice is informed by an expert [panel's independent report](#), which draws on research, including engagement with parents, carers and stakeholders.

Fair Milk for a Fair Start Campaign

Did you know that children currently receive free school milk until their fifth birthday through the Government's school milk scheme. After this point, the entitlement ends. This means that within the same Reception class some children continue receiving free milk while others do not, depending on when their birthday falls.

The Fair Milk for a Fair Start campaign calls for a simple change so all children can receive free school milk until the end of their Reception year. Find out more or show your support: <https://fairmilkfairstart.com/>



Bridlewood PTA

FRIDAY 15th MAY
3.15pm

CAKE SALE

We will also be selling
Hot Chocolate
(Must be with an adult to purchase)

Cakes – 50p each
Hot Chocolate – £1.50p

Cakes to be provided by
PINE CLASS (Yr4)



Adult Community Learning

Help your child to learn

Key stage 1

Course Dates: Tuesdays
2nd June to 30th June

Times: 9:30am to 12:00pm

Location: The Reading Rooms, 32 The Circle,
Pinehurst, Swindon SN2 1RB

This course aims to give you the confidence to support your child's learning at home and to engage with school life. You will be given tools and strategies to support children's learning with affordable, fun and engaging activities that can be used at home. This is a practical, relaxed course with plenty of opportunities to discuss ideas and ask questions in an informal environment with an experienced primary class teacher.

By the end of the course, you will:
Understand the how children progress throughout primary school in English and maths
Learn new ways to engage children in learning at home through technology, games and activities

To request a place on this course:



01793 466482

acl@swindon.gov.uk

Find details of more Adult Community Learning courses using the QR code above or www.swindon.gov.uk/adultlearning

* To be eligible to enrol on these free courses you need to: be over 19 years old as of 31st August 2025; have the right to reside in the UK; or be an asylum seeker and have applied for asylum more than 6 months ago; be unemployed, or working and earning less than £25,750 a year.

For more information about our eligibility criteria please visit our website www.swindon.gov.uk/adultlearning




Adult Community Learning

Help your child to learn

Key stage 2

Course Dates: Mondays
1st June to 29th June

Times: 9:30am to 12:00pm

Location: The Reading Rooms, 32 The Circle,
Pinehurst, Swindon SN2 1RB

This course aims to give you the confidence to support your child's learning at home and to engage with school life. You will be given tools and strategies to support children's learning with affordable, fun and engaging activities that can be used at home. This is a practical, relaxed course with plenty of opportunities to discuss ideas and ask questions in an informal environment with an experienced primary class teacher.

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WANT TO LEARN NEW SKILLS THIS SUMMER

SWINDON RUGBY CLUB

WELCOMES BOYS AND GIRLS U10'S-U13'S
SUMMER TOUCH RUGBY TRAINING

SUITABLE FOR ALL ABILITIES
GIVE RUGBY A TRY

WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY- WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY
6-7PM
AT SWINDON RUGBY CLUB,
GREENBRIDGE ROAD SN3 3LA




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