



Newsletter: 5th June 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the new school term - we hope everyone has had a restful break and is ready for an exciting term ahead.

Cherry Class enjoyed an excellent day at Cotswold Wildlife Park. Thank you to all the volunteers who supported the trip - it was greatly appreciated. The children had a fantastic day, especially enjoying the train ride and seeing all the animals.

Across the school, children have been busy completing their local Geography fieldwork both within the school environment and in the wider community. Activities have included traffic surveys, litter surveys, land-use mapping, and questionnaires, all helping to develop their fieldwork skills. In school, pupils have also been considering how our local area has changed over time, exploring walking routes and the local environment and using digital mapping tools such as Digimaps.

We are delighted to have had the fantastic class representatives present in the semi-finals of the oracy competition this week. Well done to all the children for their presentations - they were confident, clear, and showed real passion for their subjects. Our three finalists will represent Bridlewood at the Trust competition next week.



House points for this week!

Blunsdon: 112



Liddington: 107



Silbury: 127



Uffington: 107



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

**Our Core Value this term is
Responsibility
Our Assembly Theme this term is
Courage**

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!



Gifts

The PTA will be giving children the opportunity to buy a gift for someone special on Friday 19th June, which will take place during the school day.

If you would like your child to participate in the event, please see full details on the [letter](#).

Please note we cannot accept late orders as we will be ordering exact quantities for the event.

**Deadline to purchase is
Tuesday 9th June.**



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

08/06/26	Y6 Junior Good Citizen
09/06/26	Y3 Museum & Art Swindon Trip
09/06/26	Girls Dynamos Cricket for selected pupils
09/06/26	Y4 Oxenwood Teams Meeting 4pm
12/06/26	Y3 and Y6 Swimming
12/06/26	Trust Oracy Competition
16/06/26	PSHE content for Sept 2026 Parent Teams Meeting 4pm
17/06/26	Y1 Cotswold Beach Trip
17/06/26	Y2 Jonathan Jungle Visitor
17-18/06/26	Nursery Reception Starter Parent Consultations 3.30pm-5pm
19/06/26	Y3 and Y6 Swimming
22/06/26	Y6 Production to parents 6pm
24-26/06/26	Y4 Oxenwood Residential
26/06/26	Y3 and Y6 Swimming
29/06/26	Julia's House Big Teddy Takeover
01/07/26	Open School 3.30-4.30pm
03/07/26	Y3 and Y6 Swimming
03/07/26	PTA Summer Fete 5-8pm
06/07/26	Y6 Lake 32 Trip
07/07/26	Sports Day - details to follow
08/07/26	Reception Class Assembly 9.10am
10/07/26	Y3 and Y6 Swimming
13/07/26	Rock and Pop Roadshow
14/07/26	Nursery Stay and Play 2.15-3pm
16/07/26	Infant Voice Festival 4.45pm
17/07/26	Last day of term - school finishes at 1.30pm and Nursery open for morning session only (until 11.40am)
03/09/26	2026/2027 Term 1 starts

All-Weather Preparedness

With the weather being unpredictable, please ensure your child comes to school prepared for all conditions. This includes having a sun hat for warmer weather and a waterproof coat for rainy days.

Please also apply all-day sun cream before your child arrives at school on sunny days. Being prepared for both sunshine and rain will ensure your child can enjoy the outside spaces whatever the weather.

Attendance Guidance

A reminder that term dates for the remainder of the 2025/2026 academic year, along with dates for 2026/2027, are available on our [school website](#).

Attendance Expectations

Parents and carers have a **legal duty** to ensure children attend school every day it is open, unless:

- Your child is **too ill** to attend
- You have **prior permission** from the school for absence due to exceptional circumstances
- Your child is taking part in a **religious observance** (please inform the school in advance).

Requesting Term-Time Absence

If you need to request time off:

- Complete a **Notification of Absence form** (available from the school office)
- Submit the form **at least 10 days in advance**
- Requests will only be authorised in **exceptional circumstances**.

When Should Children Stay Off School?

We understand it can be difficult to decide if your child is well enough to attend. Helpful advice can be found via:

- NHS: [Is my child too ill for school?](#)
- [Should I keep my child off school? poster](#)

Reporting Illness

Please report absences **before 9:00am each day**, providing details of the illness by either phone or email:

- 01793 706830
- admin@bridlewood.org.uk

Important Health Guidance

- **Sickness/diarrhoea:** keep children at home for **48 hours after symptoms stop**
- **Fever (37.8°C or above):** Children must stay home until their temperature returns to normal **without medication**.

If you have any questions or queries on attendance please speak with the school office.



A place for learning, caring, sharing and growing together

Are you interested in becoming a Parent Governor?

Parent Governors play a vital role in supporting the strategic direction of the school and ensuring it reflects the values and vision of The Park Academies Trust.

While the role is voluntary, it is incredibly rewarding, offering the opportunity to make a tangible difference in your community and positively impact the lives of children.



Bridlewood is a popular school, with a committed team of staff, working hard for the children in our care. We are proud of our happy, caring and supportive environment and we encourage children to develop a love of learning whilst also upholding our strong core values of respect, responsibility and honesty.

As a Parent Governor, you will help monitor progress, champion the voices of pupils, parents, and staff, and contribute to the school's strategic direction. We are committed to increasing the diversity of our Local Governing Committee. We want our governance to reflect the communities we serve and to benefit from a wide range of perspectives, lived experiences, and professional backgrounds. We warmly encourage applications from parents who may not have served in a governance role before – full support and training will be provided.

Acting as a critical friend you will be providing an essential role for the local school and the wider multi-academy trust. By becoming a Governor, you will find the interaction between the Trust Board and school is extremely rewarding.

If you can give approximately six hours per month, attend one termly meeting on a Monday evening, and are interested in supporting your local school, please make contact with us.

Interested?

Please send an email to:
clerk@bridlewood.org.uk



BRANCHES SUPPORT GROUP EVERYONE WELCOME

Tel: 07486 873405
Email: swindonsendfamiliesvoice@outlook.com



BRANCHES is a support group open to all parents and carers of children and young people with any Special Educational Need or Disability, aged 0-25 years

When?
Tuesday 16th
June

Where?
The Base, Lyndhurst
Crescent
Swindon
SN3 2RW

Time?
9.30am - 11am

**Working Together
Strengthening Support
Reaching Out**

Parent/Carer Drop In Session:
A New Format This Month
Based on feedback from parents and our team,
we are changing things up.
Instead of a structured session, this month's
Branches will be a relaxed drop in event.

BRANCHES is a free support group, however voluntary donations for refreshments are welcomed

Swindon SEND Families Voice



We're taking part in the Big Teddy Takeover with Julia's House!

Bring your favourite cuddly toy into school, wear your pyjamas and make a donation to raise money for our local children's hospice charity.

Our Big Teddy Takeover will take place on

Monday 29th June 2026

Don't forget your
teddy and £1 donation!

Find out more about Julia's House at
juliahouse.org/teddy

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CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION (CCE)

Spot it. Report it. Protect them.

You see your child every day –
you could be the one who makes the difference.

WHAT IS CCE?

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) happens when a young person is manipulated, coerced or trapped into committing criminal activity for someone else's gain.

This can include:

- Drug dealing
- Theft or robbery
- Carrying weapons
- Burglary
- Scams and fraud

Exploited young people may think they are making choices, but they are often being controlled, threatened or groomed.

Exploitation can happen in person and online. Criminals may use social media, games and messaging apps to target and control.

SPOT THE SIGNS

Look for changes over time, such as:

- Going missing from home, school or care
- Unexplained money, new possessions or gifts
- Secretive online activity or using multiple phones
- Associating with unfamiliar older individuals or groups
- Changes in behaviour, mood or attitude
- Signs of intimidation, threats or being controlled
- Poor school attendance or disengagement

Trust your instincts – if something feels wrong, it's worth exploring.

YOUR ROLE AS A PARENT

You are in the best position to notice when something feels different.

- BE CURIOUS**
Ask open questions and listen without judgment. Show interest in their world.
- BE OBSERVANT**
Notice changes in mood, behaviour, routines or friendships.
- BE PROACTIVE**
Know who their friends are, where they go and what they do online.

Safeguarding continues beyond age 18. Risk doesn't disappear on a birthday.

IF YOU'RE WORRIED

Talk to someone. You're not alone.

Record concerns straight away (date, time, what happened and what was said).

GET SUPPORT IN SWINDON
If you're worried about your child or another young person, there are local services who can help:

- Swindon Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
For safeguarding concerns and advice.
Tel: 01793 466903 (9am–5pm, Mon–Fri)
Out of hours: 01793 436699
- BARNARDO'S Swindon
Support for children, young people and families.
Tel: 01793 535480 | swindon@barnardos.org.uk
- Children and Young People's Wellbeing Service
Emotional health and wellbeing support.
Tel: 01793 468194 | www.talking2us.org
- NSPCC Helpline
Advice and support for families.
Tel: 0800 800 5000 | www.nspcc.org.uk

If a child is in immediate danger, call 999.
For non-urgent concerns, speak to your safeguarding lead at school or contact MASH for advice.

Speak up early. It could change a life.

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)

Spot it. Report it. Protect them.

You see young people every day –
you could be the one who makes the difference.

WHAT IS CSE?

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) happens when a young person is tricked, pressured or groomed into sexual activity. It can be in exchange for things like:

- Affection or attention
- Gifts or money
- Protection
- A sense of belonging

It often looks like a friendship or relationship, which makes it hard for young people to see the abuse.

Online spaces are increasingly used for grooming and control.

SPOT THE SIGNS

Look for changes over time, such as:

- Sudden changes in appearance or behaviour
- Unexplained gifts or money
- Secretive online activity
- Older friends or relationships
- Sexualised behaviour that seems unusual for their age
- Someone else controlling their movements or decisions

YOUR ROLE

You are in the best position to notice when something feels different.

- BE CURIOUS**
Ask yourself what might be happening beneath the surface.
- BE OBSERVANT**
Notice changes in mood, behaviour, routines or relationships.
- BE PROACTIVE**
Record concerns early – don't wait.

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IF YOU'RE WORRIED

Speak up early. It could change a life.

LOG CONCERNS
Record concerns straight away (e.g. CPOMS).

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EXPLOITATION THRIVES ON SECRECY. YOUR AWARENESS PROTECTS YOUR CHILD.

You don't have to have all the answers – just trust your concerns and seek support.

- WHAT CAN HELP?**
Build trust through open conversations
- Reassure your child it's not their fault
- Reassure them you are there to help
- Encourage safe choices – online and offline
- NEED HELP OR ADVICE?**
Speak to your DSL or a member of the safeguarding team. We're here to help.

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EXPLOITATION THRIVES ON SECRECY. YOUR AWARENESS PROTECTS YOUNG PEOPLE.

You don't have to have all the answers – just trust your concerns.

- REMEMBER...**
Listen without judgement
- Reassure them it's not their fault
- Reassure them you are here to help
- Your actions can keep them safe
- NEED HELP OR ADVICE?**
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