



Newsletter: 17th July 2026

Message from the Headteacher

We began our final week of the year with an exciting Rock and Pop Roadshow, which brought live music into school and provided an enjoyable experience for all pupils. It was a fantastic way to start the week and inspired many children with the joy of live performance.

Our Music Recital was a tremendous success and showcased the amazing talent and progress of our pupils. We were treated to wonderful performances from a violinist, guitarists, clarinettists, drummers and a pianist, all of whom demonstrated impressive skill, confidence and dedication. The recital concluded with performances from our Infant and junior singers, who have represented our school so proudly at singing festivals and events throughout the year. It was a truly uplifting occasion and a wonderful celebration of the musical talent within our school community. A special well done to the infant singers who performed yesterday evening at the Wyvern and thank you to Mrs Helsby and Mrs McLaughlin for accompanying them and the parents for their support.

This week we also held our Behaviour Awards Assembly, where we were delighted to welcome our special guest, Mrs Surch, Director of Primaries, who presented our Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Star Awards for behaviour. We are incredibly proud of all the children who received awards and of the excellent standards of behaviour demonstrated across the school throughout the year.

We are also pleased to share the Year 6 SATs outcomes below. We are extremely proud of the effort, determination and resilience shown by our Year 6 pupils. Their hard work has been rewarded, and we wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their education.

Today, we said a fond goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and their families at our Leavers' Assembly. It was a special opportunity to reflect on their time with us, celebrate their achievements and wish them well for the future. They leave us with many happy memories and we know they will go on to achieve great things.

We also said goodbye to Mr Woolford, our school caretaker, who retires today after nearly 10 years at Bridlewood. We wish him a very happy retirement.

Finally, we would like to thank all our pupils, families, staff and governors for their support throughout the year. We wish everyone a wonderful, relaxing summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Have a fantastic summer!



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



Attendance

Well done to Pine and Maple classes for having the highest attendance for July!

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

17/07/26 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

14-16/09/26 Y4 Oxenwood Residential (rearranged date)

28/9-2/10/26 Y6 Pencelli Residential

Uniform

A reminder that when you are purchasing uniform for September, that our PE uniform colour is black (not navy) for shorts and tracksuit bottoms with a plain white t-shirt. Children may wear a Bridlewood hoodie or their usual Bridlewood jumper to keep warm on PE days. Trainers should only be worn on PE days, otherwise school shoes should be worn and should be black and polishable.

Please ensure all items of uniform, clothing, coats, shoes, water bottles, bags and lunch boxes are labelled with your child's name. We cannot reunite lost items if there is no name!

The Big Future

The Big Future survey is a nationwide initiative by the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, to gather the opinions and hopes of young people aged 0-18

The survey asks about what makes a good childhood, what worries young people, online and offline safety, and what changes they want for their future.

The survey should take 5-10 minutes to complete.

Children can answer by themselves, with an adult, or adults can fill it out on their behalf.

You can find the survey here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>



House points for this week!

Blunsdon:	95
Liddington:	107
Silbury:	84
Uffington:	103



Well done to **Liddington** for being this week's winners and to **Blunsdon** for being the winners for July.

And a big congratulations to **Blunsdon** for the most house points over the 2025/2026 academic year. Well done.



Twinkl Summer Activities Taster Pack

This [Summer Activities Taster Pack](#) is completely free, and parents don't need a Twinkl account to download it. It's packed with fun and educational resources for every age to help keep young brains busy throughout the summer.



IMPORTANT - Changes to Free School Meals

We recently sent out a [Swindon Borough Council letter](#) detailing the changes to Free School Meals from September 2026. Please read this letter and if you believe you may be eligible to apply, please do so. **You have nothing to lose!** Children currently receiving income related free school meals **MUST** reapply to remain eligible. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives universal free meals you may be still be entitled to targeted free school meals which means the school receives additional funding to help with resources and trips.

You can apply now ready for September.

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20050/schools_and_learning/408/free_school_meals

HEADLINE OUTCOMES FROM THE KS2 SATs

	KS2 Bridlewood 2026	National Comparison 2026	KS2 Bridlewood 2025	National Comparison 2025
Reading Expected Standard+	77%	75%	77%	75%
Reading High Score	23%	Not yet available	13%	33%
Reading Average scaled score	105	106	103	106
Writing Expected Standard+	70%	73%	70%	72%
Writing Greater Depth	10%	Not yet available	13%	13%
SPAG Expected Standard+	77%	74%	73%	73%
SPAG High Score	23%	Not yet available	30%	30%
SPAG Average scaled score	105	105	105	105
Maths Expected Standard+	77%	75%	80%	74%
Maths High Score	17%	Not yet available	23%	26%
Maths Average scaled score	102	105	104	105
Reading, Writing & Maths Expected Standard+	63%	63%	60%	62%
Reading, Writing & Maths High Scores/Greater Depth	6%	Not yet available	0%	8%

Attendance

We finish this year with an overall attendance percentage of 94.4%. This is slightly below the Local Authority and national overall attendance, both at 94.9% and we hope to improve on this next year.

Our school community is stronger when all children are here, on time, every day. Coming to school helps your child learn, build confidence and life skills.

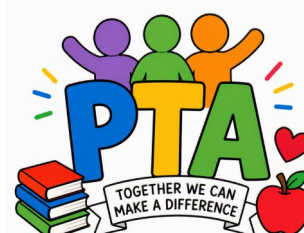
A reminder that our term dates for [2026/2027](#) are on our website. Please refer to these when planning your holidays and events to avoid missing time off school.

Parent and Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTA would just like to say a **BIG thank you** to everyone that helped at the Summer Fete. We raised £1,560.43 profit for the school.

We wouldn't have been able to do this without the help and support of our wonderful volunteers. We are always looking for more members to help with events and planning so if you are interested in being part of our small but mighty team please get in touch!

pta@bridlewood.org.uk



WELCOME BACK!

Thursday 3rd September

Margherita Pizza
Jacket Wedges

Or

Jacket Potato
Grated Cheese or Beans

Veg
Sweetcorn

Dessert
Vanilla Cookie

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Exploring Jesus' Parables

FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR CARERS

WHEN
Tuesdays:
28th July, 4th, 18th
and 25th August
10.30am – 12.00pm

Each week begins with a parable Jesus told, followed by:

- CRAFT STATION** (Icon: paint palette and brush)
- THINKING STATION** (Icon: thought bubble with question mark)
- BUILDING STATION** (Icon: colorful blocks)

Optional: Bring your own picnic and stay to eat lunch together in the churchyard afterwards.

Children and their carers can explore the parable in ways that suit their individual needs and learning styles.

SEND FRIENDLY (Icon: two people with hearts)
CARERS TO STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN (Icon: two people with hearts)
FREE TO ATTEND (Icon: green tag with 'FREE')
DRINKS AND BISCUITS PROVIDED (Icon: cup and saucer)

At St Andrew's Church, Tadpole Lane SN25 2DW
(between Lyall Close and Blunsdon Abbey Park).

ALL WELCOME!

Summer Holiday Cricket Camps

Wiltshire Cricket

DYNAMOS CRICKET HOLIDAY CAMP (Icon: star and cricket ball)
ALL STARS CRICKET HOLIDAY CAMP (Icon: star and cricket ball)

All Stars (5-8) | Dynamos (8-11)

Winterbourne CC 30th & 31st July
Calne CC 11th & 12th August

Links in the description or contact
aled.evans@wiltshirecricket.co.uk

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