



Bridlewood Primary School

Newsletter: 4th September 2026

Update from Headteacher

A very warm welcome back to all our pupils and families. We hope you had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed some special time together. It has been lovely to see the children return to school looking so smart, happy and ready for the new academic year.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new pupils and families joining our school community this year. In addition, we are delighted to welcome several new members of staff:

- Mrs Ash – Maple Class Teacher
- Mrs Brown – Nursery Assistant
- Miss Mapp – Lunchtime Supervisor

Over the summer holidays, we were pleased to see further developments to our outdoor provision, with the installation of new outdoor handwashing facilities and an outdoor sandpit. These improvements form part of our ongoing commitment to the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project, helping us to provide rich, engaging play opportunities for children at lunchtime. We will continue to keep families updated on our OPAL journey throughout the year. In the meantime, please remember to start looking out those wellies and waterproof coats so that children are ready to enjoy outdoor play when the wetter weather arrives.

A reminder that hoodies and trainers should not be worn on non-PE days. I was delighted to see the vast majority of pupils arriving this week in their smart school uniform. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high standards and helping children take pride in their appearance.

Finally, please keep an eye out for the Microsoft Teams links that will be sent out for your child's class welcome meeting with their teacher next week. These meetings are a great opportunity to find out more about the year ahead and ask any questions you may have.

We look forward to another exciting and successful year together.

Labelling Items

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. Thank you for your support.

**Our Core Value this term is
Respect**

**Our Assembly Theme this term is
Respect**

Mobile Phones and Walking Alone

Any phones brought to school by year 5/6 pupils who are walking to school, **must be switched off at the gate and handed in to the teacher at the beginning of the day.** Children must have completed a Mobile Phone Agreement before bringing their phone to school. Agreements are available from the school office. Children must have written permission from parents to walk home by themselves at the end of the day. Please either email your permission or complete a permission form at the office.

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 our website www.bridlewoodprimaryschool.org.uk or our [Facebook page](#)

Diary Dates

07/09/26 Reception Class Start Full time
07/09/26 Year 1 Class Meeting 3.30pm
07/09/26 Year 6 Class Meeting 4.00pm
followed by Pencelli Meeting
08/09/26 Year 3 Class Meeting 3.30pm
09/09/26 Year 2 Class Meeting 3.30pm
10/09/26 Year 4 Class Meeting 3.30pm
11/09/26 Year 5 Class Meeting 3.30pm
14/09/26 Year 4 Oxenwood Residential
23/09/26 How we learn in Reception
workshop 9am in school
28/09/26 Year 6 Pencelli Residential
06/10/26 Doing it for Dan Run
07/10/26 Individual and sibling photos
09/10/26 Harvest Assembly
14/10/26 Parent consultations – school
finishes at 1.20pm, Nursery open
as usual
20/10/26 Discovery Day – Black History
23/10/26 Inset Day
w/c 26/10/26 Half Term Break
02/11/26 Term 2 Starts

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>



Y1-Y6 Class Meetings

Please take note of the class meeting dates/times for years 1-6 below, which will be taking place over Teams (look out for the links by email) with the class teachers next week. This is a short welcome meeting for you to hear from the class teacher about expectations and routines and a chance to ask any questions at the start of the new term.

- Year 1 – 3.30pm Monday 7th September
- Year 6 – 4.00pm Monday 7th September (immediately following the class meeting will be a meeting for those attending Plas Pencelli and we would ask those parents that have children attending Pencelli to please attend this online meeting to obtain further information about the upcoming trip)
- Year 3 – 3.30pm Tuesday 8th September
- Year 2 – 3.30pm Wednesday 9th September
- Year 4 – 3.30pm Thursday 10th September
- Year 5 – 3.30pm Friday 11th September

Links for the meeting will be sent out by ParentPay email in due course. If you have any questions please speak with your child's class teacher.

Doing it for Dan Run

On Tuesday 6th October Bridlewood will be taking part in the Doing it for Dan run. We will be raising money for the Brake Road Safety Charity. The event will run from 1:30 to approximately 2:45pm.

If you do not work a Tuesday afternoon and would like to support us by running or marshalling the route, then please let Miss Hulse know (hulsej@bridlewood.org.uk).

A more detailed plan will follow nearer the time. Many thanks.

Term Dates 2026/2027

Reminder that our term dates for this academic year are available on our [website](#). Please bear these in mind when planning your family holidays and events to avoid time off during term time.

We are unable to authorise absences without exceptional circumstances.



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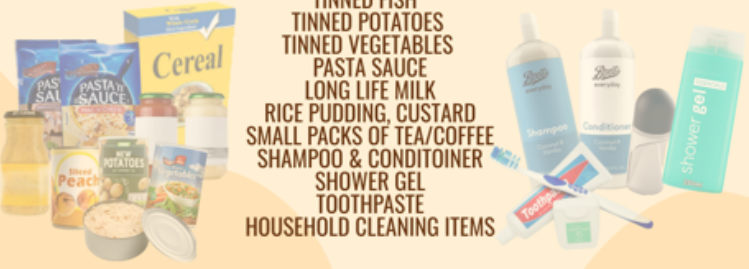
HARVEST

During 2025, Swindon Food Collective provided over 90,000 meals to our local community. Demand continues to rise, each year, so if you are able to, please donate any of the following items this harvest season.

Thank you.
From Swindon, For Swindon.

WHAT WE NEED MOST:

- TINNED MEALS (CURRY, MEATBALLS ETC)
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- PASTA SAUCE
- LONG LIFE MILK
- RICE PUDDING, CUSTARD
- SMALL PACKS OF TEA/COFFEE
- SHAMPOO & CONDITONER
- SHOWER GEL
- TOOTHPASTE
- HOUSEHOLD CLEANING ITEMS



Harvest Celebration – Food Bank Collection

On Friday 9th 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 9th October. Please see adjacent poster for items most in need.

Donations should be brought into school on the morning of Friday 9th October.

Thank you for your support!



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Updating Records

It is the parent/carers' responsibility to ensure that the correct contact details are held by the school, so that you can be contacted in an emergency. We also use these details to send out important documents such as reports. Please can you ensure that you inform the office of any changes to these details. Please also ensure you update us to any changes to your child's medical or dietary needs. Speak to the school office if you have any questions or queries.

Reminder

Application deadlines for requesting school places are as follows:

- 31st October 2026 – Secondary School applications
- 15th January 2027 – Primary School applications

Applications should be made on the following link:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions



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