



Bridlewood Primary School

Newsletter: 11th September 2026

Update from Headteacher

Thank you to everyone who joined our class information meetings for parents this week. We hope you found the sessions useful and informative. We have also taken on board feedback regarding the meeting start times and will consider this when planning next year's events.

A huge well done to our new Reception pupils, who have successfully completed their first full week in school. We are so proud of how well they have settled into school life and become part of the Bridlewood community.

This week, children across the school were also busy electing their House Team Captains. Well done to all those who put themselves forward for these important leadership roles and for the excellent effort they put into preparing their posters and speeches. Elections for our other pupil leadership groups will take place over the coming weeks, and we look forward to seeing more children take on these exciting responsibilities.

Congratulations to Cleo, Spencer and Meredith, who climbed Pen y Fan last weekend to raise money for their football team and charity. Together they raised an incredible £3,500, which is a fantastic achievement. We are very proud of their determination and commitment.

Congratulations to Ethan and Ray who have been selected from 3,000 Year 6's in Swindon to form part of the Swindon Schools football team and were presented with their special kit today. Well done.

Finally, please enjoy our [school video](#), created at the end of last term, which celebrates everything that makes Bridlewood such a special place to learn and grow.



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

**Our Core Value this term is
Respect**

**Our Assembly Theme this term is
Respect**

House Points this week!

Blunsdon: 449



Liddington: 281



Silbury: 245



Uffington: 283



Well done to Blunsdon for being this week's 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 our website www.bridlewoodprimaryschool.org.uk or our [Facebook page](#)

Diary Dates

11/09/26 Year 5 Class Meeting 3.30pm
14/09/26 Year 5 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
19/10/26 Y6 Coleshill Trip
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
09/11/26 Odd Sock Day
11/11/26 Remembrance Day
13/11/26 Children in Need
16/11/26 Inset day - school and nursery closed
23/11/26 YR-Y6 Flu Vaccinations
25/11/26 Discovery Day - International Day
25/11/26 Parent Book Look 3.30-4.30pm

ClassDojo



We will be using ClassDojo as our main platform for sharing homework, class updates, and important information going forwards. ClassDojo is a user-friendly platform that makes it easy for parents and children to stay connected with classroom learning. You should receive your child's username and password shortly, if you have not already done so.

If you have any questions or experience any difficulties accessing ClassDojo, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Wallpaper

We are looking for donations of any unused or spare rolls of wallpaper for our SPARKs sessions. If you have any you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate your support. Please bring them to Mr Williams or the school office. Thank you!

School Attendance and Absence

As a parent or carer, you are legally responsible for ensuring your child receives a suitable education, usually through regular school attendance. Attending school every day supports your child's learning, wellbeing, and development.

When can my child be absent?

Your child should attend school every day unless:

- They are too [ill to attend](#).
- The school has approved an absence in advance due to exceptional circumstances.
- They are taking part in a religious observance and the school has been informed in advance.

Term-time absences

Families are encouraged to use the 13 weeks of school holidays for holidays and family events. If you need to request term-time absence, please complete a Notification of Absence Form, available from the school office, and return it at least 10 days before the requested absence. Only exceptional circumstances can be authorised. Unauthorised absences may result in referral to the Local Authority and a fixed penalty notice.

Reporting illness

Please report illness **before 9:00am each day** by calling 01793 706830 or emailing admin@bridlewood.org.uk, explaining the nature of the illness.

If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, they must remain at home for 48 hours after symptoms have stopped to help prevent the spread of infection.

Please also keep your child at home if they have a temperature of 37.8°C or above. They must remain off school until the temperature has subsided naturally (i.e. without the use of medication).

Term dates for [2026/27](#) are available on the school website.

Please speak with the office if you have any queries.



Please support Swindon Food

Bank this

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 & CONDITIONER

SHOWER GEL

TOOTHPASTE

HOUSEHOLD CLEANING ITEMS



APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE- SEPTEMBER 2027

ATTENTION- All Parents

If your child is born between **1st September 2022–31st August 2023** they are due to start **Reception in September 2027**.

If your child is currently in **Year 2** and attending an infant's school– you need to apply for a **Junior School place for September 2027**.

If your child is currently in **Year 6**– you need to apply for a **Secondary School place for September 2027**.

School Admissions Drop in sessions

We are holding the following drop-in sessions for you to come along and ask any questions you may have on any part of the school application process

Every **Tuesday**
during term time
Town Centre
Library 10am–1pm

Monday
5th October
Park Library
Community Hub
10am–4pm

Wednesday
4th November
North Swindon
Library
11am–2pm

Monday
14th December
The Meadows
Best Start Family
Hub
12pm–4:30pm

Contact us any time:

Tel: 01793 445500

Web:

www.Swindon.gov.uk

Email:

Schooladmissions@swindon.gov.uk

We See. We Hear. We Care. We Act. We Learn.



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!

IMPORTANT – Changes to Free School Meals

As you may be aware, from September this year there have **been changes to Free School Meals**. Please read this [letter](#) and if you believe you may be eligible to apply, **please do so as soon as possible**. You have nothing to lose! Children who previously received 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:

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

FREE FAMILY YOGA



REDHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

23RD & 27TH OCTOBER

10AM-11AM

OPEN TO ALL AGES

! BRING YOUR OWN MAT

Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian

