



Bridlewood Primary School

Newsletter: 25th September 2026

Update from Headteacher

A big thank you to all of our Cherry Class parents and carers who joined us for our recent 'How We Teach in Reception' workshop. We hope you found the session informative and helpful in understanding how we support your child's learning journey in Reception. If you were unable to attend, the presentation will be available on the Cherry Class page of the school website shortly.

Our Governors met for their first meeting of the academic year this week. They are a dedicated but small group and are keen to welcome new parent volunteers to join them. Being a governor is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to the strategic development of the school and help ensure the best outcomes for all of our pupils. The role involves attending six evening meetings per year, along with two additional visits to the school at times that can be arranged to suit you throughout the year. If you are interested in finding out more or would like to volunteer, please contact **Tracey Dyer (Clerk to the Governing Body)** at dyert@theparkacademiustrust.com. We would be delighted to hear from you and welcome your valuable input.

Doing it for Dan



We are all looking forward to completing our charity 'Doing it for Dan' run, which will take place on Tuesday 6th October. To make the event a success, we are looking for more volunteers to either run alongside the children or to marshal our route. If you are able to help, please email Miss Hulse on hulsej@bridlewood.org.uk.

Our Core Value this term is

Respect

Our Assembly Theme this term is

Respect

House Points this week!

Blunsdon: 221



Liddington: 197



Silbury: 217



Uffington: 220



Well done to Blunsdon for being this week's winners!

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

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

- 25/09/26 PTA Meeting 3.30pm
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
13/10/26 Cross Country for selected pupils
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
22/10/26 Y2 Superhero Day
23/10/26 Inset day - school and nursery closed
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

School Photos

On Wednesday 7th October individual and sibling school photos will be taking place in school. Children should come to school in their normal school uniform, even if they usually have PE on Wednesdays. Please ensure they have a school jumper or cardigan to wear on this day.

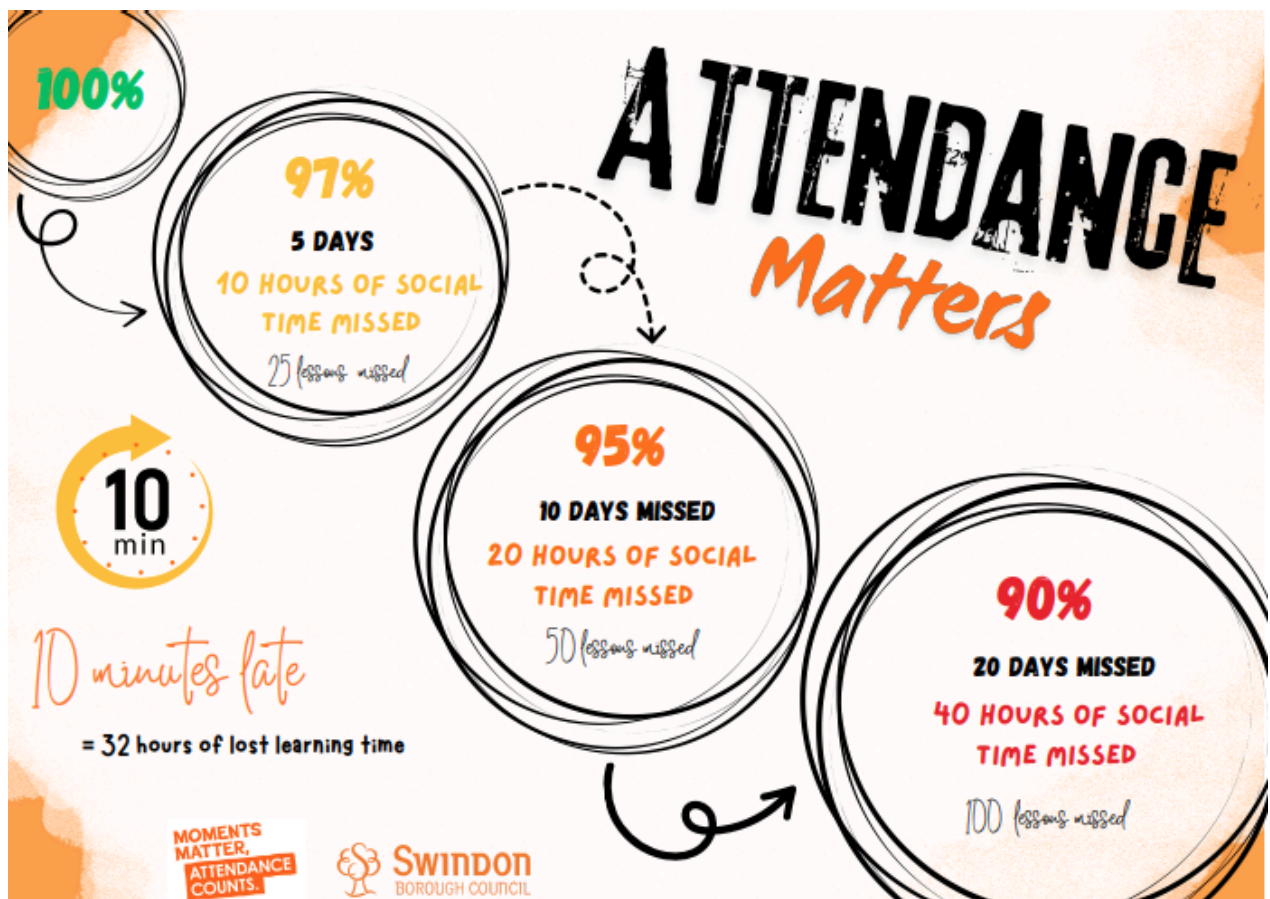
If your Bridlewood nursery child does not normally attend nursery on Wednesday mornings you are welcome to bring them in to have their photo taken. If you wish to do this, please bring your child to the School Office at 9am.

Before Bridlewood Club (BBC) & After Bridlewood Club (ABC) Spaces

We currently have spaces available every day in our wrap around after school club and spaces on a Friday in breakfast club. Please enquire with the school office for further details or see our website for details.

www.bridlewoodprimaryschool.org.uk/after-school-club/

www.bridlewoodprimaryschool.org.uk/breakfast-club/





Swindon SEND Families Voice

Swindon SEND Families Voice are the parent carer forum for Swindon. We provide support and signposting to parents and carers of Children or Young People with SEND and additional needs aged from 0-25 (with or without a diagnosis).

SEND Meeting Support Service:
sendmeetingservice.ssfv@outlook.com

SEND Sharing Service:
sendsharingservice.ssfv@outlook.com

The SEND Room:
Find us on Facebook search: SEND Room Swindon
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheSENDRoom/>

Branches Support Group:
Follow our main Facebook Page for event posters and information:
<https://www.facebook.com/SwindonSENDfamiliesvoice/>

SEND Social Club:
sendsocialclub.ssfv@outlook.com

SEND Stay and Play:
sendstayandplay.ssfv@outlook.com

Reshaping Conversations:
<https://reshapingconversations.com/>

Listening Service Phonenumber:
To speak to a member of the team please call;
07486 873 405

Main Email:
swindonsendfamiliesvoice@outlook.com
Website:
<https://swindonsendfamiliesvoice.org.uk/>



Support **E**ncourage **N**urture **D**ivinity

The SEND Room is an online Facebook support group for parents and carers of children and young people aged 0-25 in Swindon who have any Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

- A place to support one another
- A place to meet others who understand
- A place to share information





COMMUNITY

- **SEND Sharing Service-** Our lending library which allows families access to SEND related books, sensory toys, practical physiotherapy tools, SEND pushchairs and much more. For a yearly fee of just £3 families can access a whole library of useful and fun items! We also offer a free collection and delivery service for items borrowed. The SEND Sharing service has proven itself to be an invaluable SEND Community resource.
- **SEND Information Packs-** Each year we create information packs for Reception age Children who are identified as having additional needs (no diagnosis required) by their Educational/Childcare setting to help Parents and Carers navigate this time of transition. We reach out to schools, nurseries and home educators to help provide information with a personal touch. A gift from our family to yours.
- **The SEND Room-** Bringing Parents together through our online Facebook Community of over 2,500 parents and carers of children and young people with SEND in Swindon.

SUPPORT

- **Phoneline-** Our phoneline is available to parents and carers who might need a listening ear, an extra boost of courage or some much needed emotional support for those tricky days. As parents of SEND children ourselves we understand how difficult the journey can be. One of our experienced team members is there to give parents and carers their time and support.
- **Branches-** Our support group Branches runs on a monthly basis and alternates between evenings and the day time. We have guest speakers such as professionals who can provide important up-to-date information about local SEND services and experts in various SEND related topics such as Challenging Behaviour, Autism, Anxiety, Toileting and Sex and Relationships for SEND Teens. The group also allows parents and carers to connect with each other and with The SEND Families Voice Representatives.
- **Meeting Support Service-** We are able to provide in person support at meetings to local SEND Families. Meetings such as Team Around the Child (TAC), Community Paediatrics appointments, School Attendance Meetings etc. At each meeting we will type up a set of notes and offer genuine emotional support, as we know from personal experience that these meetings can be overwhelming.



To join our mailing list please scan the QR code



CONNECTION

- **Breakfast Catch Ups-** Parent Carers tell us that one of the best forms of support they access is solid, strong connections to other SEND Families going through similar lived experiences. No child with SEND is ever the same, but parent carers often find common ground. Our regular half -termly Breakfast catch up is an opportunity for carers to chat, socialise and come together for a couple of hours of good company.
- **Coffee Mornings, Stay and Play and Social Club Sessions-** We support Families through our regular Coffee Mornings at Local Primary and Secondary Schools, Nurseries and through connecting with Local Community groups and projects that support families. We also run Stay and Play sessions for children under 5 and a Social Club for young people aged 13 - 25. These services provide a more informal and relaxed approach that allows parents to access face to face support whilst connecting with other SEND families.

VOICES

- **Strategic Meetings and Co-production-** One of Swindon SEND Families Voice key roles behind the scenes is championing parent carers voices through the co-production that we take part in everyday with our strategic partners. These include Social Care, Health, Libraries, Community Groups and Projects, Education and other Council Departments such as the Travel team. Through this collaborative working we can spread and share important information. We work hard to improve the lived experiences of SEND families in Swindon by sharing their views and experiences with key stakeholders to effect positive change. We attend on average anywhere between 50 and 70 meetings a month making sure that SEND is always at the heart of planning and development of these vital public services and that parent carer voices are always heard.
- **Reshaping Conversations-** is our ongoing project looking to influence and improve the language of professionals and the wider public when talking to or about children and young people with SEND. We want to make Swindon (and the world!) a much more inclusive environment that allows SEND families to feel valued. We have teamed up with other local SEND groups to put together a website, booklet, video and training module. Our training module has now been taken up by Swindon Borough Council and local Health Services and has been used as mandatory training. We aim to keep the project going and keep reshaping even more conversations.

SWM

SWINDON & WILTSHIRE MUSIC

Early Birds

Are Back!!

Let the rhythm of the music inspire you to reach new heights and create beautiful memories.

Early Birds are aimed at 3-5 year old children to introduce them to music in a friendly environment where music is singing and playing, and playing is fun!

Saturday's 10:00 - 10:30
The Platform



Register:
ukswindon.speedadmin.dk/registration#/course/4/0/0/5
Or Email: Lhawkins@smscio.co.uk
£59.25- Special Price £29.00 for 9 wks Starting 26th September 2026

SONG WRITING/ MUSIC IT

Write your own songs, then build them into real tracks - Vocals, Beats, Loops the lot!
No experience needed, just bring your ideas.



Register:
<https://ukswindon.speedadmin.dk/registration#/course/4/0/0/5>

Starts SATURDAY 26TH SEPT 11-12:00 The Platform SN1 5BJ	Length 9 WEEK COURSE	Full Course £59.00
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WEEKLY TABLA CLASSES IN SWINDON

with tutor **Jon Sterckx**

Learn to play tabla with a professional tabla tutor in a friendly and supportive environment.
No previous experience needed. Beginners welcome.

SATURDAY MORNINGS
LAWN COMMUNITY CENTRE
GUILDFORD AVE
SWINDON SN3 1JL




- * Learning to play tabla is a great way for children and young people to participate in Arts and culture.
- * Learning an instrument like tabla can help to develop coordination, improve focus and confidence.
- * Playing an instrument provides a channel for physical, mental and emotional expression.
- * Playing an instrument can be a lot of fun!

Visit www.jonsterckx.co.uk/tabla-classes for videos of Jon's students performing and to read reviews & testimonials. Contact Jon for more info & registration.

Jon Sterckx is a professional tabla player & percussionist with over 30 years experience of playing and performing world percussion. Jon studied tabla with teachers in India & UK and has performed and taught throughout the UK and internationally.

Jon's solo performances at the globally renowned TED events and his collaborations with international award winning musicians have earned him a reputation as an innovative cutting edge musician on the world stage.

Jon is an experienced educator, having taught at schools, colleges and universities for over 20 years. He was an Associate Lecturer at the University of Plymouth 2003-2017 where he taught modules in world rhythm, Indian music and ethnomusicology. Jon has been teaching weekly tabla classes in Swindon since 2016.

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CHANCE TO SHINE

WEDNESDAYS
5PM TO 6PM

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
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SN3 3LR

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CHILDREN - 8 TO 15 YEARS


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