Bridlewood Primary School Newsletter: 23rd October 2026

Update from Headteacher

As we come to the end of another busy and exciting term, there has been lots to celebrate across the school.

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Coleshill for a Secrets and Spies day as part of their World War II topic. The visit brought their learning to life and provided a fantastic opportunity to deepen their understanding of this important period in history.

We also held our first Discovery Day of the year, with pupils across the school exploring and celebrating Black History. It was wonderful to see such thoughtful learning and discussion taking place in every year group.

Year 2 rounded off the week with a fantastic Superhero Day following their Term 1 topic on superheroes. The children looked amazing and had great fun celebrating everything they have learned.

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising the Halloween Colouring Competition and Pumpkin Carving Competition. We were incredibly impressed by the creativity, effort and imagination shown in the entries. Well done to everyone who took part!

Finally, we would like to wish all our families a happy and restful half-term break. Thank you for your continued support this term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning.



Our Core Value this term is Respect
Our Assembly Theme this term is Respect

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

House Points this week!

Blunsdon:	219	
Liddington:	159	
Silbury:	221	
Uffington:	214	

Well done to Silbury for being this week's winners and to Uffington for being the winners for October!

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

w/c 26/10/26 Half Term Break
02/11/26 Term 2 Starts
02/11/26 Poppies go on sale
04/11/26 OPAL Outdoor Classroom Day
06/11/26 PTA Meeting 3.30pm (all welcome)
11/11/26 Remembrance Day
11/11/26 Y5 & Y6 Author Event at APS
13/11/26 Children in Need
16/11/26 Inset day - school and nursery closed
w/c 16/11 Anti-bullying Week
17/11/26 Odd Socks Day
18/11/26 Y1 Toy Visit to Swindon Museum
23/11/26 YR-Y6 Flu Vaccinations
25/11/26 Discovery Day - International Day
25/11/26 Parent Book Look 3.30-4.30pm
26/11/26 Y4 Oxenwood Viking Trip
04/12/26 Non-Uniform day for Prospect Hospice charity shop donation
07/12/26 Y3 Living Rainforest Trip

Poppy Appeal

From Monday 2nd November, our Year 6 pupils will be visiting classes selling poppies and poppy appeal merchandise, such as snap bands, festival wrist bands, reflective poppies and stickers. These items will be available for a donation, suggested as £1. There will also be 2026 poppy pin badges and these will be available for £3 each. All money raised will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

School Photo Orders

Individual and sibling photo order forms were sent home last week. For free delivery back to school, orders must be placed online **by 26th October.**

Children in Need

On 13th November we will have a non-uniform day for a donation to Children in Need!

Menus

Menus for Term 2 are now available to book on ParentPay. Reminder that meals must be booked by midnight on Thursdays for the following week.
If your child has a hot dinner booked, please do not send them with a packed lunch as this causes unnecessary waste and cost to the school. You can make changes to your child's bookings up until midnight for the following week.
On Thursday 5th November we have a special Festival of Lights menu. See poster opposite.
Our Christmas meal this year will take place on Wednesday 16th December and details of this will follow nearer the time.

Labelling Belongings

Please take a few minutes over the half term to ensure all your child's **uniform is labelled** with their name. This doesn't need to involve expensive labels, writing on names in marker is just as effective and ensures items are reunited with your child.



PTA Pumpkin Winners

Well done to everyone that took part in the PTA pumpkin colouring and carving competition. The judges had a difficult time deciding on all the wonderful entries. Everyone who took part received 5 house points and a sticker. The winners below received a prize from the PTA:

Colouring Winners:
Oak - Meredith
Maple - Valentin
Birch - Delilah
Elm - William
Ash - Theo
Pine - Rithuli
Cherry - Ollie
Nursery - Lydia



Carving Winners:
Oak - Chloe
Maple - Gabriella
Birch - Hunter
Elm - Arthur
Ash - Victor
Pine - Finlay
Cherry - Cillian

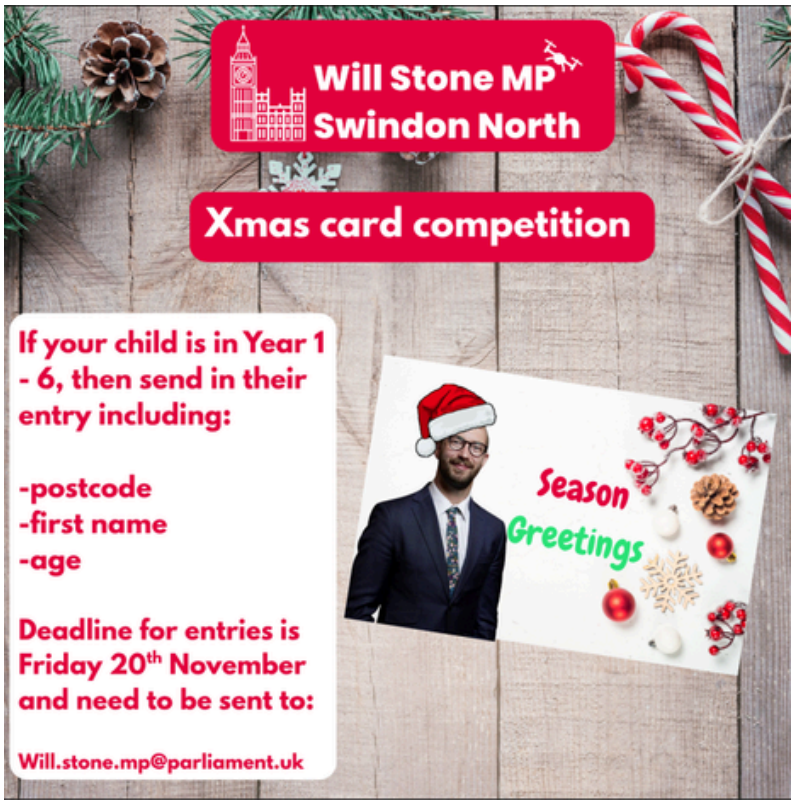
Attendance

Well done to **Birch** class for having the highest attendance for October.



PTA Meeting

The PTA is looking for more volunteers to help support our school community. Whether you have a little time or a lot, your involvement matters. The next meeting is on Friday 6th November at 3.30pm. Children are welcome to attend. Please come to the office to sign in.



October Half Term Family Activities

STEAM
Museum of the Great Western Railway



Wednesday 28th October: Bridge Building Challenge
Use our special Polydron kits to design, build and test your own unique bridge. Can you match GWR's great engineers?

Free with Museum admission. Drop-in 10.30 - 4.00.

MUSEUM & ART
SWINDON

Tuesday 27th October: The Bayeux Tapestry
Interactive storytelling in the museum galleries 30m sessions, £4 per person
Listen to the tall tale of 1066 and discover Swindon's unique role in the Tapestry. Learn battle tactics and handle original artefacts from the time.

Craft Workshops 1hr sessions at 11.15 & 1.45, £5 per child
Learn how the Tapestry was made, weave a spider web and create a mini embroidery pumpkin.



Saturday 24th, Wednesday 28th & Saturday 31st October
Bayeux Tapestry creative drop-In 10.45 - 4.00, free

Lydiard Park



Thursday 29th October: Leaf Lanterns
Celebrate the colours of autumn and make a lantern jar decorated for the season.

1hr sessions at 10.15, 11.45 & 2.00, £5 per participant



Breakfast Catch-Up

Are you a parent or carer of a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?

Please come along to meet the Swindon SEND Families Voice team to find out what we do!

Location: The Dockle Farmhouse
Date: 3rd November 2026
Time: 9.30am onwards

Swindon SEND Families Voice

Outdoor Classroom Day & OPAL Play

Non School Uniform Day

Wednesday 4th November

Donations needed for OPAL play

These donations are not new – they are pre loved and ready to be loved again!

- Scooters
- Pushchairs
- Suitcases
- Guttering
- Tarpaulin
- Buckets
- Hard bristle brushes
- Watering cans
- Broken/old electronics
- Cable drums
- Swimming pool noodles
- Small world items
- Plastic crates
- Briefcases

Help us make our playtimes even more exciting!

Donations needed are pre loved, not new and ready for another adventure!



Please place your donations into the Gazebo before heading into class.

If everyone brings in a donation for OPAL play, we will have an **extra 30 minutes** of play time!

Thank you for your support!