Bridlewood Primary School Newsletter: 6th November 2026

Update from Headteacher

Welcome back to a new term. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school so positively and ready for learning.

We enjoyed a fantastic Outdoor Learning Day this week, making the most of opportunities to learn and explore outside. As part of our continued commitment to the OPAL programme, we have also officially opened our new sandpit and tree-climbing area for lunchtime play. A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated resources this week. Your generosity will significantly enhance the outdoor learning and play experiences available to our children each day. As we move into the winter months, please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies and a waterproof coat in school every day so that they can continue to enjoy outdoor learning and play whatever the weather.

A very special congratulations goes to Anderson in Year 5, who, following trials in September, has been selected for the Wiltshire Cricket Under-10 Early Engagement Programme this winter. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and wish him every success as he takes part in the programme.

Yesterday, children from Years 1 to 5 took part in a series of essential safety workshops delivered by the Wiltshire and Dorset Fire Service. The sessions provided valuable learning opportunities and helped reinforce important messages about staying safe both at home and in the community.

This week, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Buckley to the Bridlewood team. Mrs Buckley will be taking over the role of Designated Safeguarding Lead. As I begin my secondment later this month, I would like to thank the Bridlewood community for its ongoing support and kindness. Over the coming weeks, I will be working closely with Mrs McLaughlin and Miss Hulse to ensure a smooth transition. While I will miss seeing everyone every day, I look forward to keeping in touch and hearing about the many successes and achievements that I know will continue at Bridlewood during my absence.

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

Reminder

Application deadline for requesting school places is as follows:

- **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:	348	
Liddington:	362	
Silbury:	351	
Uffington:	358	

Well done to Liddington 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

06/11/26	PTA Meeting 3.30pm (all welcome)
10/11/26	**YR & Y6 Measurements**
11/11/26	Remembrance Day
11/11/26	Y5 & Y6 Author Event at APS
13/11/26	Children in Need (non-uniform for donation)
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
03/12/26	**Y5 Bristol Museum Trip**
04/12/26	Non-Uniform day for Prospect Hospice charity shop donation
07/12/26	Y3 Living Rainforest Trip
16/12/26	**Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Lunch (details to follow)**
17/12/26	**Christmas Party Day (non-uniform)**
18/12/26	**Last day of term - school finishes at 1.30pm and Nursery open for morning session only (until 11.40am)**
04/01/27	**Term 2 starts**
14/01/27	**Y2 Roald Dahl Children's Gallery Trip**

We're looking for a Parent Governors!

Would you like to play a part in shaping our school's future and making a positive difference to our school community?
We're inviting parents and carers to find out more about becoming a Parent Governor. It's a fantastic opportunity to share your views, contribute ideas and help ensure every child gets the best possible education.
Interested? Take a look at our letter for further information on how to get involved.
Your voice matters!

Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale until 11th 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

Children in Need

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



Anti-Bullying Team Charity Day

The Anti-Bullying Team have been busy organising a charity day which is taking place on Friday 4th December.
We will be supporting Prospect Hospice, a charity which provides care for people in our community who are affected by a life-limiting illness.
On this day, we are asking for donations that can be sold in the Prospect charity shops to help raise much needed funds to enable the charity to provide support for those who need it.
Prospect Hospice have requested donations of wooden toys and puzzles, books, games, toys and clothes.
Please ensure that all toys are clean and have a CE label, puzzles are complete with the boxes intact, books have no rips and clothes are clean and in good condition.
As a thank you, we invite you to wear non-uniform on 4th December.
Just so you are aware, Prospect Hospice are unable to accept safety helmets, roller skates or wheelies.
Many thanks,
Mrs Elborn and the Anti Bullying Team

Prospect Hospice
together making every day count

MUSIC MARK

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FOR SCHOOLS 2026 - 2027

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for *Ambition & Quality* in music education

By accepting the Music Mark of Recognition, this school pledges to:

- Advocate for the importance of music education in the curriculum and creative life of our school
- Provide an equitable, diverse and inclusive music education for every young person
- Welcome opportunities to broaden our musical horizons by working with providers in our community and beyond

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BRANCHES

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BRANCHES is a support group open to all parents and carers of children and young people with any Special Educational Need or Disability, aged 0-25 years

When? Tuesday 17th November

Where? Punjabi Community Centre Swindon SN2 7BB

Time: 7pm -8:30pm

Working Together
Strengthening Support
Reaching Out

Guest Speaker: Nicola Ponton - Head of SEND & Inclusion, a discussion about the Banding review and the SEND Reform Plan for Swindon

Swindon SEND Families Voice

BRANCHES is a free support group, however voluntary donations for refreshments are welcomed

