Bridlewood Primary School Newsletter: 13th November 2026

Update from Headteacher

We were pleased to receive a positive school inclusion review this week, carried out by external colleagues from the Central Trust Team and other Trust schools. The review provided valuable insight into the many strengths of our inclusive practice, while also helping us to identify areas where we can continue to develop and enhance our provision for all children.

This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a walk to Abbey Park School to take part in an author workshop alongside children from other primary schools. During the session, author Louie Stowell shared insights into her work, and the children asked thoughtful questions. They thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the writing and illustration process and were excellent ambassadors for the school throughout the visit. A huge thank you to the volunteers who gave their time to help walk the children safely to and from the event.

Finally, thank you to everyone for your generous donations to Children in Need today in exchange for non-uniform. Your support will help make a real difference to children and young people across the UK. Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you all a lovely weekend.

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

Coats

Now the weather is turning colder, please ensure your child has a warm coat in school. Wellies for OPAL play can also be kept in school so children can make use of our outside areas during lunch time.

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

End of Term 2

On Friday 18th December school will finish at 1.30pm for the Christmas break. There will be no after school club on this day. Nursery will finish at 11.40am. There will be no afternoon or top up session on this date. Please ensure you collect your children at the appropriate time.

House Points this week!

Blunsdon:	330	
Liddington:	277	
Silbury:	277	
Uffington:	308	

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

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
18/11/26	**Y3/4 Football Competition for selected pupils**
20/11/26	**Y4 Maths Event for selected pupils**
23/11/26	YR-Y6 Flu Vaccinations
24/11/26	**Y5/6 Football Competition for selected pupils**
25/11/26	Discovery Day - International Day
25/11/26	Parent Book Look 3.30-4.30pm
26/11/26	Y4 Oxenwood Viking Trip
27/11/26	**PTA Cake Sale**
02/12/26	**Rocksteady Concert**
03/12/26	Y5 Bristol Museum Trip
03/12/26	**Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance 1.30pm-2.00pm**
04/12/26	Non-Uniform day for Prospect Hospice charity shop donation
04/12/26	**Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance 11am-11.30am**
07/12/26	Y3 Living Rainforest Trip
08/12/26	**Reception Jingle, Mingle and Make 9.15am-10.30am**
08/12/26	**Nursery Festive Melodies and Magical Makes 2.00pm-3.10pm**
11/12/26	**Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a contribution to the PTA Christmas Hampers**
16/12/26	Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Lunch (details to follow)
16/12/26	**Music Recital**
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

Children in Need

Thank you for your donations for Children in Need today.
We raised £202.40.
If you wish to still donate, you can do so on ParentPay using this link.



Odd Sock Day

In view of Anti-Bullying Week next week, children can wear odd socks, along with their usual uniform, on Tuesday 17th November.



Book Look!

On Wednesday 25th November from 3.30-4.40pm, parents and carers are invited to visit classes to view childrens books and see what the children have been up to in class. Please enter school via the main entrance from 3.30pm.
The PTA will also be selling pre-loved uniform in the library.



Attendance Reminders and Term Dates

Reminder that if your child is absent, please report this to the school office **by 9am** on each day of absence. If a child is absent for 5 continuous days a welfare check may be undertaken, including where the school has been informed of the reason. This is ensure all children are regularly sighted.
Planned absences must be notified using our Notification of Absence form available from the school office, at least 10 days prior to the absence. Please note that we are unable to authorise absences in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.
Please note our term dates when planning holidays and events to avoid time off during the term. Dates for the remainder of 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 are available on our website.

Advance Notice of Diary Dates

Due to such a busy term we have tried to provide as much notice as possible of upcoming events. Where information has not yet been provided, this will be communicated to parents by ParentPay and Class Dojo in due course.



Starting on Monday 11th January and running until Monday 22nd March, we will have a Magical Maths club available for children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). Please see poster above for further details.
There will be a taster session during school hours on Wednesday 9th December for KS2 children.
For further details on the club, and to sign up and pay, please visit the link or QR code above.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone for your purchases and donations to the Poppy Appeal. Sales have now finished and all money raised will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

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Harvest Food Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest food collection. We donated 105.5kg of food to Swindon Food Collective to support those in our local community who need it the most over the upcoming Christmas period, winter months and into the New Year.

Non School Uniform Day
Friday 11th December 2026

In exchange for a contribution to the PTA christmas hamper raffle



Contribution ideas. Bottles, Chocolates, Biscuits, Pamper items, Toys (new only) Donations of vouchers or services would also be most appreciated.



Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 17th December

Tickets will be on sale in the playground from Friday 11th December to Thursday 17th December. (Cash only)

£1 a strip

Raffle winners will be announced via email on Thursday 17th December.

Prizes to include an assortment of hampers and a selection of vouchers. Prizes must be collected the following day - Last day of term

Bridlewood PTA

Free Arts and Crafts

For young people living in St Andrews Parish

Redhouse Community Centre

21st December 2026

9:30-10:30am

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Only 25 spaces available

Contact us to book

CRAFT WITH AMY

Free Family Yoga

For young people living in St Andrews Parish

Redhouse Community Centre

22nd & 29th December 2026

10am-11am

Open to all ages

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Bring your own mat

TINYBUGS YOGA

LITTLE VOICES CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

"Christmas Past and Present!"



Join us on Tuesday 22nd December!

EASTCOTT COMMUNITY CENTRE, SAVERNAKE STREET, OLD TOWN, SN1 3LZ

"From Scrooge to Mariah, rat-pack classics to Xmas No.1s, A day packed full of festive fun!"



9.00am - 3.00pm

Ages 5-15 years

£40

(LV pupil price £35)

To book scan the QR code:

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