



Bridlewood Primary School

Newsletter: 7th October 2026

Update from Headteacher

This week, we held our annual 'Doing it for Dan' charity run in memory of a former pupil who tragically lost his life in a road traffic accident. It was wonderful to see so many children demonstrating determination and resilience as they completed the course through the local community before finishing on the school field. We are incredibly proud of the way the children supported one another throughout the event. A huge thank you goes to Miss Hulse for organising this special event, as well as to the students from Abbey Park School and all of the volunteers who supported the children by running alongside them and helping to marshal the course. If you are able to make a contribution to the charity 'Brake', please consider donating using the link below.

Today we celebrated our Harvest Assembly, where children shared a variety of performances and contributions, including drama, poetry, artwork and prayers. The children spoke with confidence and reflected thoughtfully on the importance of helping others within our community. Thank you to everyone who generously donated items for the Swindon Food Collective, who collected the harvest offerings today. Your kindness and support will make a real difference to local families in need.

Our school photographer visited earlier this week. We will share details of how to order photographs as soon as they are available.

Today, our Year 5/6 football team takes on Eldene in their first cup match of the year. We wish all of the players the very best of luck and look forward to hearing how they get on. Go team!

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

Doing it for Dan Sponsored Run



Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the children on our Doing it for Dan sponsored run on Tuesday. We have raised £407 for Brake, the road safety charity.

If you have not yet sponsored and wish to, please visit our [Just Giving Page](#).

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

House Points this week!

Blunsdon: 238



Liddington: 200



Silbury: 210



Uffington: 254



Well done to Uffington 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

09/10/26 PTA Cake Sale
 13/10/26 Cross Country for selected pupils
 14/10/26 Parent consultations - school finishes at 1.20pm, Nursery open as usual
 15/10/26 PTA Disco for Y1-Y6
 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
11/11/26 Y5 & Y6 Author Event at APS
 13/11/26 Children in Need
 16/11/26 Inset day - school and nursery closed
 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

Parking

We are aware that the Local Authority is currently carrying out parking patrols in the area. To help keep everyone safe and avoid receiving a parking notice, please ensure you park responsibly and follow all local parking restrictions, keeping safety in mind. Please be aware that the boxed area directly outside the front of the school is reserved for buses only. Parking in this area could result in a parking ticket being issued.



PTA School Disco Y1 - Y6 Thursday 15th October 2026



Deadline for purchasing disco tickets is **Tuesday 13th October**. Please see the [letter](#) sent to parents/carers on how to book a ticket. Copies of the letter are also available from outside the school office.

This disco is for children in Year 1 to 6. Reception children can attend the next disco offered later in the school year.

Parent Consultations Nursery-Y6

Bookings are now open for our parent consultation meetings taking place online on Wednesday 14th October 2026. On this day, school will be finishing early at 1.20pm in order to accommodate the required number of appointments for the classes. Nursery will remain open until 3.20pm.

See letters for how to book:

[Reception to Year 6](#)
[Nursery](#)

Toys in School

Please can we remind families that children should not bring toys or other personal belongings to school. Unfortunately, toys can easily get lost, damaged or become mixed up with other children's or school items, which can cause unnecessary upset. Please ensure all toys are left at home. Thank you for your understanding and support.

School Photos



Individual and sibling photos were taken on Wednesday 7th October. Once we receive the booking forms these will be issued to parents. Forms will be sent out in paper form, hopefully before half term, so please check school bags for these soon.

Bridlewood PTA
 FRIDAY 9th October
 3.15pm
TODAY
 We will also be selling
 Hot Chocolate
 (Must be with an adult to purchase)
 Cakes - 50p each
 Hot Chocolate - £1.50p
 Cakes to be provided by
 OAK Class (Year 6)

OPAL Play

As we move into the autumnal weather, we still want children to enjoy our OPAL play and make full use of the school site. Please ensure your child has wellies, a waterproof coat, and a spare set of clothes, including socks, in case they get wet or muddy.

We would also welcome donations of spare socks suitable for Reception and Key Stage 1 children. If you have any you no longer need, please send them into school.

Thank you for your support.

junior parkrun

If your child enjoyed our Doing it for Dan run, did you know there are free events every week in Swindon for children on Sunday mornings at 9am? Junior Parkrun is a free, fun and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 years). There are three Junior Parkruns in Swindon; Lydiard Park, GWR Park and Moredon Sporting Hub. All you need to do is [register](#) with Parkrun and go along.

And for any adults not wishing to miss out, there are also 5k Parkruns at Lydiard Park and Seven Fields on Saturday mornings at 9am.



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To register: <https://bagsoftaste.org/students/>
Tel: 07813678660
Email: swindon@bagsoftaste.org

Santa vs Rudolph Run



Are you team Santa or Rudolph?

6th December 2026
LYDIARD PARK

3K & 5K FUN RUN

All finishers receive a celebratory Christmas themed medal.

Registration opens from 9:30am and event starts at 11am.

www.register.enthuse.com/ps/event/SantavsRudolphRun2026



Scan the QR code to sign up

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Are you worried about the rising cost of food and how to eat healthily on a tight budget?

Then join one of our free, fun cooking courses. Learn how to make delicious, healthy meals from all over the world whilst saving money.



All you need is a kitchen and a phone!

About the course

FREE*

- Cook tasty, healthy meals, cheaply
- Get tips on how to budget and save money when you're shopping
- Learn how to waste less

How does it work?

- We deliver three step-by-step recipes and all the ingredients you need, straight to your door
- Your personal mentor will support you by phone or WhatsApp with lots of tips and advice along the way
- At the end you'll get a free gift of wallet-friendly recipes

What do I need to do?

- All we ask is that you cook the three recipes and send us photos of your lovely food!

How long does it take?

- About two weeks but you can work at your own pace

How do I join?

- Register online: www.bagsoftaste.org/students
- Call/WhatsApp 07813678660
- Email swindon@bagsoftaste.org

Once we've confirmed your registration we'll contact you to arrange your delivery



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*For qualifying participants only

Protecting your child against flu

Flu immunisation in England

Information for parents and carers



Flu i mmunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

Flu Vaccination

At the beginning of September we sent out an invitation from the School Aged Immunisations Team for you to register your child for the annual flu vaccination, which is taking place in school on 23rd November.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Please complete the consent form using the link below, whether you wish to accept or decline the vaccination for your child.

The link for Bridlewood Primary School is:

<https://www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=WT149193>

It will take less than 5 minutes to complete.

How the vaccine is given:

Most children are given the vaccine as a nasal spray. This is a quick and painless spray up the nose and offers the best protection against flu.

The nasal spray contains a small amount of gelatine derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). If your child does not use gelatine products, or cannot have the nasal spray for medical reasons, you can choose an alternative injected vaccine that has no gelatine or any other animal product. You can request this within the consent form.

Find out more about the the flu vaccination please see the [NHS leaflet](#).

Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'