



Bridlewood Primary School

Newsletter: 16th October 2026

Update from Headteacher

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 football team for their fantastic 6-1 victory last Friday. The team now progresses to the next round of the Swindon Schools Cup. Well done to all the players on a superb performance, and we wish them the very best of luck in the next round.

This week also saw our cross-country teams compete in the Swindon Schools Competition at Lydiard Park, where all of our runners performed incredibly well. We were delighted to achieve several top-ten finishes. Special congratulations go to Meredith and Alex, who both won individual silver medals, and to the Year 3/4 boys' team, who were crowned winners of their team event. What a fantastic achievement! A big thank you to Mr Hilliker for organising these events, and to all the parents who supported by providing transport and cheering on our children throughout the competitions.

Finally, our school discos were a great success this week. Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work in organising the events and to the volunteers who gave up their time to make them such an enjoyable experience for the children. If you are interested in joining the PTA or volunteering as a school governor, please contact the school. We are actively seeking new members to help ensure both groups can continue to play a vital role in supporting the school and its future development.



**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: 213



Liddington: 176



Silbury: 184



Uffington: 223



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

- 19/10/26 Y6 Coleshill Trip
20/10/26 Discovery Day – Black History
22/10/26 Y2 Superhero Day
22/10/26 Pumpkin Competition Deadline
23/10/26 Inset day – school and nursery closed
w/c 26/10/26 Half Term Break
02/11/26 Term 2 Starts
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
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

Attendance Reminder

Good attendance is vital to your child's learning and progress. Wherever possible, please arrange medical, dental and other appointments outside of school hours. If this isn't possible, we kindly ask that appointments are booked to minimise disruption to the school day.

Please remember that schools can only authorise term-time absences in exceptional circumstances. If you need to request time off during term time, an Absence Request Form must be completed and returned to the school office at least 10 days before the proposed absence.

Thank you for your support in helping us maximise learning time for all pupils.

School Photo Orders



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



OCTOBER HALF TERM CYCLING TIMETABLE

Cycling Sessions for Kids & Families:

Book via the Moredon Sporting Hub website:

Family cycling – Staffed sessions on the track with bikes and equipment included (or bring your own). £5.50 per child (1 adult free)
Tue 27th 9:30–11:30am, Thurs 29th 1–3pm & Sat 31st 12–2pm

Limitless Family cycling (SEND families) – a staffed session with a range of bikes and adapted cycles included. £4.50 per child (1 adult free)
Wed 28th 12–2pm, Fri 30th 11.30–1.30pm & Sat 31st 2–3.30pm



Book via Swindon Cycle Campaign Eventbrite Page

Cycling Roadshow – Tuesday 27th October 10am – 1pm

FREE basic bike repairs, BikeRegister security marking, cycling maps & reflective freebies

Ditch the Stabilisers – Fun learn to cycle sessions for young people aged 4–16 years old. Bikes & helmets included. £5.00 per child. **SEN sessions available.**

Next Steps – Skills development session for children who have recently learned to ride. Focusing on starting, stopping, manoeuvres & gears. £5.00 per child.

Dates and booking details: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/swindon-cycle-campaign-61575400583
(or scan QR code) Booking essential, limited spaces available.



Notes: Limitless Adult sessions continue as usual throughout the half term (Mon & Thurs 10–12), along with FREE adult learn to ride sessions (Tue 12–1pm). Timetable subject to change.

For any queries please contact Cycling Officer, Becky Cox: Email: cycling@centralswindonnorth-pc.gov.uk Call: 07961908615

BRIDLEWOOD PTA

PUMPKIN CARVING AND/OR COLOURING COMPETITION

FREE to Enter

Bridlewood PTA Halloween competition.

carve a pumpkin, or collect a template from reception to
colour/paint its entirely up to you!

Bring to school on Thursday 22nd October

2 winners (1 pumpkin and 1 artwork)

From each class will receive a prize

All entries will be awarded a sticker & 5 house points



SWINDON HERITAGE PRESERVATION

AUTUMN CRAFTERNOON

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER
DROP-IN ANYTIME BETWEEN 1PM - 4PM

AT LOCATIONS WITHIN OUR HISTORIC RAILWAY VILLAGE:
THE CRICKETERS • THE RAILWAY VILLAGE MUSEUM • THE BAKER'S CAFE

£6 PER PERSON
TO PARTICIPATE IN CRAFT ACTIVITIES
(ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

Beeswax candle making
Yarn ghouls and ghosties
A range of cosy crafts for all the family in the Cricketer's Lounge!
And more family-friendly, Halloween fun!

Take part in a candle-lit tour of the Railway Village Museum.
Families can follow a special trail around the Railway Village.
Homemade cakes and drinks also available to purchase at the Baker's Cafe.

TICKETS CAN BE PRE-PURCHASED VIA OUR EVENTBRITE PAGE OR PURCHASED ON THE DAY FROM THE CRICKETERS, EMILYN SQUARE, SN1 5BN

Scan here to book your tickets on Eventbrite!

Nearest Parking: Bristol Street Car Park, SN1 5ED

HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY CAMP

SPORTS • GAMES • HALLOWEEN FUN

PRIVATE HOLIDAY CAMP

SPORTS
HALLOWEEN THEMED ACTIVITIES
CHALLENGES
TEAM GAMES & MORE!

FOOTBALL BASKETBALL BADMINTON PICKLEBALL CRICKET HOCKEY TENNIS

26TH, 27TH AND 30TH OCTOBER
09:00 - 15:00

CROFT SPORTS CENTRE
MARLBOROUGH LANE, SWINDON, SN3 1RA

£25 PER SPACE

MUST BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

HALLOWEEN HAVOC

TOTALLY CRAZY entertainment

JOIN US ON A RIDICULOUSLY SILLY HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE!

AT **SWINDON ARTS CENTRE**

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER

SCAN TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Halloween Havoc is at Swindon Arts Centre on the 25th October and is packed with laugh-out-loud comedy, magical mishaps, and plenty of family fun, this spellbinding Halloween adventure is perfect for witches, wizards, ghosts, goblins, and humans of all ages.

Will Malcolm save the day, or will Halloween end in complete chaos?

Come and join us to find out!

Fancy dress is encouraged, so come dressed in your Halloween best and be part of the magic!

Book your tickets [here](#).



Exploring Saints

For children and their carers

Tuesday 27th October 2026
10.30pm - 12noon

Come to explore and learn about the lives of some famous saints

 **Craft stations,**
 **Thinking station,**
 **Building station,**
 **Imagination station**



 **SEND friendly**

 **Carers to stay with their children**

 **Free to attend**

 **Refreshments provided**

Outdoor activities - come prepared!

At St Andrew's Church, Tadpole Lane SN25 2DW
(between Lyall Close and Blunsdon Abbey Park)

All Welcome

News from St Andrew's Church

Exploring Saints Session

We have an event for Children and carers in half-term on 27th October from 10.30-12noon, you'll find the full details opposite. Hope you can come!

Community Survey

We are currently undertaking a Community survey. The congregation of St Andrew's Church North Swindon would love to know what you think about how we can best support the people of our area, both now and into the future. We'd love to know your views and ideas and have designed a short survey to capture them. You can find the survey [here](#). Please fill it in, it will only take a few minutes. If you would rather chat about your ideas over a cup of coffee, we would love to meet with you, please contact the Vicar, Revd Sally Robertson revd.sally.robertson@nschurch.org.uk or phone 07588594410. Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.



Half-term fun!



SHIPWRECKED
a holiday club exploring Jonah

FREE Holiday Bible Club
Games • Crafts • Songs • Drama • Bible stories • Snacks

Mon 26 – Wed 28 October
9:30am – 12:15pm each morning
For children in Reception to Year 6
at Abbey Meads Community School



Book your free place
Booking is essential. Scan the code or visit
nsbc.churchsuite.com/-/forms/dcjfk8v3

Ahoy, parents!

Join us this half term for three action-packed mornings as we follow Jonah's wild adventure: a storm at sea, a very big fish and a God who gives second chances.

MON 26 OCT
Into the storm
Jonah 1

TUE 27 OCT
Swallowed whole!
Jonah 2

WED 28 OCT
A second chance
Jonah 3 & 4

Join a crew

Ship's Kids
Reception & Year 1

Sailors
Years 2 & 3

First Mates
Years 4 to 6

Good to know

 **Completely free.** Booking is essential so we can plan teams and snacks.

 **Drop off 9:30am, collect 12:15pm.** Keep your pick-up label to collect your child.

 **Snack and drink provided.** Tell us about any allergies when you book.

 **Safe and caring.** Our volunteers follow NSBC's safeguarding policy.



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