



# BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Welcome from Mrs Henshall

Through our worship and thinking about harvest we have thought about the value of Thankfulness and being grateful to God for all that he provides.

It was lovely to see so many of you in Church today to celebrate Harvest with us and to support your children. I was so proud of how well the children did and the thought that they had put into their Harvest contributions. Thank you to all of you for your kind donations to Doorway. We are looking forward to taking our donations over in the coming week.

Next week we will be saying a 'goodbye for now' to Miss Davies. It is finally time for her to put her feet up and have a well-deserved rest before the birth on her baby. I am sure you will all want to join me in wishing her well.

A big well done to the following children who have been our stars of the week! Keep up the good work!

Ariana, Samuel and Sadie – Year R  
William, Zoe and Jack – Year 1  
Dulcie, Ellie and Ezra – Year 2  
Hattie, Rebecca and Lydia – Year 3  
Jacob, Phoebe and Juliette – Year 4  
Ellie-Rose, Myles and Scarlett – Year 5  
Noah, Jon-Ross and Barnaby – Year 6



Our worship leaders from Year 6 for this term are:

Barnaby, Jon-Ross, Bronwyn, Chloe, Esmail, Lucia and Bethany.

They will be helping the headteacher to lead worship and church services across the school.



Librarians this term are:

Bonnie – Year 6  
Grace – Year 5  
Mabel – Year 4  
Phoebe – Year 4  
Hattie – Year 3

Alongside last year's librarians:

Barnaby – Year 6  
Megan – Year 6  
Maggie – Year 5  
Olive – Year 4  
Phoebe – Year 4

## FoBBVS Update

The Yatton Keynell Village Fete was a huge success last weekend and a big thank you to all those that donated tombola bags and especially to those that helped in the kids activity tent during the afternoon. Your support was much appreciated. We are delighted to let you know that the Fete Committee have so kindly donated £900 to FoBBVS which is just incredible! We have sent a massive thank you for their generous donation. Our next event is a school disco on Monday 16 October - tickets are available on ParentPay.

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### Email Issues

Gmail will no longer accept bulk emails from us so we are no longer able to email large groups of parents who have a gmail email. We are currently in the process of setting up ParentPay as a solution as ParentPay is able to send emails to large groups. Please be patient with us whilst we set this up and look out for emails from ParentPay as they will be from By Brook Valley. We will attempt to use ParentPay today to send out the newsletter. Please could we ask that you let us know if you do not receive it, or you received it twice! Don't forget that you can view the newsletter on the website and paper copies can be found in the foyer.

### Pupil Information Forms

We are still missing some pupil information forms. We will send home more forms again today to those families. If we do not receive an updated form by tomorrow, we will have to use the pupil information form from last year instead!

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### Non Smoking/Vaping School

This is a message to all parents and carers that we are a non-smoking/vaping school so please could we ask that you do not smoke anywhere on the premises. Thank you!



### Bus Bands

Please could we remind all parents of children who uses the bus to and from school to ensure that your child is wearing their bus band on the days that they use the bus, either around the ankle or wrist. This is to ensure that staff can clearly see who is on the bus when they do the register and limits the amount of phone calls home to check. If your child has lost their bus bands, please inform the school office where replacement bands can be brought for £1.



### Teacher-Parent Meetings

Just a reminder that parents evening will be held on **Thursday 12 October (3.30pm – 6.00pm)** or **Tuesday 17 October (3.30pm – 6.00pm)**.

If you have not yet made an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please click on the following link: <https://bybrookvalleyce.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

### PGL Information Meeting – Year 6

We are holding a PGL information meeting in the school hall on **Thursday 12 October** at 6.00pm. The children do not need to come as they would have been given the information already. You will be able to find out more about the activities that the children will be enjoying and there will be a chance for you to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Chedworth School Trip

The children in Year 3 and 4 brought home a letter at the start of the week about their school trip to Chedworth Roman Villa on **Friday 13 October**. The children will need to come in school uniform and will need to wear shoes that will be comfortable for walking around all day and bring a waterproof coat. They will also need to bring a packed

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lunch – no fizzy drinks or sweets please. If you haven't done so already, please could we ask for consent and payment to be made on ParentPay by **Thursday 12 October**. Thank you!

### **Year 6 Cake Sale**

The next cake sale will be for the Eagles class on **Friday 13 October**. Please could all cake donations be brought into school in the morning. Thank you!

### **Menu Change – Last Day of Term 1**

Please note that there has been a change to the menu on **Tuesday 17 October** (last day of term) If you have ordered a main option, your child will receive fish fingers and chips instead of the homemade fishcake and wedges.



### **End of Term 1 and Start of Term 2**

School finishes for the October half term holiday on **Tuesday 17 October** at the normal times of 3.05pm and 3.10pm, please note that Monday 30 October is a TD day and the school is closed to children. All children are due back to school on **Tuesday 31 October**.

### **Odd Sock Day**

On **Monday 13 November** the children can come to school wearing odd socks in aid of Anti-bullying week. Odd Socks Day provides an opportunity to have fun, be yourself, and spread awareness of the core values Anti-Bullying Week promotes.



### **Flu Vaccination**

Just a reminder that for those who have given consent for your child to have the flu vaccination in school. The immunisation team will be in school on **Wednesday 15 November**.

If you haven't done so yet and would like to give consent for your child to have a flu vaccination, please use the following link:

<https://schoolimms.hrcgcaregroup.com/flu/2023/wilts>

### **Applying for a school place at Primary or Secondary School**

If you have a child who will be 4 years old before September 2024 you must apply for a Primary School Place. You can apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) or application forms are available at pre-schools. The deadline for Primary School applications is midnight Monday 15 January 2024. All forms must be returned directly to The School Admissions Team at County Hall, Trowbridge.

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If your child is transferring to Secondary School in September 2024, you must apply for a Secondary School place. You can apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) and the deadline for admissions is midnight 31 October 2023.

### **School Lunches**

If you would like your child to have a hot school lunch, please don't forget to order it online through ParentPay by midnight Wednesday for the following week. If you have not ordered online, please send your child in with a packed lunch. Thank you.

<b>Order By</b>	<b>To have meals in week commencing</b>
<b>11/10/23</b>	<b>16/10/23</b>

### **Head Lice**

Please continue to check your children's hair for unwanted visitors. The children work very closely with each other and this gives head lice the chance to spread very easily. Advice and treatment of head lice can be sought from any pharmacy.

### **Holidays in Term Time**

Since the beginning of September 2013 the rules of taking holiday during term time have tightened even further. You may have seen this on the National News. Now, Headteachers **cannot authorise any holidays** and parents who still choose to take their child out **will** be fined by the local authority. Attendance is seen as a very high priority and a very significant factor in ensuring children attain their maximum potential each and every year. Please support your child, their learning and the school by booking your holidays out of school term times. A copy of the absence policy is available on the school website [www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk](http://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk)

### **Contacting School if Your Child is Absent**

Please ring the school (01249 783006) as soon as possible on the first day of absence – the school has an automated answering system so a message can be left. Please leave your child's name and the reason for their absence. If it is a prolonged absence, there is no need to ring the school every day but please do let us know if you do not expect your child to return by the end of the week. If you have not contacted us by the end of morning break (10.30am), we will try to ring you to enquire about the absence. Please also remember that if your child has been ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea they should return to school **48** hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

### **Is my child too ill for school?**

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### **Medication in School**

Unfortunately staff are unable to administer medication, e.g. children. Parents can come into school to give medication if required.

### **Bubbles After School Club**

If you need to contact Bubbles at all during the Bubbles hours please call **07587 133510**. If you know you are going to be late and unable to collect your child on time from bubbles after school club, please contact the Bubbles team as soon as possible.

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## 2022/2023 Diary Dates

### October

Thursday 12	Parents Evening – 3.30pm
Thursday 12	PGL Information Evening – Year 6 Parents 6.00pm
Friday 13	Year 3 and 4 Trip – Chedworth Roman Villa
Friday 13	Year 6 Cake Sale
Tuesday 17	Parents Evening – 3.30pm
Tuesday 17	Last Day of term 1
Monday 30	TD Day – no pupils in school
Tuesday 31	First day of term 2 – all pupils in school
Tuesday 31	Colorfoto Individual and Sibling Photos

### November

Thursday 2	Year 5 and 6 Science Fair
Friday 3	Year 4 Class Assembly
Tuesday 7 – 10	Year 6 PGL Trip
Monday 13	Odd Sock Day
Wednesday 15	Flu Vaccinations Year R to Year 6
Friday 17	Children in Need
Friday 24	Year 6 Class Assembly

### December

Friday 1	Santa Run
Friday 1	Year 3 Cake Sale
Thursday 7	KS2 Christmas Production – 1.30pm and 6.00pm
Tuesday 12	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Tuesday 12	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance at Sheldon a.m
Wednesday 13	KS1 Nativity 9.30am and 1.30pm
Tuesday 19	Year 5 and 6 Carol Service
Wednesday 20	Last day of term 2

### January

Thursday 4	First day of term 3 – All pupils in school
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