



# BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Message from Mrs Henshall

This week we have had our whole school focus on anti-bullying. The children have discussed what bullying is and ways that we can support each other to make a change. We have introduced our school anti-bullying motto of: *Be Kind, Be Brave, Value Everyone*. In line with our value of TRUST we have also revisited the importance of the children having Trusted adults in school.

As we really want our children to have a voice, we have launched our School Council, elected through a vote and teaching the children about democracy. Our first meeting will focus on safety in school.

We would like to congratulate the following children on becoming our School Councillors:

Sadie S and Freddie T – Year R  
William J and Zoe B – Year 1  
Maya F and Oscar J – Year 2  
Jim A and Ann-Marie D – Year 3  
Mabel M and Freddie P – Year 4  
Sonny R and Sophia P – Year 5  
Zac L and Bonnie F – Year 6

At the bottom of this newsletter you will see a beautiful piece of work which was created by Lyla C in Year 5. We thought that this ties in so well with 'Roots to Grow, Wings to Fly'. Well Done Lyla!

Our 'Stars of the Week' last week were:

Camilla G – Year R  
Grace L – Year 1  
Joshua T – Year 2  
Lara D-S – Year 3  
Freddie P – Year 4  
Lyla C – Year 5  
Alex H – Year 6



Well done to all Year 5 and 6 for taking part in the science fair last week.

A special mention to the following children:

Meg M, Learhna L, Sonny R and Lyla C



Congratulations!

We are pleased to announce that our lovely teacher Carrie Davies has given birth to a beautiful baby boy, we would like to congratulate her and her partner George on the safe arrival of their new bundle of joy!

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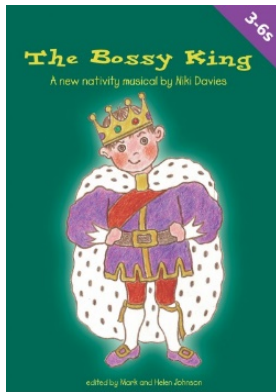
### **Children in Need - Friday 17 November**

Just a reminder that the children can come to school dressed in their PJ's tomorrow. Instead of bringing money into school, we will be using ParentPay for your kind donations, please use the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12429>

### **KS1 Christmas Production**

Your child will be bringing home a letter today for you to request tickets for the KS1 Christmas Production of 'The Bossy King'. Please complete the reply slip and return it to school by **Thursday 23 November**. We will initially allocate **2 tickets per family**.



### **Ospreys and Hawks Christmas Production**

Year 3 and 4 children will also be bringing home a letter today for you to request tickets for their production of 'Bethlehem Bandits'. Please complete the reply slip and also return it to school by **Thursday 23 November**. Again, we will initially allocate **2 tickets per family**.



A big well done to the children who attend our Bubbles after school club, they made a beautiful wreath for the Remembrance Service at the weekend. The church was thrilled with the wreath and it was placed on the memorial display. Well done everyone!

Thank you to everyone who brought in a kind donation for the poppy appeal in school over the last few weeks, we are currently waiting to hear how much we raised for this worthy charity.



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### Parent Volunteers for After School Clubs

We would like to ask if we have any parents who would be willing to run an after school club at By Brook Valley, do you have a particular hobby that you think the children would enjoy and benefit from for example art, choir, music or drama. If you have any spare time and would like to run a club for us, please get in contact with the school office.



### Picnic Benches for Free!

We are replacing our picnic benches in the playground and would like to give our old ones away. If you would like one, please contact the school office to arrange a collection time. Please note that you will need a large vehicle/trailer on collection.

#### Car Parking

We have had a complaint about parents parking on the road outside school, blocking resident's driveways. Please could we ask parents to please be mindful of where you park and to use the village hall car park instead. Parents **should not be entering the school car park at the end of the day**. Thank you!



#### Long Hair

Please could we ask that long hair is tied back at all times, this will help with unwanted visitors!

#### No Nuts!

Please could we ask that children do not bring nuts into school in their packed lunch boxes or as a snack. We have children in school who are intolerant to nuts! Thank you!



#### Play Equipment

Please could we remind all parents that children should not be using the play equipment before or after school as we are not insured during these times.

### Eagles Class Assembly

The children in Eagles class will be holding a class assembly on **Friday 24 November** to show off all of their wonderful work so far this year. The assembly will be held in the hall at 2.30pm so please make your way to the hall door.

### Ospreys Cake Sale

Our Ospreys class will be holding their cake sale after school on **Friday 1 December**. Please could all of your yummy cake donations be brought into school and given to the class teacher in the morning. Thank you!

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### School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

The school Christmas Lunch will take place on **Thursday 14 December**. The cut off for ordering Christmas Dinner is **Wednesday 6 December** and we cannot accept orders after this date. The children are welcome to come to school wearing their Christmas Jumpers on this day.

The menu on ParentPay for **Thursday 14 December** currently shows **tuna & pea pesto pasta**. As we cannot update the menu for just this one day, you will need to order the **tuna & pea pesto pasta** in order to receive the **Christmas lunch**. There will be **NO** jacket potatoes on this day. If you are a vegetarian you will need to order the veggie option (Penne pasta with tomato sauce). The **tuna & pea pesto pasta** option will be on **Wednesday 13 December** instead.

### The Children's Christmas menu is as follows

Traditional Christmas Turkey, Pig in Blanket and Festive Stuffing  
Or  
Mushroom & Squash Wellington (Ve)  
With  
Roast Potatoes, Carrot Batons and Peas Pudding  
Chocolate Brownie Yule Log or Ice Cream



### KS2 After School Club - Term 3

Our forest school club will be running in term 3 after Christmas up until February half term. The club will take place on a Thursday, 3.30pm – 4.30pm. There are currently 6 spaces still available. If you would like to make a booking or would like to find out more, please contact Claire Pickman at [pickmanclaire@gmail.com](mailto:pickmanclaire@gmail.com) or 07814 02863.

### 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.

Order By	To have meals in week commencing
22/11/23	27/11/23
29/11/23	4/12/23
6/12/23	11/12/23
13/12/23	18/12/23

### 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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### **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.

### **2023/2024 Diary Dates**

#### **November**

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

**Flyers for this week can be found on our website at the following location:**

<https://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk/page/?title=Flyers&pid=433>



**Website:**

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**Contact:**

01249 783006



**Email:**

[admin@bybrookvalley.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bybrookvalley.wilts.sch.uk)

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# Our School

**O**ur school is a place where we come to learn and we have to respect others but sometimes we make mistakes. Making mistakes is ok because that is just our roots growing.

**U**nlimited kindness runs through our school, teachers and children. Our roots have now spouted out of the ground.

**R**emember to include anyone who wants to play in your games. Our little plant is now a large sapling.

**S**ets of cards or toys not be brought into school. Our sapling is growing into a small tree.

**C**ould you please not talk while a teacher or other children are talking. Our small tree is now growing some leaves.

**H**urrying and rushing your work makes it messy slow down and take your time. Our small healthy tree is getting larger.

**O**peration playtime. Be quiet while exiting class. Our tree is growing taller.

**O**nly walk while exiting the school. Our tall tree is getting even taller.

**L**et others choose what they want to do. Our tree has finished growing.

Lyla C – Year 5

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