



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Henshall

Welcome to the somewhat rainy start to the Autumn Term!

It has been lovely to welcome everyone to the start of the new school year and see both familiar and new faces. A few nervous smiles on Tuesday morning very quickly disappeared and we had a school full of happy children and staff enjoying the new start.

Our value for this term is Thankfulness.

In our first Worship of the year we reflected on Daniel's Legacy and how being kind and finding the good in life is so important. We also thought about our school vision and listened to the Parable of the sower, reflecting on the right 'soil' to help us grow. We are looking forward to creating a display in the hall that tells this Parable. We will also be spending time reflecting on the Vision and Parable in our class time.

Philippians 4:13 (NIV)

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

We would like to make you aware that Mr Summers days in school have now changed. If you have any SENCO questions or queries, he will be in school on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from now on. Thank you!

FoBBVS Update

The Yatton Keynell Fete will take place on Saturday 20 September from 2.00pm – 5.00pm. Small coloured stripy paper bags will be sent home with the children next week. Please encourage them to decorate it and fill with sweets or small toys for the fete tombola. Please can they be returned to classrooms or the school office by Friday 12 September. There will be a class prize for the most returned to school!

The Fete art competition theme this year is Space. Artwork needs to be dropped off to the office by Monday please - Many thanks!

PE Days for Term 1

Please note that there has been some changes to the PE days this term:

- Owls – Monday and Wednesday
- Falcons – Monday and Thursday
- Kestrels – Wednesday and Thursday
- Ospreys – Wednesday and Thursday
- Hawks – Wednesday and Friday
- Kites – Tuesday and Wednesday
- Eagles – Tuesday and Friday

Please don't forget to wear school jumpers with PE kit, no hoodies!

Parking Reminder!!

Please could we remind ALL parents and carers to use the village hall car park. People parking on the road are making it very difficult for traffic to pass so please be mindful of other drivers.



School Day Timings

We would like to remind parents of the school day timings. The school gates are open at **8.40am** and registration is at **8.45am** so all children need to be in school by this time. Doors close at **8.50am**.

Roots to grow, wings to fly

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Lost Property



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Even though we are in our first week, we already have some lost property! Please make sure you label **all** new school uniform, coats, water bottles etc. We will leave the box outside the office today so please take a look. Thank you!

Curriculum Information Evening

A letter will be sent home today inviting parents and carers to a curriculum information evening at school on **Tuesday 16 September** at 6.00pm in the school hall. There is a reply slip attached to the letter so please could we ask that you indicate which session you would like to attend and return this to your class teacher by Friday 12 September.

Attendance Letter

We are also sending home a letter today from Mrs Henshall regarding the importance of attendance in school so please could we ask that you take time to read this. Thank you!

Year 6 PGL Payments

Please could we remind Year 6 Parents that the 3rd and final installment is due by **Friday 5 September**.

French Lessons

La Jolie Ronde French lessons will restart on **Tuesday 9 September**. If there are any Year 1 Falcons children who would like to start learning French, they are welcome to a taster lesson that day. If you are interested, please contact Lesley Thomas on 01249 783434 or peteathomas@msn.com for more information as soon as possible.

Singing Lessons

We are pleased to offer individual singing lessons in school on a Tuesday morning. If your child is interested, please contact Debi Weaver directly at the following email address to make a booking: debiatmilliecatarts@gmail.com. Please see attached flyer for more information, this can be found on our website: <https://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk/page/?title=Flyers&pid=433&action=saved>

School Uniform Reminder

Here is a reminder of our school uniform. **PLEASE NOTE: PE kit and trainers should ONLY be worn on PE days.**

- Grey trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore dress
- White polo shirt (with or without the school logo) or white school shirt
- Jade sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (this can be ordered via the MyClothing or PMG websites: www.myclothing.com or www.pmg-schoolwear.co.uk)
- Green and white school dress (summer)
- Black school shoes - **No Trainers!**

PE Kit:

- Black/Navy shorts
- White t-shirt
- Daps or trainers
- Dark joggers/Tracksuit bottoms for winter
- **School Jumper to be worn instead of zip up hoodies please!!!**

Jewellery

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- For safety reasons we ask that **no** jewellery, other than a watch and small ear studs (NO dangly earrings!) be worn to school.
- Long hair must be tied back at all times.

Sheldon School Open Mornings

Bookings are still open for Sheldon School September Open Mornings at www.sheldonschool.co.uk for all students entering secondary school in September 2026. Open mornings will be held on **Wednesday 24 September 2025, Thursday 25 September 2025 or Friday 26 September 2025**. Tours at 9am and 11am.

In addition, Sheldon are taking a waiting list for a **Year 6 taster day on Wednesday 24 September 2025** for any children who did not complete a taster day in Year 5. For this event, parents can email tasterdays@sheldonschool.co.uk

<https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/home/admissions/open-events-and-school-tours/>

Flu Vaccinations in School

"Your child's flu vaccination is now due. 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 (**yes or no**) using the following link: www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu
Please use the school code: WT138112

Please ensure you complete your child's consent no later than 48 working hours before your school session to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

We are visiting your child's school By Brook Valley CofE Primary School on **Tuesday 23 September 2025**.

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme for primary aged children can be accessed at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66730c5864e554df3bd0db99/UKHSA_12922_Protecting_your_child_against_flu_leaflet_03_WEB.pdf

If you have any queries, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team on 0300 247 0082 or email us using vci.immunisations@nhs.net."

Cross Country Event

The mid Wilts primary schools' cross country event will be taking place on **Tuesday 30 September** at Biddestone sports ground. If your child is interested please let your class teacher know. The closing date for entries is Thursday 25 September. Please see the poster for more information and timings which can be found on our website:

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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
10/9/25	15/9/25
17/9/25	22/9/25
24/9/25	29/9/25
1/10/25	6/10/25
8/10/25	13/10/25
15/10/25	20/10/25

After School Clubs – Term 1

Please use the following information to book your child a place.

Please remember not to book Bubbles after school club if you are booking onto one of these clubs unless children are going back to Bubbles after the club has finished. In this case you will need to book from the 4.00pm session.

MONDAY

Art Club – KS2

Monday 8 September – Monday 20
October
3.15pm-4.30pm

Please contact directly to make a
booking:
Kathy.hutton1@hotmail.com

Choir Club – Y1-6

Monday 8 September – Monday 20
October

Run by Miss Hamilton & Miss Knapp
3.15pm - 4.15pm

To make a booking please contact the
school office.

TUESDAY

Dodgeball – KS1 (Year 1, 2 and Reception from Christmas)

Run by PH ActiveEd
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Tuesday 9 September to Tuesday
21 October

[https://phsports.childcare-online-
booking.co.uk/index.php](https://phsports.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/index.php)

WEDNESDAY

Dance Class – YR-6

Run by A Stars Dance

Please contact directly to make a
booking:
07815 539693 (Sophia)

KS2 – Hockey Club

Run by Up and Under
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Wednesday 10 September to Wednesday
10 December

[https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/pr
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ks2-hockey-club-wednesdays-term-1-2-
2025/](https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/product/bybrook-valley-primary-school-ks2-hockey-club-wednesdays-term-1-2-2025/)

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Severe Nut Allergies in School – NO NUTS PLEASE!!

Please be aware that we have a few children in school who have **severe** nut allergies so please do not include any nuts of any kind in your child's lunch boxes or snacks. Thank you for your continued support!

Holidays in Term Time

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

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. antibiotics etc. to 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.

2025/2026 Diary Dates

September

Tuesday 2 – 10	New Owls in 8.45am – 12pm
Thursday 11 – 12	New Owls in 8.45am – 1pm
Monday 15	New Owls stay all day
Tuesday 16	Curriculum Information Evening – 6.00pm
Tuesday 23	Year R –Year 6 Flu Immunisations
Friday 26	Year 2 Cake Sale
Tuesday 30	Cross Country Event

October

Thursday 2	Harvest Festival – Yatton Keynell Church – time to be confirmed
Tuesday 7	Year 5 and 6 REME Trip – details to follow
Friday 10	Year 1 Cake Sale
Thursday 16	Parents Evening
Friday 17	Year 3 and 4 Roman Villa Trip – details to follow
Tuesday 21	Colorfoto Individual Photos
Tuesday 21	Parents Evening
Tuesday 21	PGL Meeting – 6pm
Tuesday 21	Last Day of Term 1
Wednesday 22	TD Day – No children in school

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November

Monday 3

First day of Term 2 – All children in School

2025 - 26 TD Days

Here is a reminder of the 2025-26 TD Days:

Wednesday 22 October 2025

Friday 13 February 2026

Monday 1 June 2026

Wednesday 22 July 2026

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