



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Henshall

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to school on Tuesday and share our school curriculum with you and what to expect for your child during this year. Thank you for giving your time and supporting the school.

We have been working on our school vision and the children have spent time reading and thinking about the Parable of the Sower. In their House groups, led by Year 6, they thought about the meaning behind this and what the soil represented for them in school. We also discussed it in our Whole School Worship. Through a series of discussions and then a vote, the school community decided on:

Roots to grow, wings to fly
Planted in love, growing in wisdom;
Flourishing and soaring, reaching new heights.

We are now creating a display in the hall to show the Parable of the Sower.

We have continued to think about our value of thankfulness and this week thought about all the people we are thankful for, that give their time to help us. I hope the children can share some of these with you.

Mrs Henshall's Absence

We would just like to make you aware that Mrs Henshall will be out of school for 2 weeks starting on Friday 19 September due to a medical procedure. If you have any urgent concerns during this time, please contact the school office and we will direct your concern/question to a member of the team.

Curriculum Evening Presentation

Thanks to all of you that attended our curriculum evening this week. All the presentation slides can be found on the school website via this link:

<https://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk/page/?title=%2ACurriculum+Evening%2A&pid=482>



All Together @4

If you are looking for an indoor activity for all ages now that the days are darker earlier, have you considered coming along to All together @4? All together @4 is an all-age event organised by the local churches, taking place at By Brook Valley School once a month on a Sunday afternoon. The next meeting will be on Sunday 28 September at 4pm (arrive from 3.45) and we'd love you to join us (*children need to be accompanied by an adult*). A short 15 minute service is followed by a choice of activities and ends with tea and cake. This month's theme is autumn and its changes, as we start a new school year.

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Pupil Information Forms

Thank you to those families who have completed and returned a pupil information form for your child/ren. We are still missing a large number of these so will be sending more forms home today with your child.

Please complete the form tonight and return to school tomorrow! It is extremely important that we have up to date contact information for you.

Year 6 PGL Payments

Please could we remind Year 6 Parents that the 3rd and final installment is now due.



School Bus Bands

If your child gets the bus home at the end of the day, please could we remind parents that bus bands must be worn (either around ankle or wrist) and visible so that the TAs can easily check. Thank you!

Singing Lessons

If your child would like to have individual singing lessons in school on a Tuesday morning. 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>

Flu Vaccinations in School

Just a reminder that the HCRG nursing team will be visiting school on **Tuesday 23 September**. Please use the following link to either give consent or select 'no' if you do not want your child to receive the flu vaccine. This must be done by Monday 22 September.

www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu. Please use the school code: WT138112

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

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/>

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European Languages Day

A letter was sent home last week about European languages day on **Friday 26 September**. If you have any language skills that you could share with the children on this day, please let the school office know as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support.



Kestrels Cake Sale

Kestrels class will be holding the first cake sale of the year after school on **Friday 26 September**. Please could we ask that all cake donations are brought into school in the morning on this day. Thank you.



School Trips

Year 3 and 4 – Roman Villa Trip

The children in Year 3 and 4 will be bringing home a letter today about a school trip to the Roman Villas in Chedworth on **Friday 17 October**. The cost of the trip is £19.20. Please could we ask for consent and payment to be made online through ParentPay by Monday 13 October. Thank you.



Year 6 - Solar Farm Visit

Following a letter last week, we would like to remind you that the children in Year 6 will be going to Leigh Delamare Solar Farm on **Tuesday 30 September**, they will be leaving school at 9.15am and will return by 11.35am in time for lunch. For details on what the children need to wear and bring on this day, please see the letter. If you do not give consent, please let the school office know. Thank you.

Cross Country Event

Just a reminder that 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: <https://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk/page/?title=Flyers&pid=433&action=saved>

Harvest Festival Service for KS1 and KS2

Our Harvest Services will take place at the Yatton Keynell Church on the following dates and times: We look forward to seeing you there.

KS1 (Owls, Falcons and Kestrels) will be held on **Thursday 9 October, 9.30am**.

KS2 (Ospreys, Hawks, Kites and Eagles) will be held on the same day at **2.30pm**.



This year we will be donating food items to the Doorway in Chippenham. If you would like to make a food donation, please bring items into school by **Thursday 9 October**. Please see a list of wanted items attached to the newsletter. Thank you!

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Taekwondo Taster Session

We are very happy to announce that we have a master black belt Taekwondo trainer coming into school on **Friday 10 October** to give the children a free session in Taekwondo! Please could all children come to school in PE kit (with school jumper) on this day.



Applying for a school place at Primary or Secondary School

If you have a child who will be 4 years old before September 2026 you must apply for a Primary School Place. You can apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk or application forms are available at pre-schools. The deadline for Primary School applications is midnight 15 January 2025. All forms must be returned directly to The School Admissions Team at County Hall, Trowbridge.



If your child is transferring to Secondary School in September 2026, you must apply for a Secondary School place. You can apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk and the deadline for admissions is midnight 31 October 2025.

Free School meals

Please can we remind you to check if you are eligible to receive free school meals. For every child that receives a free school meal, the government will give the school a Pupil Premium of £1,300.

We use this money to give extra support to pupil premium children. This support includes the school funding for all school trips. The quickest way to apply is online at: <https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

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

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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/)



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

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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 23	Year R –Year 6 Flu Immunisations
Friday 26	Year 2 Cake Sale
Tuesday 30	Cross Country Event

October

Tuesday 7	Year 5 and 6 REME Trip
Thursday 9	Harvest Festival – Yatton Keynell Church KS1 (9.30am) KS2 (2.30pm)
Friday 10	Year 1 Cake Sale
Thursday 16	Parents Evening
Friday 17	Year 3 and 4 Roman Villa Trip
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

November

Monday 3	First day of Term 2 – All children in School
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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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