

Thursday 2 October 2025



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Deputy Head's Update!

We've had lots of exciting things happening in school recently!

European Languages Day

Last Friday we celebrated European Languages Day. A huge thank you to all the parents who came in to share their knowledge and teach a variety of languages to the children. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn new words and phrases from across Europe.

Cross Country Success

This week, 29 children represented our school at the Biddestone Cross Country event. Well done to everyone who took part – you all did brilliantly! A special congratulations to **Chloe McGinn**, who won the **Girls' Year 5 & 6 race** – a fantastic achievement!

Choir Performance

We are also delighted to share that our school choir had their first public performance this week at Castle Combe Race Circuit during a special charity event. The children sang beautifully, and it was wonderful to see them perform in front of an audience. Well done to all involved!



We are very proud to share that our school has been recognised by Swindon Music Service, on behalf of the GSW Swindon and Wiltshire Music Hub, for our dedication to music education. We have been awarded the **Music Mark of Recognition for Dedication & Improvement**, celebrating the value we place on music throughout our school. This is a wonderful acknowledgment of the hard work of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils, and our ongoing commitment to developing music as a key part of our curriculum.



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Harvest Festival Service KS2 – TIME CHANGE!!

Harvest Services will take place at St Margaret's Church in Yatton Keynell on the following dates and times:

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

KS2 (Ospreys, Hawks, Kites and Eagles) will now be held at the **earlier time of 1.30pm.**

If you would like to make a food donation, please bring food items into school by **Thursday 9 October.** Thank you!



FoBBVS Update

A huge thank you to everyone that came to support us at the Yatton Keynell Village Fete last Saturday. It was so lovely to see so many families from school there. We are still waiting to hear from the Fete Committee with regards to how much we raised. A big well done to the Owls class who provided the most sweetie bags. Mrs Nicholas chose some elves to add to their small world corner as their treat so hopefully the Owls children will get lots of joy from playing with them.

Monthly Bubbles Payments!

Just a reminder that if **you are in receipt of child care vouchers** or you **use a government child care account** and the office makes your Bubbles bookings for you, please ensure that you check your balance on a monthly basis and request regular amounts each month from your childcare provider. Once we receive the money we can then make the necessary adjustments in ParentPay. You should have all requested a payment for September, if you haven't done so yet, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.



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 some forms which were sent home yet again last week. If your contact details have changed, please let us know as a matter of urgency as it is **extremely** important that we have up to date contact information for you!



Taekwondo Taster Session

Just a reminder that we will be joined by a master black belt Taekwondo trainer on **Friday 10 October** to give the children a free session in Taekwondo! Please could all children come to school in PE kit (maybe with something yellow, see below!) on this day.



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Hello Yellow Day – Supporting World Mental Health Day

We're excited to be taking part in Hello Yellow Day for World Mental Health Day on **Friday 10 October!** To show our support and raise awareness for young people's mental health, children are invited to come to school wearing something yellow on the day. Whether it's a yellow t shirt, socks, or even a hair accessory, let's brighten up the school and show that we're all in this together. If you are able to donate, please go to the fundraising link: <https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/bybrookvalley> or scan the QR code.



Year 1 Cake Sale

A big thank you to everyone who brought a cake at the Kestrels cake sale last week and following their second cake sale they raised an incredible £196.99!

Falcons class will be holding the next cake sale on **Friday 10 October**. Please could we ask that all cake donations are brought into school in the morning on this day. Thank you.



School Trip Consent and Payment Reminders!

Year 5 and 6 – REME Museum Trip

If you haven't done so already, please don't forget to give consent and make payment for the Year 5 and 6 trip to the REME museum **by tomorrow (Friday 3 October)**. Thank you.

Year 3 and 4 – Roman Villa Trip

Also, a reminder that consent and payment is needed by **Monday 13 October** for the Year 3 and 4 Roman Villa school trip.



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.



End of Term 1 and Start of Term 2

School finishes for the October half term holiday on **Tuesday 21 October** at the normal time of 3.15pm. All children are due back to school on **Monday 3 November**.

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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
8/10/25	13/10/25
15/10/25	20/10/25
29/10/25 (in half term)	3/11/25
5/11/25	10/11/25
12/11/25	17/11/25
19/11/25	24/11/25
26/11/25	1/12/25
3/12/25	8/12/25
10/12/25	15/12/25

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

October

Tuesday 7	Year 5 and 6 REME Trip
Thursday 9	Harvest Festival – Yatton Keynell Church KS1 (9.30am) KS2 (1.30pm)
Friday 10	Year 1 Cake Sale
Thursday 16	Parents Evening
Friday 17	Year 3 and 4 Roman Villa Trip
Tuesday 21	Colorfoto Individual and Sibling 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
Friday 7	Year 5 Class Assembly
Monday 10 – 14	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10	Odd Sock Day
Monday 10	Choir Christmas Voice Festival – 5.30pm (Bradford on Avon)
Friday 28	Year 6 Class Assembly

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December

Friday 5
Tuesday 9
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Thursday 11
Friday 12
Tuesday 16
Thursday 18
Friday 19

Santa Run
Year 5 and 6 Evacuee Day
KS2 Christmas Play
Reception and KS1 Christmas Play
Reception and KS1 Christmas Play
Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day
Christmas Service – details to follow
Last Day of Term 2 – Finish early 2pm

January

Monday 5

First Day of Term 3

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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