

Thursday 6 November 2025



# BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### Message from Mrs Henshall

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone had a lovely break.

It is already getting busy in school with thoughts of productions and performances; the first one being next week with Choir singing in Bradford on Avon.

‘My God is my strength in whom I trust’ – Psalm 18:2

Our Value this term is Trust. In our whole school worship we thought about how important it is for Christians to be able to put their trust into God.

We also reminded each other about having Trusted Adults and who they might be in school.

Next week we will think about this in more detail as part of our ‘Anti-Bullying Week’.

### Lateness of School Buses

As you know the ongoing roadworks on the A350 near Bumpers Farm are significantly affecting the punctuality of school buses at the moment. We would like to reassure parents of children who get the bus to school that they will **not** receive a late mark due to this and the children should not worry if their bus arrives late at school in the morning.

### Colorfoto Photos

The school photos are now available to view and order online at: [www.clickfoto.co.uk](http://www.clickfoto.co.uk)

Each child was handed a unique and individual access code on Photo Day. You can order with FREE delivery to school before the deadline as shown online. At any time orders may be placed for delivery direct to home by post.

If you have any questions or need help please call the helpline on: 02920 448210 or email [orders@clickfoto.co.uk](mailto:orders@clickfoto.co.uk)

### Jewellery Reminder!

We would like to ask that children should only be coming to school wearing 1 pair of **stud** earrings please!

### Save the date!

We would like to make you aware that we will be joined by an expert in IT safety on **Monday 2 February**. The children will be taking part in sessions at school and we have also organised for a parent’s information evening via zoom in the evening on this day.

We would like to ask for a contribution towards this of £1.50 which will be setup on ParentPay nearer the time. In the meantime, please save the date!

### PE Dates for Term 2!

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

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

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### Kites Class Assembly

The Year 5 class assembly will be taking place **tomorrow** and parents are welcome to come into school to view their amazing work! Please come in through the hall doors at 2.30pm. Thank you!



### Choir Club – Cancelled

Due to the children taking part in the Christmas Voice Festival on **Monday 10 November**, there will be no choir club after school on this day. Thank you!

### Anti-Bullying Week

We will be starting off anti-bullying week on **Monday 10 November** where the children can come to school wearing odd socks. Odd Socks Day provides an opportunity to have fun, be yourself, and spread awareness of the core values Anti-Bullying Week promotes.



To help raise awareness and support Children in Need, children are invited to come to school on **Friday 14 November** in their **favourite sports kit** for a **£1 donation** which can be made online through ParentPay. Throughout the week, we will be joining in with the 'Challenge Yourself to 25' campaign, taking on fun activities such as 25 star jumps, 25 laps of the playground, and a 25-step dance challenge. Our Year 5 Sports Leaders will also be organising activities on the day to help everyone take part and challenge themselves to 25. We can't wait to get active, have fun, and make a difference together!



### Owls Cake Sale

The Owls class cake sale will take place on **Friday 14 November**. Please could Owls bring in any cake donations in the morning on this day. Thank you!



### Linger and Learn – History

We would like to invite parents and carers into school on **Tuesday 18 November** at **9.00am** for the first linger and learn session of the year all about how we teach history in school.



### Eagles Class Assembly

The children in Eagles class will be holding a class assembly on **Friday 28 November** to show off all of their wonderful work so far this year and to tell you all about their PGL adventure. The assembly will be held in the hall at 2.30pm so please make your way to the hall door.



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## Christmas Events!

### Santa Run

Our exciting Santa fun run is back again this year on **Friday 5 December**. Please save the date! We will send out more information about timings etc very soon!

### Christmas Productions

It is getting to that time of year again when we will soon be sending home a letter about the Christmas productions.

Please save the following dates:

Reception and KS1 production will be held on:

**Thursday 11 December** at 9.30am and 1.30pm and **Friday 12 December** at 9.30am.

The **Ospreys and Hawks** Christmas Production will be held on:

**Tuesday 9 December** at 1.30pm and 6.00pm.



### Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

The school Christmas lunch will take place on **Tuesday 16 December**. The cut off for ordering Christmas Dinner is **Wednesday 10 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 is as follows:

Traditional Christmas Turkey with all the trimmings **OR** Mushroom and Squash Wellington (Ve) with roast potatoes and festive veg, followed by a Christmas Cookie (Ve)

As we are unable to change the menu on ParentPay for just one day, if your child would like the turkey they need to order the main sausage and mash and if they would like the veggie option, please choose the veggies sausage and mash to receive the wellington.



### Kites and Eagles Christmas Service

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to attend the Kites and Eagles Christmas Church Service, this will be held on **Thursday 18 December** at 1.00pm. More details to follow!



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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.

<b>Order By</b>	<b>To have meals in week commencing</b>
<b>12/11/25</b>	<b>17/11/25</b>
<b>19/11/25</b>	<b>24/11/25</b>
<b>26/11/25</b>	<b>1/12/25</b>
<b>3/12/25</b>	<b>8/12/25</b>
<b>10/12/25</b>	<b>15/12/25</b>

## After School Clubs – Term 2

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 3 November – Monday 15  
December  
3.15pm-4.30pm

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

#### **Choir Club – Y1-6**

Monday 3 November – Monday 15  
December

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, 3, 4 and Reception)**

Run by PH ActiveEd  
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Tuesday 4 November to Tuesday  
16 December

[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 5 November to Wednesday  
10 December

[https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/pr  
oduct/bybrook-valley-primary-school-  
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](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. 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**

#### **November**

Friday 7	Year 5 Class Assembly
Monday 10 – 14	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10	Odd Sock Day
Monday 10	Choir Christmas Voice Festival (Bradford on Avon)
Tuesday 11 – 14	Year 6 PGL Residential
Friday 14	Children in Need
Friday 14	Reception Cake Sale
Tuesday 18	Linger and Learn - History
Friday 28	Year 6 Class Assembly

#### **December**

Friday 5	Santa Run
Tuesday 9	Year 5 and 6 Evacuee Day
Tuesday 9	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Play 1.30pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 11	Reception and KS1 Christmas Play 9.30am
Friday 12	Reception and KS1 Christmas Play 9.30am
Tuesday 16	Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day
Thursday 18	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Service – details to follow
Friday 19	Last Day of Term 2 – Finish early 2pm

#### **2025 - 26 TD Days**

Here is a reminder of the 2025-26 TD Days:  
Friday 13 February 2026  
Monday 1 June 2026  
Wednesday 22 July 2026

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## **January**

Monday 5 First Day of Term 3  
Friday 9 Year 3 Cake Sale  
Friday 23 Year 4 Cake Sale  
Thursday 29 Hardenhuish Taster Day – Year 5  
Friday 30 Year 4 Class Assembly

## **February**

Monday 2 IT Safety sessions whole school - Richard Pomfrett  
Monday 2 Parents Information Evening about IT Safety – Zoom call with Richard Pomfrett  
Thursday 5 Parents Evening  
Tuesday 10 Parents Evening  
Tuesday 10 Internet Safety Day  
Thursday 12 Last Day of Term 3 – Normal Finish Time!  
Friday 13 TD Day – No Children in School  
Monday 23 First Day of Term 4 – All Children back in school  
Wednesday 25 Sheldon Taster Day – Year 5  
Friday 27 Year 3 Class Assembly

## **March**

Thursday 5 World Book Day  
Tuesday 24 Colorfoto Class and Year 6 Leavers Photos  
Thursday 26 Easter Service – More details to follow  
Friday 27 Last Day of Term 4 – Early Finish at 2.00pm

## **April**

Monday 13 First Day of Term 5  
Wednesday 22 World Earth Day – More details to follow  
Friday 24 Year 2 Class Assembly

## **May**

Friday 1 Year 3 and Year 4 Trip to 'We the Curious Bristol' – More details to follow  
Monday 4 Bank Holiday – no children in school  
Friday 22 Last day of Term 5

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