



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Henshall

Trust

This continues to be our value of the term and in so many things we have had to demonstrate TRUST, whether that be trusting the teachers that we were ready to sing on stage, or trusting our friends when they were helping with harnesses at PGL.

We have explored this further through the Bible story of Jesus on The Lake and thought about the Bible verse taken from Mark 'Where was your faith? Why didn't you trust me'

Anti-Bullying

On Monday 10 November we had a whole school worship where we thought about our 'Power for Good' and how being kind is important. This was followed up throughout the week, culminating in our NSPCC day on Friday where we did activities and raising money for a very worthy cause.

Remembrance

I hope you have all enjoyed our Poppy display outside the front of school. The children enjoyed making the poppies and when we held our silence on 11 November the pupils were much more understanding of the reason why following the work that had been in classes.

School Choir

We were so lucky last week to go to Bradford on Avon and see the school choir perform on the stage with other school choirs. Our pupils shone on the stage and did our school proud. A big thank you to Miss Hamilton and Miss Knapp for organising this and to all the parents for getting the children there and giving their time.

PGL Residential

I was so lucky to join our fabulous Year 6's on a very successful week at PGL. We always ask the children to face the challenge with a smile, whether this be activities, food, nights away and they all absolutely stepped up to the mark. Their behaviour was exemplary around the site, on activities, looking after each other and they were a pleasure to be with. Well done Eagles!

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need, we raised an amazing **£155.00** so thank you all for your kind donations.



Christmas Tree Donation!

This year we would love to get a real Christmas tree to put outside the front of the school office so the children and parents can enjoy it during the build up to Christmas. Before we start phoning around some local companies, we just wanted to ask if you knew of anybody who would be willing to donate a tree to us, if so please let us know. We would be very grateful. Ideally we would love a 6ft or bigger if possible but would appreciate anything.

Thank you!

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School Admissions Consultation 2027/28

Wiltshire Council is consulting on the proposed admissions criteria and admission arrangements for its Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2027/28 academic year.

The consultation has now begun and it ends on Wednesday 7 January 2026.

The consultation documents can be accessed by clicking on the following link: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-consultation

To respond to this consultation please send your comments by email to admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk or you can write to: School Admissions Team, Wiltshire Council, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN.

Lunch time reminders!

Just a reminder to ask that children do not bring any solid chocolate bars or fizzy sweets in their packed lunches!

We are also having a few children upset about their booked lunchtime meals, please could we ask that the children help when making the choices at home with you. We are finding that they are not wanting to eat the meals that have been ordered for them which is causing some confusion and upset. Thank you!

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!

Year 4 Swimming Lessons – Terms 3,4 & 5

A letter will be sent home with the Year 4 children today about their up and coming swimming lessons which are due to start in January. We would like to ask that payment (which can be made in instalments if you prefer), consent and goggle permission is given on ParentPay before their first swimming lesson on **Friday 9 January**.



Year 6 – Bikeability Courses and Leavers Hoodies

The children in Year 6 will be bringing home a letter today about some Bikeability courses in March 2026. At this time, we would just like to know if your child would or would not like to participate in these course. Please could you complete the reply slip and return to school by **Monday 24 November**. Thank you!



The children will also be bringing home a letter today about ordering their Year 6 Leaver Hoodies. The letter includes information about sizing and pricing so please look out for this. If you would like to order a hoodie for your child, please make your payment and colour/size choice on ParentPay by **Friday 5 December**.

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Christmas Productions

If you haven't done so already, please don't forget to complete and return the reply slip on the Christmas production letter by **Monday 24 November**. If you need a hard copy of the letter, we have some in the foyer by the office. The initial **2 tickets** will be sent home next week. If there are any spare tickets, we will let you know how to apply for them by email on **Thursday 27 November**.

Please don't forget to make a kind donation on ParentPay as this will help towards the cost of art materials and props for future productions. Thank you!



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**.

Bubbles Bookings – Term 3 & 4

We will soon be extending the dates in ParentPay for terms 3 and 4. If you are in receipt of child care vouchers or you use a government child care account and the office makes your bookings for you, please complete the attached booking form to confirm what sessions you would like for terms 3 and 4. Due to the many changes requested to your bookings during terms 1 and 2 we are sending the form out again just to make sure we have the most up to date information and are as accurate as possible. Thank you!

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 experience.



Year 5 – PGL Residential Letter

A letter was sent home last week about the PGL residential next year for our Year 5 children. We would just like to remind you that the deposit of £40 and consent is due on ParentPay by **Thursday 11 December**.

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Christmas Events!

Santa Run

Just a reminder that our exciting Santa fun run will be held on **Friday 5 December**. I have attached a copy of the poster again for more information about the day. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Don't forget that 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. There will be no pasta or jacket potatoes on this day.

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 **1.30pm** at St Andrews church in Castle Combe.



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. **Please make sure that your child is included when ordering their meals to avoid confusion and upset at lunchtime.**

Order By	To have meals in week commencing
26/11/25	1/12/25
3/12/25	8/12/25
10/12/25	15/12/25
31/12/25 (Please order in the Christmas break for 1st week back in school in January)	5/1/26

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)

THURSDAY

Eco Warriors Club

Selected Children Only!

Thursday 20 November –
Thursday 18 December

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
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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

November

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
Wednesday 10 Year 5 Sheldon Christmas Production
Thursday 11 Reception and KS1 Christmas Play 9.30am
Thursday 11 Reception and KS1 Christmas Play 1.30pm
Friday 12 Reception and KS1 Christmas Play 9.30am
Tuesday 16 Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day
Thursday 18 Year 5 and 6 Christmas Service at St Andrews Church 1.30pm
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

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

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Friday 27

Year 3 Class Assembly

March

Thursday 5

World Book Day

Monday 9 – 13

Year 6 Bikeability Courses

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

June

Monday 1

TD Day – no children in school

Tuesday 2

First day of Term 6

Wednesday 17

Sports Day

Friday 19

Colour Run

Monday 22

Year 5 Sheldon Open Morning

Tuesday 23

Year 5 Sheldon Open Morning

Wednesday 24

Sheldon Open Evening

Friday 26

Year 1 Class Assembly

July

Friday 3

Reception Class Assembly

Thursday 9

Sheldon Turnaround

Thursday 9

Year 6 Sheldon Parents Evening

Friday 10

Sheldon Turnaround

Wednesday 15

Leavers Production

Monday 20

Leavers Treat

Tuesday 21

Leavers Service

Tuesday 21

Last day of Term 6 – early finish at 2pm

Wednesday 22

TD Day – no children in school

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