



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Henshall

Worship

This week in Worship we have been learning about the advent wreath and what it represents. The children were able to talk about God's love being everlasting and were thinking about the candles on the wreath and who they might represent.

Christmas Performances

The classes have been busy preparing for the different Christmas performances which are due to happen in school next week. It has been lovely to hear so much singing going on in the school. We have had lots of comments from visitors about how lovely the children sound!

We are looking forward to welcoming you all into school and to the Church over the next couple of weeks to celebrate and enjoy the different Christmas festivities.

Christmas Tree Donation

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Hull for so generously donating a Christmas tree to us! We really appreciate it and the children are now busy making some lovely decorations for it!

Biddestone Village Fete Donation

We would also like to say a massive thank you to the Biddestone Fete Committee for donating £500 to us following the Biddestone Village Fete back in the summer. This is an amazing amount of money for the school and will be put towards some new laptops for the children. Thank you!

Spare Christmas Production Tickets

The extra tickets have now all been sent home. We still have some spare tickets available so if you would like any tickets please email secretary@bybrookvalley.wilts.sch.uk.

We would like to say a big thank you to those parents who have kindly donated on ParentPay, we really appreciate the extra funds. This money will help towards the cost of art materials and props for future productions. Thank you!



Santa Run

Unfortunately due to the weather conditions today and expected for tomorrow, we have made the decision to postpone the Santa Run tomorrow until **Monday 15 December** instead. Sorry for any inconvenience caused!



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Year 6 – Leavers Hoodies

If you haven't done so already, please could we ask that if your child would like a leavers hoodie, all orders including payment, colour and size need to be made on ParentPay by **tomorrow Friday 5 December!**



Year 5 – PGL Residential

Please could we remind parents of Year 5 that the deposit of £40 and consent for the PGL residential is due on ParentPay by **Thursday 11 December**. Thank you!

Choir Performance – Maud Heath

Just a reminder that the school choir will be performing at the Maud Heath annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 6 December. We have been informed that parking has been put in place and parents just need to follow the signs to the car park where Miss Hamilton and Miss Knapp will be waiting to meet you.

Biddestone Christmas Fair

The Biddestone Christmas Fair will be taking place on Saturday 6 December, please see the attached poster for details. Like last year they are asking people to bring a gift to donate to the By Brook families from Ukraine and the local hospices. Please could the gifts be wrapped with a label stating the gender and age range that would be amazing! Some school parents have stalls at the fair so come along for a sip, shop, sing along, kids craft and nibbles.

Lost Property

We currently have a huge pile of lost property! We have 2 coats, 12 cardigans and 11 jumpers all of which are unnamed! If your child has lost an item of clothing, please come and check the lost property box which will be left outside reception at the end of the school day.

Bubbles Bookings – Term 3 & 4

We have now extended 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 let the school office know what sessions you would like for terms 3 and 4 as soon as possible. Thank you!

REMINDER! 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

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)

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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.



Year 4 Swimming Lessons – Terms 3,4 & 5

Just a reminder about the Year 4 swimming lessons which are due to start in January. Please could we 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**. Thank you!



PINS Session

We would like to make you aware that the next PINS session for Parents and Carers will be held in school on **Tuesday 13 January** at 2.00pm. Please see attached posters for more information. We hope that you can make it!

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!



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
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
7/1/26	12/1/26
14/1/26	19/1/26
21/1/26	26/1/26
28/1/26	2/2/26
4/2/26	9/2/26

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After School Clubs – Term 3 & 4

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 5 January – Monday 23
March
3.15pm-4.30pm

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

Choir Club – Y1-6

Monday 12 January – Monday 23
March

Run by Miss Hamilton & Miss Knapp
with the same children.
3.15pm - 4.15pm

TUESDAY

Tag Rugby – KS1 (Year 1, 2, 3 and Reception)

Run by PH ActiveEd
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Tuesday 6 January – Tuesday 10
February

Booking form to follow!

THURSDAY

Eco Warriors Club

Selected Children Only!

Thursday 8 January – Thursday 26
March

WEDNESDAY

Dance Class – YR-6

Run by A Stars Dance

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

KS2 – Tag Rugby

Run by Up and Under
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Wednesday 14 January - Wednesday 25
March

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ks2-tag-rugby-club-wednesdays-term-3-
4/](https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/product/bybrook-valley-primary-school-ks2-tag-rugby-club-wednesdays-term-3-4/)



NO NUTS!!

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!

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.

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2025/2026 Diary Dates

December

Friday 5	Santa Run - POSTPONED
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
Monday 15	RESCHDULED – Santa Run
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
Tuesday 13	PINS Session 2.00pm
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
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

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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
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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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