



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Message from Mrs Henshall

We have had a lovely festive period in school with much to celebrate and enjoy! The Reception/KS1 and lower KS2 productions were a real treat for everyone that came to watch and with such brilliant acting and singing it was hard not to get into the Christmas Spirit.

After having to delay the Santa Run due to some very wet weather of late it went ahead successfully on Monday, led brilliantly by Miss Hamilton and our very enthusiastic and very soggy Sport's Leaders – a huge thanks to all the parents that gave their time to help serve hot chocolates, brownies and mince pies and those of you that came to cheer the children on and even join in with a circuit or two of the school field.

We are now looking forward to our Carol Service in St Andrew's Church Castle Combe led by Kites and Eagles this afternoon!

The whole staff would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and every good wishes for the New Year!

Poppy Appeal Donation

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to the Poppy Appeal this year, as a school we raised a massive £277.41 for this worthy cause!

Thank you!



Term 3 PE Days

Please find below the PE days for Term 3.

- Owls – Tuesday/Wednesday
- Falcons – Monday/Tuesday
- Kestrels – Tuesday/Wednesday
- Ospreys – Monday/Wednesday
- Hawks – Wednesday/Friday (Swimming)
- Kites – Wednesday/Thursday
- Eagles - Thursday

Christmas Production Donations

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents who kindly made a donation on ParentPay for the Christmas productions, so far we have raised a wonderful £172.50 which will help so much towards future productions. Thank you!



Thank you!

We would also like to thank Mr Lisseman and Mr Hull for coming into school in their own time to help with a general tidy up outside, they even helped to unblock a very blocked drain so thank you very much for offering to help it really meant a lot to us! If anyone has any skills that they think would be useful to help out around the school in the future, please do get in touch we always appreciate your kind support.



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Last Day of Term 2

Just a reminder that tomorrow is the last day of term and we are finishing **early at 2.00pm**. Unfortunately the bus companies are unable to operate a service at these times so please make alternative arrangements. Please note that Bubbles After School Club will not be open on the last day of term. The first day back for pupils after Christmas is **Monday 5 January 2026**.

Lost Property

Any items that are left in the lost property box will be donated to charity tomorrow. Today will be the last day the lost property box will be left outside so please do come and check if your child is missing anything. Many thanks!

Missing School Books

Unfortunately our school library is depleting! The books that are given to the children to bring home to read are not being returned to the school. We are getting very low on all key areas! Please could we ask all parents to check over the Christmas period and if you find any school books, please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Parent Online Courses

We have been sent some online courses from the family and community learning team at Wiltshire Council. These have been added to the flyers page on our web site, please take a look.

<https://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk/page/?title=Flyers&pid=433>

Year 5 – PGL Residential

If you haven't done so already, please could we remind parents of Year 5 that the deposit of £40 and consent for the PGL residential is now due on ParentPay. Thank you!

Bubbles Bookings – Term 3 & 4

If you are in receipt of child care vouchers or you have a government child care account and have sent your booking form or an email to the office for terms 3 and 4, I can confirm that these bookings have been made for you. If you have not informed the office then you will need to book and pay for your sessions directly through ParentPay for any bookings next term. Thank you.

Tag Rugby After School Club – Year R, 1,2 & 3

If your child is in Reception, year 1,2 or 3 and would like to join the PH ActiveEd tag rugby after school club which will take place on a Tuesday from 3.15pm – 4.15pm starting on Tuesday 6 January for 11 weeks, please see attached flyer to make a booking.

Year 3 Cake Sale

The first cake sale of 2026 will be for Ospreys class on **Friday 9 January** so please bring your delicious cakes into school on this day. Thank you.



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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!

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

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
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 – Terms 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

To make a booking, please see
attached flyer.

Spaces available!

THURSDAY

Eco Warriors Club

Selected Children Only!

Thursday 8 January – Thursday 26
March
3.15pm - 4.15pm

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

Spaces available!

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



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.

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

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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.

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

December

Friday 19

Last Day of Term 2 – **Finish early 2pm**

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

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

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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

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