



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Henshall

Values

We have continued to think about Perseverance in our weekly Worship, and listened to the story of the prophet Jeremiah who was thrown down a well for sharing God's message. We used this story to consider how we must persevere in sharing important information and using our trusted adults if we need to let someone know something.

Birthday Books

We have been very excited in school after receiving our first 'Birthday Books'. Thank you so much for supporting us with this initiative. Even the staff have taken part, bringing some of their favourite books for school on their birthdays.

Parenting in the Digital World

Please remember to keep 2.2.26 free for the evening workshop with Richard Pomfrett from the Stay Safe Initiative. On that day the children will be taking part in Online Safety workshops with Richard. The following week we will be acknowledging Safer Internet Day and building on the learning we do with Richard, and learning about AI and how to use it safely.

Breakfast and Bubbles After School Club

Users

For those paying by child care vouchers or through a government child care account, please can we remind you to make monthly payments so that your Bubbles balance is cleared by the end of March, before we then start making bookings for terms 5 & 6.



Coats Reminder!

Now that we are in the cold winter months, please could we ask that all children bring in a suitable coat for the weather conditions! If they don't have a coat, they won't be able to play outside at break and lunchtimes.
Thank you!

Up and Coming Cake Sales!

Hawks class cake sale will be held on
Friday 23 January.

Kites class cake sale will take place on
Friday 6 February.



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Congratulations – Girls Football

We are very pleased to share the following email from the 'Barclays Mid Wiltshire Football Partnership'.

"Huge congratulations, and thank you for your continued commitment to creating equal access and opportunities for girls' football. Your dedication is making a genuine difference and helping to inspire more girls to get involved, stay involved, and enjoy the game.

We are delighted to confirm that your school has achieved the Equal Access Award for girls' football. This award recognises schools that are leading the way in championing equality, inclusion, and opportunity for girls in football, and we are thrilled to celebrate your achievement.

The Equal Access Digital Award will be refreshed annually, allowing schools to continue celebrating progress, maintaining momentum, and reinforcing their ongoing commitment to equality in girls' football.

Thank you once again for everything you do to support girls' football and create welcoming, inclusive opportunities for all. We are incredibly proud to celebrate your success."



Owls, Falcons and Kestrels School Trip to Longleat

The children in Owls, Falcons and Kestrels will be bringing home a letter today about an exciting school trip to Longleat on **Friday 20 March**. Please keep an eye out for the letter as it has all the details about the day. We would kindly like to ask for consent and payment to be made online through ParentPay by **Monday 16 March**. Thank you.

Parents Evening

An email will be sent home today about the up and coming parent/teacher meetings on **Tuesday 10 February, 3.30pm** and **Thursday 12 February, 3.30pm**. The bookings system 'SchoolCloud' will open on Monday 26 January and will close on Friday 6 February. To make an appointment, please visit: <https://bybrookvalleyce.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Year 5 Hardenhuish Taster Day

Just a reminder that the children in Kites class will be going to Hardenhuish School for a class taster session day on **Thursday 29 January**. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit (with school jumper) and bring with them the following on this day:

- A pen and pencil
- A packed lunch if they do not wish to try a hot school dinner
- A water bottle and snack for break time
- A hair band to tie back long hair for the PE activity

Sheldon Taster Day

Kites will also be bringing home a letter soon about their next secondary school taster day to Sheldon school, which will take place on **Wednesday 25 February**.

Hawks Class Assembly

Hawks class are looking forward to having the opportunity to share their work with family and friends in their class assembly on **Friday 30 January** at 2.30pm. Please come in through the hall doors.



Ospreys Class Assembly

Ospreys class would also like to invite family and friends to their class assembly on **Friday 27 February** at 2.30pm. We hope you can make it!

Online Safety Events!

REMINDER: On **Monday 2 February** we have Richard Pomfrett joining us for the day and leading workshops for children focusing on staying safe online. In the evening he will be hosting a parent workshop on Zoom which we hope you will find useful. The focus will be 'Parenting in a Digital World'. We would like to ask for a contribution towards this of £1.50 which can be paid for on ParentPay.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87549642417?pwd=w8YDwwK7IzZlGm3DhlmzTKNHbbuLGR.1>

Date: Monday 2 February, 7pm

Meeting ID: 875 4964 2417

Passcode: 927532

Sports for Champions Day

We are very lucky to be joined by James Dasalou who is an Olympic 100m sprinter in school on **Thursday 12 February**. He will be leading the school through different fitness circuits as well as talking to the whole school about his career. The link below will take you to the schools fundraising page which gives you more information about how to get involved: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/by-brook-valley-cofe-primary-schoolfundraiser>

End of Term 3 and Start of Term 4

School finishes for the February half term holiday on **Thursday 12 February** at the normal time of **3.15pm**, please note that **Friday 13 February is a TD day** and the school is closed to children. All children are due back to school on **Monday 23 February**.



Be a part of the Yatton Keynell Fete!

"The Yatton Keynell fete is taking place on Saturday 19 September. We have really valued the input from parents in the past and as the school is a beneficiary we invite you to attend one of our meetings later in the year, to share your ideas and give you an update of our plans. Our next meetings are on 5th Feb, 23rd April and 3rd June. We also need help on the day, raffle prizes and donations of cakes, books and prizes nearer the time. Please email us if you can help in anyway - ykfete@gmail.com - Thank you!"

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Procedures for School Closure In The Event of Bad Weather

As the winter is now upon us, we need to advise parents of the procedures in place, if the school is forced to close due to bad weather. The procedure is for schools to notify parents via Heart FM radio. We will aim to text or email parents via ParentPay in the event of a closure.

We ask that parents DO NOT telephone the school. The decision to close the school is based on the safety of staff and children travelling to school and also around the school site.

If the school opens but weather conditions worsen, parents whose children attend Bubbles After School Club will be notified by 2.00pm if Bubbles will not be operating due to the weather.

A member of staff will remain with children until 4.00pm at the latest to allow parents time to make alternative arrangements.

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
28/1/26	2/2/26
4/2/26	9/2/26
18/2/26	23/2/26
25/2/26	2/3/26
4/3/26	9/3/26
11/3/26	16/3/26
18/3/26	23/3/26

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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.

Please make a note of the dates of the clubs as we are finding that more and more children are turning up when club is not on! Thank you.

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 24
March

To make a booking, please contact
the school office to request a flyer.

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 still 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

January

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 7pm Parents Information Evening about IT Safety – Zoom call with Richard Pomfrett
Friday 6 NSPCC Number Day
Friday 6 Year 5 Cake Sale
Tuesday 10 **NEW DATE** - Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Tuesday 10 Internet Safety Day
Thursday 12 Sports for Champions Visit
Thursday 12 **NEW DATE** - Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm
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 – details to follow
Monday 9 – 12 Year 6 Bikeability Courses
Thursday 19 Year 5 and 6 Lower Moor Farm trip – details to follow
Friday 20 YR, Y1 and Y2 Longleat School Trip
Tuesday 24 Colorfoto Class and Year 6 Leavers Photos
Thursday 26 Easter Service – 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' – 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
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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

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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