



# BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Message from Mrs Henshall

'Learn to do right, seek justice' – Isaiah 1:17

We are continuing to think about Justice as our value this term. We have discussed about how being fair does not always mean that things are the same for everyone. As part of this discussion, we reminded ourselves of The Parable of the Sower and how we all need different things to help us grow. We also thought about the importance of listening to all sides in a dispute to ensure we have all the facts before making a decision.

We had a fantastic week in school celebrating World Book Day – always a week at By Brook Valley! The children really enjoyed making their story boxes and we were blown away by the variety that came in, thank you for supporting with this. Thank you also to all our guest readers, the children always love it when a surprise visitor turns up to read a story. We also have brilliantly decorated classroom doors showing a range of different stories. The children really enjoyed all the stories as well as the creativity throughout the week.

We are now looking forward to our Easter services in a couple of weeks and sharing these with you.

## ★ **Silver Church School Partnership Award** ★

We are delighted to announce that our school has achieved the **Silver Church School Partnership Award**. This reflects the strength of our relationship with the church and the community and celebrates the way our Christian values shine through in daily school life. Thank you to our pupils, families, staff, and church community for helping us create a school rooted in honesty, friendship, forgiveness and hope. This is a wonderful achievement for us all. We are looking forward to receiving our Certificate from the Bristol Diocese during the Summer Term.



## Yatton Keynell Park Equipment

We have been asked by the Village Hall grounds committee to remind families and children to please treat the equipment with respect at all times as it is charity run and the cost of repairs is expensive! Some By Brook Valley children have been spotted not treating the equipment well so please could we ask you to remind your children to be respectful whilst using the park. Thank you!

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### **Breakfast and Bubbles After School Club Bookings**

We will shortly be extending the dates in ParentPay for terms 5 and 6. If you are in receipt of **child care vouchers** or you use a **government child care** account the office will make your bookings for you, booking forms have been sent home to those children so please could we ask that forms are returned to the school office **no later than Friday 20 March**.

Please note that if you make the bookings yourselves and your child attends an after school club and would then like to go to Bubbles after, please ensure you select the 4.00pm time slot. If you are a child care voucher user, please tick the appropriate box on the booking form.

### **Term 4 PE Days**

Please find below the PE days for Term 4.

Owls – Tuesday/Wednesday

Falcons – Monday/Tuesday

Kestrels – Tuesday/Wednesday

Ospreys – Monday/Wednesday

Hawks – Wednesday/Friday (Swimming)

Kites – Wednesday/Thursday

Eagles – Thursday (double lesson!)



### **School Trips!**

Thank you to all those who have given consent and paid for the up and coming school trips! If you haven't done so yet, please could we remind those parents to do this by **Monday 16 March**. Thank you!

- Kites and Eagles trip to Lower Moor Farm on **Thursday 19 March**
- Owls, Falcons and Kestrels School Trip to Longleat on **Wednesday 25 March**

### **Red Nose Day**

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day 2026 on **Friday 20 March**. Everyone is encouraged to **wear something red** to mark the occasion and donate £1 on the Just Giving link. You could wear a red t-shirt with your school uniform, red tights/socks instead of your school ones or put a red hairband in for the day. Throughout the day, we will be taking part in a range of activities to help raise awareness and celebrate this great charity. Please scan the QR code to donate, or use the following link:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-by-brook-valley-cofe-primary-school-b9f5a928-9ef2-4031-b072-8aa27c436ed1?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL&utm\\_campaign=020](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-by-brook-valley-cofe-primary-school-b9f5a928-9ef2-4031-b072-8aa27c436ed1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020)



### **Altogether@4**

**We will be learning a bit about BBV School, by linking up with the school values: This month "Hope".**

AT@4 is an all-age free event organised by the local churches, taking place at By Brook Valley School once a month on a Sunday afternoon. The next meeting will be on Sunday 22 March at 4.00pm (arrive from 3.45pm) and we'd love you to join us, (children do need to be accompanied by an adult). There is a short 15 minute service with optional communion, and a range of activities for all ages. The afternoon ends with tea and cake.

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### Colorfoto – Class and Year 6 Photos

Colorfoto Photography will be in school on **Tuesday 24 March** to take Class and Year 6 leaver photos. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their normal school uniform, no PE kit on this day. Thank you!



### Easter Services

Parents are warmly invited to attend the KS1 (Owls, Falcons and Kestrels) Easter Service at school in the hall on **Thursday 26 March** at 9.30am.

The KS2 Easter Church Service will be held at St Nicholas' Church in Biddestone on the same day at **1.30pm**. The children will be taken to and from the church by coach and parents are also invited.



We hope you enjoy the Easter Services and we look forward to seeing you there!

### End of Term 4 and Start of Term 5

School finishes for the Easter holidays on **Friday 27 March at 2.00pm**. Unfortunately the bus company is unable to operate a service at these times. Please note that Bubbles After School Club will not be open on the last day of term. Term 5 will start for all children on **Monday 13 April**. We hope you all have a lovely, restful break!



### Year 2 Class Assembly

The children in Kestrels class are looking forward to having the opportunity to share their work with family and friends in their class assembly on **Friday 24 April** at 2.30pm.

### Year 3 & 4 School Trip to 'We the Curious'

A letter will be sent home today to the children in Year 3 and 4 about a school trip to 'We the Curious' in Bristol on **Friday 1 May**. Please see the letter for details about the trip and please ensure that consent and payment is made on ParentPay by **Monday 27 April**, you will have the option to pay by 2 instalments if you wish.



### 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
18/3/26	23/3/26
<b>8/4/26 (IN EASTER)</b>	<b>13/4/26</b>
15/4/26	20/4/26
22/4/26	27/4/26

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29/4/26	4/5/26
6/5/26	11/5/26
13/5/26	18/5/26

**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](http://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk)

**After School Clubs – Terms 5 & 6**

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 13 April – Monday 18 May  
3.15pm-4.30pm

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

**Choir Club – Y1-6**

Monday 13 April – Monday 18 May

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

**TUESDAY**

**Netball – KS1 (Year 1, 2, 3 and Reception) – Term 5**

**Cricket – Term 6**  
Run by PH ActiveEd  
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Tuesday 14 April – Tuesday 19 May

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

**THURSDAY**

**Eco Warriors Club**

To continue with the same children!

Thursday 16 April – Thursday 21 May  
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 – Netball – Term 5**

**KS2 – Cricket – Term 6**

Run by Up and Under  
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Wednesday 15 April - Wednesday 20 May

<https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/product/bybrook-valley-primary-school-ks2-netball-club-wednesdays-term-5-2026/>



**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!

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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**

### **March**

Thursday 19	Year 5 and 6 Lower Moor Farm trip
Friday 20	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 24	Colorfoto Class and Year 6 Leavers Photos
Wednesday 25	YR, Y1 and Y2 Longleat School Trip
Thursday 26	Easter Service – KS1 in school 9.30am, KS2 Biddestone Church 1.00pm
Friday 27	FOBBVS Easter Fair
Friday 27	Last Day of Term 4 – <b>Early Finish at 2.00pm</b>

### **April**

Monday 13	First Day of Term 5
Wednesday 22	World Earth Day
Friday 24	Year 2 Class Assembly

### **May**

Friday 1	Year 3 and Year 4 Trip to 'We the Curious Bristol'
Monday 4	Bank Holiday – no children in school
Friday 15	Year 6 SATS Party
Friday 22	Last day of Term 5

### **June**

Monday 1	TD Day – no children in school
Tuesday 2	First day of Term 6
Sunday 7	FoBBVS Castle Combe Car Boot
Monday 8	FoBBVS Big Bike Ride at Castle Combe
Friday 12	Year 6 Junior Good Citizen
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

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## **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
Friday 17	FoBBVS Family fun day
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:

Monday 1 June 2026

Wednesday 22 July 2026

### **2026 – 27 TD Days**

Tuesday 1 September 2026

Monday 2 November 2026

Monday 4 January 2027

Friday 28 May 2027

Friday 23 July 2027

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