



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Message from the senior leadership team

Welcome back to Term 5! We hope you had a lovely Easter and enjoyed some of the sunshine.

We ended last term with two fantastic Easter services - thank you to all the parents who came and supported the children. We are very proud of their singing and reading. We also had a hugely successful Easter Fair, thanks to FOBBVS and everyone who came and enjoyed themselves. A special thank you to Miss Hamilton and Miss Knapp for organising the choir, and a massive well done to the children – your singing was fantastic!

This term, our worship value is service – “Serve one another in love” (Galatians 5:13). In worship, we have been discussing our talents and how we can use them to serve others.

Just a reminder that Mrs Henshall is currently out of school recovering after an operation she had over the Easter break, if you have any urgent concerns or questions please contact the school office who will redirect you to the Senior Leadership Team.

Choir Club Cancelled on Monday 27 April

Miss Knapp and Miss Hamilton will be on a training course on Monday 27 April so there will be **NO choir club** on this day. Don't forget to book Bubbles instead if you need it on this day!



Hawks Swimming Refunds

Due to a couple of school trips that we have a planned, we have had to cancel swimming lessons on the 1 May and 22 May. If you have paid for swimming in full we will issue a £12 refund for you soon. If you still have the 3rd installment left to pay on ParentPay, **please make a payment of £20 instead** of £32.

FoBBVS Events

School Disco at The Neeld Hall

Tuesday 5 May, 5.00pm

Flip it Friday!

Friday 22 May

Castle Combe Bike Event

Monday 8 June, 5.00pm

PE Days for Term 5

Year R – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 1 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 3 – Wednesday and Thursday

Year 4 – Wednesday and Friday

(Swimming)

Year 5 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 6 – Monday and Friday

Comic Relief

Thank you for all your kind donations, for Comic Relief this year we raised an amazing £270 for this worthy cause.



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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'

Just a reminder that the children in Year 3 and 4 will be going on a school trip to 'We the Curious' in Bristol on **Friday 1 May**. Please ensure that consent and payment is made on ParentPay by **Monday 27 April**.

Netball After School Clubs – Spaces Available – Book Now!

We currently have lots of spaces available for the Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 Netball after school club with PH ActiveEd on a Tuesday, also the Up and Under Netball club on a Wednesday for KS2. To sign up, please use the following links:

PH ActiveEd – Netball – Tuesday (3.15pm – 4.15pm) – <https://phsports.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/index.php>

Up and Under – Netball – Wednesday (3.15pm – 4.15pm) - <https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/product/bybrook-valley-primary-school-ks2-netball-club-wednesdays-term-5-2026/>

Reminder of the 48 hour sickness/vomiting rule!

We are seeing children return to school following vomiting and diarrhoea before the 48 hour time period! Please could we remind parents not to send children back to school until they have cleared 48 hours since their last episode. Thank you.

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
22/4/26	27/4/26
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

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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

No club on Monday 27 April

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

No club on Tuesday 12 May

SPACES AVAILABLE

To make a booking, please use the following link:

<https://phsports.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/index.php>

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

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To make a booking, please use the following link:

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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!

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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

April

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
Tuesday 5 School Disco
Monday 11 – 14 Year 6 SATS Week
Friday 15 Year 6 SATS Party
Tuesday 19 Year 5 and 6 Shakespeare Workshop
Friday 22 FoBBVS Flip it Friday
Friday 22 Year 3 and 4 Chippenham Folk Festival
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 Year 5 Maths Master Class – Sheldon School x5 pupils
Friday 19 Colour Run
Monday 22 Year 5 Sheldon Open Morning
Tuesday 23 Year 5 Sheldon Open Morning
Wednesday 24 Sheldon Open Evening
Thursday 25 Year 5 English Master Class - Sheldon School x5 pupils
Friday 26 Year 1 Class Assembly
Tuesday 30 Reception and KS1 Trip to Westonbirt – details to follow

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July

Friday 3	Year 5 PE Session – Sheldon School Whole Class
Friday 3	Reception Class Assembly
Wednesday 8	Hardenhuish Induction Evening
Thursday 9	Hardenhuish Induction Evening
Thursday 9	Sheldon Turnaround
Thursday 9	Year 6 Sheldon Parents Evening
Friday 10	Sheldon Turnaround Day
Friday 10	Hardenhuish Turnaround Day
Wednesday 15	Leavers Production
Friday 17	FoBBVS Family fun day
Monday 20	Leavers Treat at Tenpin in Swindon
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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