



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Message from the Senior Leadership team

We were incredibly proud of Year 2 for their fantastic class assembly. The children spoke with confidence, clearly enjoying the opportunity to share their learning, and sang beautifully.

In collective worship, we have continued to explore the theme of service, thinking carefully about what it means to help others. Linking to this, in our classes we marked Earth Day by discussing how we can serve the world around us, considering simple ways we can care for our planet and make a positive difference.

Parking Reminder!!

Please could we ask all parents and carers not to park in the drop off area or the staff car park in the mornings! The drop off area is to just drop and go! Parents should not be using the car park at all at the end of the day! We have noticed more and more cars coming into the car park which is causing a lot of traffic and problems for the buses. Please use the village hall car park instead and walk into the school.



Play Equipment Reminder!

Please don't forget that children should NOT be playing on the play equipment at the start and end of the school day, this is unsupervised and we are not insured if there are any accidents. Please do not allow your child/ren to play on it at any time!



Breakfast and Bubbles After School Club

Don't forget that if you are in receipt of childcare vouchers and the office makes your bookings for you, please check the amount you owe in ParentPay and arrange with your childcare voucher provider to send monthly payments to clear the balance before we **break up in July**. If your balances have not been cleared, we will be unable to make any new bookings for you in September. Thank you.

We are also seeing more people turn up to Breakfast & Bubbles club who have not made a booking. Please could you ensure that, where possible, you make your bookings by 12pm the day before and then pay for these sessions at the time of booking on ParentPay. Any children that do turn up will be charged for those sessions so please check ParentPay to see your balance!



Hawks Swimming Refunds

We would like to inform Hawks parents that refunds and adjustments for the cancelled lessons have now been made on ParentPay. Please note that if you still have an outstanding balance for Swimming, **please pay £20** not £32. The final installment is now due so please make your final payments as soon as possible. Thank you.

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FoBBVS Up and Coming Events

School Disco at The Neeld Hall

Tuesday 5 May, 5.00pm

Flip it Friday! – NEW DATE!

Friday 15 May

Castle Combe Car Boot

Sunday 7 June

Castle Combe Big 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 – Thursday and Friday

Eagles SATS Week Letters

The children in Year 6 brought home 2 letters this week. The first letter was about the SATS timetable and breakfast club being offered to the children during SATS week. If they would like to attend the breakfast club, please ensure children are in school at 8.20am. If they do not want to attend, please ensure the children are in school no later than **8.45am**.

The second letter was about the SATS party which is being held on **Friday 15 May**. We would be grateful for a donation of £3.00 per child towards the cost of the food. Please see the letter for more details and where you will find a reply slip which needs to be completed and sent back to school if you haven't done so already. Thank you.

Citizenship Award 2026

We have now rolled out the By Brook Valley Citizenship Award to the children. They will have a wonderful opportunity to achieve their Bronze, Silver or Gold citizenship awards by taking part in a variety of activities. These are designed to encourage them to get out and about, help others, get involved in their communities, or take on an independent project that makes a positive difference. You can find full details of each award on our website at the following location: <https://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk/page/?title=BBV+Citizenship+Award+2026&pid=484>

We also have paper copies in the foyer if you need one.

Letters sent home last week!

Shakespeare Explorers Workshop for Kites and Eagles

Kites and Eagles brought home a letter last week about a Shakespeare workshop in school on **Tuesday 19 May**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£8.45** per child. Payments can be made on ParentPay. Thank you.

Year 3 and 4 School's Day Chippenham Folk Festival

Ospreys and Hawks children brought home a letter last week about an exciting opportunity to participate in the Chippenham Folk Festival School Day Event on **Friday 22 May**. Please see letter for details on what the children need to bring with them on this day. We would like to ask that consent and payment for the trip is made by **Monday 18 May**.



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Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property which can be found outside reception, all of the items are unnamed so please have a look to see if you are missing anything. Any items left over at the end of term will be given to charity.

May Day and End of Term 5/Start of Term 6

Just a reminder that **Monday 4 May** is a bank holiday and therefore the school will be closed. We then finish for the May half term on **Friday 22 May** at **normal school finish time**. Buses and Bubbles After School Club will run as normal.

Please note that **Monday 1 June** is a TD day so the school is closed to all pupils. The first day back in term 6 is **Tuesday 2 June**.

Sports Day – Change of Menu - Picnic Lunch Option

On sports day this year we will be offering a picnic lunch instead of a hot school meal for the children. As we cannot change ParentPay for just one day, if your child would a ham wrap please order the **main option**, if your child would like a cheese wrap please order the **veggie option**.

Here is the menu option for **Wednesday 17 June**:

Cheese or Ham Mini Wrap
Pizza Fingers
Chicken or Quorn Nugget
Mini Homemade Sausage Roll or Plant Powered Mini Sausage Roll
Crudities – Cucumber, Carrots and Cherry Tomatoes
Lemon Biscuit

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
6/5/26	11/5/26
13/5/26	18/5/26
27/5/26 In half term!	2/6/26
3/6/26	8/6/26
10/6/26	15/6/26
17/6/26	22/6/26
24/6/26	29/6/26

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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!

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

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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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

SPACES AVAILABLE

To make a booking, please use the following link:
<https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/product/bybrook-valley-primary-school-ks2-netball-club-wednesdays-term-5-2026/>

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2025/2026 Diary Dates

May

Friday 1	Year 3 and Year 4 Trip to 'We the Curious Bristol'
Monday 4	Bank Holiday – no children in school
Tuesday 5	FoBBVS School Disco – Neeld Hall, 5.00pm
Monday 11 – 14	Year 6 SATS Week
Friday 15	Year 6 SATS Party
Friday 15	FoBBVS Flip it Friday!
Tuesday 19	Year 5 and 6 Shakespeare Workshop
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

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
Friday 17	FoBBVS Scarecrow Trail (17 – 31 July)
Monday 20	Leavers Treat at Tenpin in Swindon
Tuesday 21	Leavers Service
Tuesday 21	Last day of Term 6 – early finish at 2pm

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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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