

Thursday 14 May 2026



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Senior Leadership team

Firstly, we would like to say a huge well done to all of our Year 6 children for completing their SATs this week. They approached the week with maturity, resilience and positivity, and gave every test their very best effort. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved - they should all feel very proud of themselves too!

We would also like to extend our thanks to Zoe McGinn from FOBBVS for organising another fantastic school disco, we really appreciate all the hard work that went into organising it! Thank you as well to Mr Summers, Mrs Whiston and Mrs Boddy for their support in helping the event run smoothly.


As we enter the final week of Term 5, we wish you all a lovely half term and look forward to welcoming the children back to an exciting Term 6!

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the school disco — it was a huge success and so lovely to see so many children having such fun together on the dance floor!

We raised an amazing £620 too, which is fantastic! Thank you for all your support and a big thank you to all those that helped on the night.

Our next event is Flip it Friday **tomorrow Friday 15 May**. Please see the poster for all the rules that can be flipped for one day only! Donations of £1 per rule flip can be made on ParentPay.



 Future dates for your diary:
Sunday 7 June – Castle Combe Car Boot Collection
Monday 8 June – The Big Bike Ride at Castle Combe Circuit
Friday 17 July – Family Fun Day

Need a May Half Term Arts & Crafts idea?

FoBBVS are also organising a Scarecrow Trail through Yatton Keynell during the first 2 weeks of the summer holidays, and the theme is Children's Books!

If you would like to make a scarecrow or window display to be used by one of our hosts in the village, we would love to see your creations.

Please email us your idea and we will add it to the list to make sure there are no duplicates:
fobbvs@gmail.com

FoBBVS have created an Amazon Wishlist as another way for parents to support the school. The wishlist includes items that directly benefit the children's daily experiences — classroom and playground resources, activity supplies, and essentials to support teachers in the classroom.

If you are in a position to do so, we would be hugely grateful if you could take a look at the wishlist and consider purchasing an item. Every contribution, no matter how small, really does make a difference to both the children and the school. Thank you for your continued support!

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/TUEH5MTT5YV2?ref=wl_share

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Reminder - Gardening Volunteers

Calling any keen gardeners!! We are asking for any volunteers who can give a bit of time to help start the process of tidying up the school field. Please come along **Sunday 17 May** between 1.30pm - 4.00pm to help with a few small jobs (clearing beds, strimming grass, weeding etc). Please bring any tools if you are able. There will further dates in June coming out soon! If you are able to help please get in touch with Jenny on 07738663589 (**NEW NUMBER!**) or Sophie on 07595694232.

School Uniform and Jewellery Reminder

Here is a reminder of our school uniform. **PLEASE NOTE: PE kit and trainers should ONLY be worn on PE days.**

- Grey trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore dress
- White polo shirt (with or without the school logo) or white school shirt
- Jade sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (this can be ordered via the MyClothing or PMG websites: www.myclothing.com or www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk)
- Green and white school dress (summer)
- Black school shoes - **No Trainers!**

PE Kit:

- Black/Navy shorts
- White t-shirt
- Daps or trainers
- Dark joggers/Tracksuit bottoms for winter
- **School Jumper to be worn instead of zip up hoodies please!!!**

Jewellery

- For safety reasons we ask that **no** jewellery, other than a watch and small ear studs (**NO dangly/hoop earrings please!**) to be worn in school.

Long hair must be tied back at all times.

Shakespeare Explorer Workshop for Kites and Eagles

Just a reminder that Kites and Eagles will be taking part in a Shakespeare workshop on **Tuesday 19 May**. If you haven't done so already, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£8.45** per child. Please make your payments online through ParentPay.

Year 3 and 4 School's Day Chippenham Folk Festival

Ospreys and Hawks are looking forward to the Chippenham Folk Festival School Day on **Friday 22 May**. Please don't forget that payment and consent is due on ParentPay by **Monday 18 May**. Thank you!



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

We 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**.

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Term 6 PE Days

Reception – Wednesday and Thursday
Year 1 – Monday and Thursday
Year 2 – Wednesday and Thursday
Year 3 – Monday and Wednesday
Year 4 – Wednesday and Friday
Year 5 – Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 6 – Tuesday and Friday

Junior Good Citizen Day – Year 6

The children in Eagles class brought home a letter last week about spending the morning at the Junior Good Citizen event on **Friday 12 June**. The children will need to be in school at **8.30am** on this day and will need to bring a packed lunch to have when they get back to school. Please see the letter for more details on what the children will need to wear on this day. There is no charge for this event and we hope the children have a wonderful time!



Sports Day – Change of Menu - Picnic Lunch Option

Just to remind you that 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 like 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

Sports Day

More details to follow but please save the date for our up and coming Sports day on **Wednesday 17 June, timings to be confirmed**. Everyone is very welcome to come along! Keep everything crossed that the weather is on our side!



Colour Run

The Colour Fun Run is also back and will be taking place in school on **Friday 19 June**. Details to follow!



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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
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



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 – Term 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 15 June – Monday 13 July
3.15pm-4.30pm

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

Choir Club – Y1-6

Monday 8 June – Monday 20 July

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

TUESDAY

Cricket – KS1 (Year 1, 2, 3 and Reception)

Run by PH ActiveEd
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Tuesday 2 June – Tuesday 21 July

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 4 June – Thursday 16 July
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 – Cricket – Term 6

Run by Up and Under
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Wednesday 3 June - Wednesday 8 July

To make a booking, please use the following link:

<https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/product/bybrook-valley-primary-school-ks2-cricket-club-wednesdays-term-6-2026/>

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2025/2026 Diary Dates

May

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
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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