

Thursday 10 September 2026



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Henshall

Welcome to a new year school year at By Brook Valley. We hope you have all had a very lovely summer! It has been a good start to the new academic year. Children have been thinking about why being part of By Brook Valley is special and what we can do to make it even better. It has been lovely to listen to their thoughts! We have reflected again on our vision:

Roots, to grow, wings to fly
Planted in love, growing in wisdom
Flourishing and soaring, reaching new heights

In class and in Worship we have read the Parable of the Sower – reminding ourselves and each other that we are all unique, with different strengths and needing support in different ways.

Today we have been presented with our Silver Church School Partnership Award by Bristol Diocese. This is in recognition of all the work we do with other members of the school community and what we do to help others that might be in need. We are very proud of this award and all that it means.

This term we are looking forward to welcoming you to a reading information evening so that we can share with you the importance of reading and what we do to support and encourage reading at By Brook Valley.

FoBBVs Update

We raised just over £1,500 from the Family Fun Day and the Scarecrow Trail back in July so a huge thank you for supporting these 2 events!

The next event is the Yatton Keynell Fete which is taking place on **Saturday 19 September** from 2.00pm – 5.00pm on the field next to the Village Hall.

FoBBVs will be helping with all the kids' games and entertainment, including a kids' tent packed with fun games, a bouncy castle, an inflatable obstacle course, the local ice cream van and a fantastic show from Dave Hickory!

There's plenty for the grown-ups too, with stalls, a silent auction, a bar & BBQ, books, bric-a-brac and a dog show — whether you're taking part or just watching!

Stripey tombola bags and raffle tickets will be sent home with the children - please fill the bag with sweets and toys and complete the details on the raffle tickets and return to school - thank you so much!

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PE Days – Term 1 & 2

Owls – Monday and Friday
Falcons – Wednesday and Thursday
Kestrels – Tuesday and Wednesday
Ospreys – Wednesday and Thursday
Hawks – Wednesday and Friday
Kites – Monday and Wednesday
Eagles – Tuesday and Friday

Please don't forget to wear school jumpers with PE kit, no hoodies!

Play Equipment Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and carers that the play equipment **must not** be used before and after school as we are not insured if an accident should occur! Thank you!

School Day Timings

We would like to remind parents of the school day timings. The school gates are open at **8.40am** and registration is at **8.45am** so all children need to be in school by this time. Doors close at **8.50am**.

URGENT - Outstanding Bubbles Payments for 25-26

Please could we ask everyone to check and if you have any outstanding balances for **25-26 Bubbles** in ParentPay, please ensure these are **fully** paid as soon as possible. If you need to know how much you owe, please contact the school office.

Reading Information Evening

A letter will be sent home today inviting parents and carers to a reading information evening at school on **Wednesday 7 October** starting at 5.30pm. Please could we ask that you complete the reply slip in the letter and return it to school by Friday 2 October. Thank you!

European Languages Day

A letter will also be sent home today about European Languages Day on **Friday 25 September**. If you have any language skills and would like to come into school on this day we would love to hear from you, please complete the reply slip at the bottom of the letter and return to school by Friday 18 September. Thank you!

Mid Wilts Cross Country Event

The mid Wilts primary schools' cross-country event - for KS2 children only - will be taking place on **Tuesday 29 September** at Biddestone sports ground. If your child is interested, please let your class teacher know by Friday 25 September. Children will need to be taken to and from the event and Miss Hamilton will be there to meet you all. Please see the poster for more information and timings which can be found on our website:
<https://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk/page/?title=Flyers&pid=433&action=saved>

Flu Vaccinations

An email was sent home earlier today about flu vaccinations for your child, taking place in school on **Thursday 1 October**. Please complete the consent form using the following link whether you wish to accept or decline the vaccination for your child. Thank you! <https://www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=WT138112>

Year 5 PGL Payments

Please could we remind Year 6 parents that if you have not yet paid your 3rd installment for the PGL trip, this needs to be done **as soon as possible**. Thank you!

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Bus Bands

Please could we remind all parents that if your child is going to be using the school bus to get home from school, please ensure that they come to school wearing their bus band, either on their wrist or on their ankle so it is easy to see when the children are queuing for the bus at the end of the day. We cannot take your child's word for it that they are on the bus, they must have a bus band on. Thank you.

Pupil Information Forms

Just a reminder that as we will not be sending home the normal pupil information forms for you to complete, if any of your details have changed since last year, please do let the school office know as soon as possible, otherwise we will continue to use your forms from last year. Thank you!

School Uniform 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
- **MANDATORY ITEM - 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 and Hair

- For safety reasons we ask that no jewellery, other than a watch and small ear studs, be worn to school.
- Long hair to be tied back at all times!

Applying for a school place at Primary or Secondary School

If you have a child who will be 4 years old before September 2027 you must apply for a Primary School Place. You can apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk or application forms are available at pre-schools. The deadline for Primary School applications is midnight 15 January 2027. All forms must be returned directly to The School Admissions Team at County Hall, Trowbridge.



If your child is transferring to Secondary School in September 2027, you must apply for a Secondary School place. You can apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk and the deadline for admissions is midnight 31 October 2026.

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After School Clubs – Term 1 and 2

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 7 September – Monday 19
October

3.15pm-4.30pm

Places available!

**Please note that there will be no club
on Monday 14 September.**

Please contact Kathy directly to make a
booking:

Kathy.hutton1@hotmail.com

Choir Club – Y1-6

Monday 14 September – Monday 14
December

Run by Miss Hamilton & Miss Knapp **with
the same children.**

3.15pm - 4.15pm

Places available!

WEDNESDAY

Dance Class – YR-6

Run by A Stars Dance

Please contact directly to make a
booking:

07815 539693 (Sophia)

KS2 – Hockey

Run by Up and Under

3.15pm - 4.15pm

Wednesday 9 September - Wednesday
9 December

To make a booking, please use the
following link:

[https://www.upandundersports.co.uk
/product/bybrook-valley-primary-
school-ks2-hockey-club-wednesdays-
term-1-2-2026/](https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/product/bybrook-valley-primary-school-ks2-hockey-club-wednesdays-term-1-2-2026/)

THURSDAY

Hockey – KS1 (Year 1, 2, 3)

Run by PH ActiveEd

3.15pm - 4.15pm

Thursday 10 September – Thursday
17 December

To make a booking, please see the
attached flyer or use the following
link:

[https://bookings.phactiveed.co.uk
/signin](https://bookings.phactiveed.co.uk/signin)

SPACES AVAILABLE!

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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
16/9/26	21/9/26
23/9/26	28/9/26
30/9/26	5/10/26
7/10/26	12/10/26
14/10/26	19/10/26



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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2026/2027 Diary Dates

September

Thursday 10 – 11
Monday 14
Monday 14
Friday 25

New Owls in 8.45am – 1.00pm
New Owls stay all day
Year 4 and 5 Bumbles of Honeywood – in school
European Languages Day

October

Thursday 1
Thursday 8
Friday 9
Thursday 15
Tuesday 20
Tuesday 20
Wednesday 21

Year R – 6 Flu Vaccinations
Harvest Festival – more information to follow
Hello Yellow Day for World Mental Health Day
Parents Evening
Colorfoto Individual Photos
PGL Meeting for Year 6 Parents
Last Day of Term 1

November

Monday 2
Tuesday 3

TD Day – No children in School
First day of Term 2 – All children in school

2026 – 27 TD Days

Monday 2 November 2026
Monday 4 January 2027
Friday 28 May 2027
Friday 23 July 2027

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