



# BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### Message from Mrs Henshall

This term we are continuing to think about Generosity and how we should give willingly and with a smile. Over the next couple of weeks, we are going to be thinking of God's generosity to us and how we lucky we are with such lovely school grounds. As part of this work, we are planning a 'tidy up' of our outdoor space – weeding, picking up leaves, planting bulbs and would love it if you came to join us. We are also looking forward to sharing our Harvest celebrations with you in the coming weeks. As part of this we will be having our annual foodbank collection for Doorway in Chippenham. Please see more information in the newsletter about this!

### Play Equipment Reminder

We have noticed a lot of children are still playing on the climbing frame before and after school! We must remind parents to keep an eye on their children at all times, as this **must not** be used, as we are not insured outside of school hours if an accident should occur!

### URGENT - Outstanding Bubbles Payments for 25-26

A BIG thank you to those who have paid your outstanding Bubbles Payments for 25-26, we really appreciate it. We still have a few more payments outstanding and those people have received an email with details on how much is owed. Please could we ask you to kindly check any outstanding balances for **25-26 Bubbles** in ParentPay and ensure these are **fully** paid by **Monday 28 September**. Thank you!

### Monthly Bubbles Payments!

Just a reminder that if **you are in receipt of child care vouchers** or you **use a government child care account** and the office makes your Bubbles bookings for you, please ensure that you check your balance on a monthly basis and request regular amounts each month from your childcare provider. Once we receive the money, we can then make the necessary adjustments in ParentPay. You should have all requested a payment for September, if you haven't done so yet, please do so as soon as possible.

### Parents Evening Meetings

We will be sending home a letter today about our up-and-coming parent evenings on either **Thursday 15 October** (3.30pm – 6.00pm) or **Tuesday 20 October** (3.30pm – 6.00pm). These meetings will take place face to face in school and parents each meeting will last 10 minutes only! As we no longer use school cloud and will be moving to a new system, we will be going back to a manual process for making appointments so please look out for this letter in your child's bag.



### Lunch Box Items

Our MDSA's have noticed that children are bringing in a lot of items in their packed lunches and are struggling to eat it all within the time. Just a few healthy items with either a sandwich/roll would be ample.

Please don't forget that we do not allow nuts in school. This includes chocolate spread, Nutella and peanut butter!



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### Woodwind Lessons

We are pleased to offer individual Woodwind lessons in school on a Monday. If your child is interested, please contact Gabrielle directly at the following email address to make a booking: [hello@gabrielle-amelia.com](mailto:hello@gabrielle-amelia.com). Please see attached flyer offering a **free taster** session on **Monday 28 September**.

### Mid Wilts Cross Country Event

If your child would like to take part in the mid Wilts primary schools' cross-country event - for KS2 children only - on **Tuesday 29 September** at Biddestone sports ground, it's not too late! Don't forget to let your class teacher know by tomorrow (Friday 25 September) if they would like to take part. Just a reminder that 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=Fliers&pid=433&action=saved>

### Flu Vaccinations

An email was sent home last week about flu vaccinations for your child, taking place in school on **Thursday 1 October**. Please don't forget to 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>

### Owls Cake Sale

Owls class will be holding the first cake sale of the year after school on **Friday 2 October**. Please could we ask that all cake donations from Owls class are brought into school in the morning on this day. Thank you.

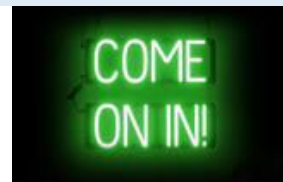


### Kestrels Cake Sale

Kestrels class will be next and their cake sale will take place on **Friday 16 October**. Again, please could all cake donations from Kestrels class be brought into school in the morning on this day!

### Reading Information Evening

If you haven't done so already and would like to come along to the reading information evening on **Wednesday 7 October** at 5.30pm. Please return the reply slip to school by Friday 2 October. Thank you!



### Harvest Festival Service for KS1 and KS2

Our Harvest Services will take place at the Yatton Keynell Church on the following dates and times: We look forward to seeing you there.

KS1 (Owls, Falcons and Kestrels) will be held on **Thursday 8 October, 9.30am**.

KS2 (Ospreys, Hawks, Kites and Eagles) will be held on the same day at **1.30pm**.



This year we will be donating food items to the Doorway in Chippenham. If you would like to make a food donation, please bring items into school from **Monday 28 September**. Please see a list of wanted items attached to the newsletter. Thank you!

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### **Hello Yellow Day**

We're excited to be taking part in Hello Yellow Day for World Mental Health Day on **Friday 9 October**! To show our support and raise awareness for young people's mental health, children are invited to come to school wearing something yellow on the day. Whether it's a yellow t shirt, socks, or even a hair accessory, let's brighten up the school and show that we're all in this together. If you are able to donate, please go to the fundraising link:

<https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/bybrookvalley> or scan the QR code.



### **School Tidy Up – Volunteers Needed!**

As mentioned above by Mrs Henshall, we are planning a 'tidy up' of our outdoor space – weeding, picking up leaves, planting bulbs and would like to ask for volunteers to come into school to help with this. If you are free **on Friday 16 October** from **10.30am – 12.00pm** we would really appreciate your help! If you would like to come along, please contact the school office to let us know. Thank you all in advance!



### **Year 6 PGL Meeting**

We will be holding a PGL information meeting in the school hall for parents on **Tuesday 20 October** at **6.00pm**. The children do not need to come as they would have been given the information already. You will be able to find out more about the activities that the children will be enjoying and there will be a chance for you to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.



### **Colorfoto Individual and Sibling Photos**

Just to make you aware that Colorfoto will be in school on **Tuesday 20 October** to take individual and sibling photos. Please ensure your child is wearing school uniform on this day. Thank you!

If you have younger or pre-school age siblings, they are also welcome to come into school at **8.30am** on this day.



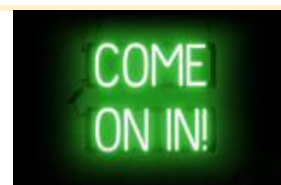
### **End of Term 1 and Start of Term 2**

School finishes for the October half term holiday on **Wednesday 21 October** at the normal time of 3.15pm. All children are due back to school on **Tuesday 3 November**. Please note that Monday 2 November is a TD Day so no children in school on this day.



### **Reading - Linger and Learn**

We would like to invite parents and carers into school on **Wednesday 4 November** at **9.00am** for the first linger and learn session of the year all about how we teach reading in school.



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#### **Year 4 Class Assembly**

The children in Year 4 would very much like to invite parents and carers to their class assembly on **Friday 6 November** in the school hall at 2.30pm. We hope you can make it!



#### **National Survey – The Big Future!**

Please see the following email from the Children's Commissioner:

"I am getting in touch personally, as Children's Commissioner, to ask for your help in making sure the children and young people at By Brook Valley CofE Primary School have the opportunity to take part in my national survey, *The Big Future*.

**So far, I have heard from 16 children at your school.** With hundreds of thousands of children and young people already taking part across England, I would like to make sure as many of your pupils as possible have the opportunity to add their voices.

*The Big Future* is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. I will be using what they tell me to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government.

**The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed here:**

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

#### **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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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**

#### **Multi Sports – 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.u  
k/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 |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| 30/9/26  | 5/10/26                          |
| 7/10/26  | 12/10/26                         |
| 14/10/26 | 19/10/26                         |
| 28/10/26 | 2/11/26                          |
| 4/11/26  | 9/11/26                          |
| 11/11/26 | 16/11/26                         |
| 18/11/26 | 23/11/26                         |
| 25/11/26 | 30/11/26                         |



### **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 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](http://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**

Friday 25 European Languages Day

### **October**

Thursday 1 Year R – 6 Flu Vaccinations  
Friday 2 Year R Cake Sale  
Thursday 8 Harvest Festival – KS1 9.30am and KS2 1.30pm  
Friday 9 Hello Yellow Day for World Mental Health Day  
Thursday 15 Parents Evening 3.30pm 6.00pm  
Friday 16 Year 2 Cake Sale  
Tuesday 20 Colorfoto Individual Photos  
Tuesday 20 Parents Evening 3.30pm 6.00pm  
Tuesday 20 PGL Meeting for Year 6 Parents 6.00pm  
Wednesday 21 Last Day of Term 1

### **November**

Monday 2 TD Day – No children in School  
Tuesday 3 First day of Term 2 – All children in school  
Wednesday 4 Reading Linger and Learn  
Friday 6 Year 4 Class Assembly  
Tuesday 10 – 13 Year 6 PGL  
Friday 13 Children in Need  
Monday 16 Odd Sock Day  
Wednesday 18 Open Day Sessions for New Owls 2027/28 Intake 9.30am and 4.30pm  
Friday 20 Year 1 Cake Sale  
Friday 27 Year 6 Class Assembly

### **December**

Friday 4 Santa Run  
Friday 4 Year 4 Cake Sale  
Tuesday 8 Year 3 and 4 Christmas Production 9.30am and 1.30pm  
Thursday 10 KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am and 1.30pm  
Friday 11 KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am  
Friday 11 Year 5 Cake Sale  
Thursday 17 Year 5 and 6 Carol Service

#### **2026 – 27 TD Days**

Monday 2 November 2026

Monday 4 January 2027

Friday 28 May 2027

Friday 23 July 2027

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