Thursday 5 November 2026

BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

New Arbor System

We would like to make you all aware that we have started the transition to our new MIS system, Arbor! Some of you may already be aware of this tool and have used it before, it is widely used within the school communities. Over the coming months, we will be starting to gradually move modules across to Arbor from ParentPay. We will keep you updated through the process and will soon be sending out login details and user guides. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Message from Mrs Henshall

Welcome back to Term 2, it is beginning to feel colder and as always, we are working hard to keep on top of the leaves as they come down! Last term ended with a whole school gardening and general tidy up session; lots of work was done - planting bulbs, weeding, trimming back, clearing leaves and general tidying. Thank you so much to all the families that supported - either with donations of bulbs, planters, compost or giving their time. Everyone was in agreement that it was a positive morning, especially with the weather on our side - please look out for future dates on the calendar! This all linked to our value of Generosity and being thankful for what God has provided us with.

This term our value is Compassion. On Tuesday in Worship the children showed they already had a great understanding of this value - and were able to talk about ways they support others that may be going through a difficult time - especially their friends in school. We are looking forward to exploring this value more as the term goes on. We will also have our annual Anti-Bullying week where we will continue to think about Compassion but also showing respect to others - one of our school promises, and speaking out.

Colorfoto Photos

The school photos are now available to view and order online at: www.clickfoto.co.uk

Each child was handed a unique and individual access code on Photo Day. You can order with FREE delivery to school before the deadline as shown online. At any time, orders may be placed for delivery direct to home by post.

If you have any questions or need help, please call the helpline on: 02920 448210 or email orders@colorfoto.net.

Times Tables Rock Star Battle!

Over half term, KS2 have been taking part in a Times Tables Rock Stars battle! We are pleased to announce the winning class of the battle is... HAWKS!
A huge well done to everyone who took part and a special congratulations to the top 3 players who are: Freddie F, Joshua S and Maxi DP!



Choir Club - CANCELLED

Just a reminder that there will be **no choir club** on **Monday 9 November** due to a staff meeting on this day.

Don't forget to book a place in Bubbles you need it instead!

Thank you!

FoBBVS Update

There are still tickets available for the wreath making evening at school on Wednesday 2 December. Please email fobbvs@gmail.com to confirm your space.

Please also save the date for the Yatton Keynell Christmas Fair on Saturday 5 December from 2pm - 5pm in the Village Hall.

PE Days – Term 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!

Year 4 Class Assembly

Just a reminder that the children in Year 4 are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to their class assembly tomorrow **(Friday 6 November)** in the school hall at 2.30pm. We hope you can make it!



PGL Pick up Time

The Year 6 children are due to return to school from PGL on **Friday 13 November** at approximately 11.30am and will need to be collected from the school hall. Please note that siblings will need to remain in school until 3.15pm.

Children in Need - Friday 13 November

We will be celebrating Children in Need by inviting children to come to school wearing a sports kit of their choice! Throughout the week, we will be taking part in Run Pudsey, with each class setting their own running target to work towards. We look forward to getting active, challenging ourselves and raising awareness for this wonderful cause! If you would like to donate to Children in Need, please scan the QR or click the link. https://challenge.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/by-brook-valleys-children-in-need-fundraising-page

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day

It is Anti-Bullying week beginning 16 November and we are launching the week by celebrating Odd Socks Day! We encourage children to wear their odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique and different. Throughout the week, we will be revisiting what bullying is, discussing the importance of kindness and respect, and thinking about how we can use our voices to speak out if we see or experience bullying. We want all children to feel confident to speak up, support one another and know how they can help to make our school a happy, safe and inclusive place for everyone.

Falcons Cake Sale

The Falcons class cake sale will take place on **Friday 20 November**. Please could Falcons bring in any cake donations in the morning on this day. Thank you!



Eagles Class Assembly

The children in Eagles class will be holding a class assembly on **Friday 27 November** to show off all of their wonderful work so far this year and to tell you all about their PGL adventure. The assembly will be held in the hall at 2.30pm so please make your way to the hall door.



School Uniform Supplier

We would like to make you aware that we have another supplier that you can use to order school uniform going forward. Please find attached to the newsletter a flyer from School Trends.

Christmas Events!

Christmas Voice Festival – Choir club children only!

Please find below a link where you can now book tickets for the Christmas Voice Festival in Bradford on Avon on **Wednesday 2 December:** https://www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk/book-online/293201/

Santa Run

Our exciting Santa fun run is back again this year on **Friday 5 December**. Please save the date! We will send out more information about timings etc very soon!



Christmas Productions

It is getting to that time of year again when we will soon be sending home a letter about the Christmas productions.



Please save the following dates:

Reception and KS1 production will be held on:
Thursday 10 December at **9.30am** and **1.30pm** and **Friday 11 December** at **9.30am**.

The **Ospreys and Hawks** Christmas Production will be held on:
Tuesday 8 December at **9.30am** and **1.30pm**.

Kites and Eagles Church Christmas Service

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to attend the Kites and Eagles Christmas Church Service, this will be held on **Thursday 17 December** at **1.00pm**. More details to follow!



Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day



The school Christmas lunch will take place on **Tuesday 15 December**. The cut off for ordering Christmas Dinner is **Wednesday 9 December** and we cannot accept orders after this date. The children are welcome to come to school wearing their Christmas Jumpers on this day. The menu is as follows:

Traditional Christmas Turkey with all the trimmings **OR** Rudolph's Root Veg Toad in the Hole (Ve) with stuffing, roast potatoes and festive veg, followed by a Candy Cane Cookie (Ve)

As we are unable to change the menu on ParentPay for just one day, if your child would like the turkey, you will need to order the **main** sausage roll and mash and if they would like the **veggie** option, please choose the penne with harvest bolognese to receive the toad in the hole. **THERE WILL BE NO JACKET POTATOES OR PASTA ALTERNATIVES ON THIS DAY!**

Please note, that there will be no roast on Wednesday 16 December, we will inform you of the options on this day nearer the time.

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 14 December
3.15pm-4.30pm

Places available!

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

Choir Club – Y1-6

Monday 14 September – Monday 14 December

No choir club on **Monday 9 November**

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

Places available!

TUESDAY

Science and Craft Club – KS2

Tuesday 3 November – Tuesday 15 December
3.15pm – 4.15pm

Please contact Sophie Franey to make a booking:
sophiefraney@outlook.com

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.upandunderspor ts.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 5 November – Thursday 17 December

To make a booking, please see the attached flyer or use the following link:
https://bookings.phactiveed.co.uk/signin

SPACES AVAILABLE!

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
11/11/26	16/11/26
18/11/26	23/11/26
25/11/26	30/11/26
2/12/26	7/12/26
9/12/26	14/12/26



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

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.

2026/2027 Diary Dates

November

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
Saturday 5	Yatton Keynell Christmas Fair 2.00pm – 5.00pm
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 4 January 2027
Friday 28 May 2027
Friday 23 July 2027