Thursday 19 November 2026

BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Henshall

Last week, it was a real privilege to spend 4 days away with Eagles class on their residential to PGL. It was amazing to see the children having a go and supporting each other. Well done, Eagles!

We are continuing to think about Compassion as our value this term. As part of this we have had our focus on Anti-Bullying week. On Monday all the children were organised into their House Parliament groups and, led by the Y6s, were able to discuss what bullying is and how we can improve life at by Brook Valley for someone that may be experiencing bullying but also supporting the perpetrator of bullying. The Y5s and Y6s are now taking this work to create a 'child-friendly' Anti-Bullying Policy. We are looking forward to sharing this across the school once it is completed.

Sheldon School is consulting on a proposal to change the school's admission arrangements for entry into Year 7 from September 2028. The proposed change aims to ensure we continue to provide the highest quality education, maintain appropriate class sizes, supporting both academic achievement and individual attention for our students.

Sheldon invites you to participate in the consultation. Please visit our website or email the school office for more details on how to submit your views by emailing enquiries@sheldonschool.co.uk. The consultation period will remain open until 24 December.

Wiltshire Council is also consulting on the proposed admissions criteria and admission arrangements for its Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2028/29 academic year. The consultation begins on Thursday 19 November 2026 and ends on Thursday 7 January 2027. The documents can be accessed by clicking on the following link www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-consultation.

Children in Need



Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need, we raised an amazing **£225** so thank you all for your kind donations!

We also raised an incredible £244 for Hello Yellow day supporting world mental health week back in October, so thank you again for all of your donations!

Christmas Production Tickets



If you haven't done so already, please don't forget to complete and return the reply slip on the Christmas production letter by **Monday 23 November.** If you need a hard copy of the letter, we have some in the foyer by the office. The initial **2 tickets** will be sent home next week. If there are any spare tickets, we will let you know how to apply for them by email on **Thursday 26 November**.

Please don't forget to make a kind donation on ParentPay as this will help towards the cost of art materials and props for future productions. Thank you!

Falcons Cake Sale

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



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.



Leavers Hoodies

The children in Eagles will be bringing home a letter today about ordering their Year 6 Leavers Hoodies. The letter includes information about sizing and pricing so please look out for this. If you would like to order a hoodie for your child, please make your payment and colour/size choice on ParentPay by **Friday 4 December**.

Year 5 – PGL Residential Letter

A letter will be sent home today about the PGL residential next year for our Year 5 children. As we will be moving away from ParentPay and moving to Arbor, the trip will not be on ParentPay so you will need to sign the consent form in the letter and return it to school. Please could we ask that the deposit of £45 is paid in full by **Thursday 17 December** by BACS. We will then aim to get the trip set up on Arbor so that you can pay the 2nd and 3rd instalment. Thank you!

Bubbles Bookings – Term 3 Only!

We will soon be extending the dates in ParentPay for term 3 only. If you are in receipt of child care vouchers or you use a government child care account and the office makes your bookings for you, please complete the booking form and return to school by **Monday 30 November.** We will only be making bookings for term 3 as we are hoping to move onto our new system Arbor where you will be able to make your own bookings going forward.

Please don't forget to send your next monthly payments for October and November if you haven't done so already! Thank you!

Reading Gudiance Meeting – YR and Y1

Mrs Nicholas and Miss Hamilton will be holding a meeting for Reception and Year 1 parents all about how you can help support your children with reading at home. The meeting will be held **Tuesday 1 December** at **4.00pm**.



♻ CHIPPENHAM UNIFORM EXCHANGE ♻

Please check out the Chippenham Uniform Exchange on Facebook!

- They have lots of By Brook Valley School uniform available to purchase, with prices starting from just **50p!**
- They're open during the week and at weekends, making it really easy to pop along and pick up any uniform you need.
- And despite the name, no exchange is required!! You can simply buy what you need.
- A brilliant way to save money and give school uniform a second life! 💚

Christmas Events!

Choir Club Christmas Events!
The children who attend choir after school club have some lovely events coming up! Paper copies of these letters have been sent home so please complete and return the reply slips to school as soon as possible. Thank you!

Santa Run
Our exciting Santa fun run is back again this year on **Friday 4 December**. Please see the attached poster for more details.



Christmas Productions – Date Reminder!



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, at St Andrews Church in Castle Combe, this will be held on **Thursday 17 December** at **1.30pm**.



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.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 5 November – Thursday 10 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
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 20	Year 1 Cake Sale
Friday 27	Year 6 Class Assembly

December

Tuesday 1	YR and Y1 Reading Guidance Meeting – 4pm
Wednesday 2	Christmas Voice Festival – Choir club only! 4pm
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
Tuesday 15	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Thursday 17	Year 5 and 6 Carol Service 1.30pm
Friday 18	Last Day of term 2 – Finish early 2pm

January

Monday 4	TD Day – No children in School
Tuesday 5	First day of Term 3 – All children in School
Wednesday 6	Year 5 – Sheldon Taster Day
Thursday 14	Year 5 – Hardenhuish Taster Day
Friday 15	Year 3 Cake Sale
Thursday 21	Year 3 and 4 Trip to the Ashmolean Museum – Details to follow
Friday 29	Eagles Cake Sale

February

Tuesday 9	Parents Evening
Thursday 11	Parents Evening
Friday 12	Last Day of term 3
Friday 26	Year 3 Class Assembly

2026 – 27 TD Days

Monday 4 January 2027
Friday 28 May 2027
Friday 23 July 2027