

5 SEPTEMBER 2025

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 1

Term Value
FRIENDSHIP

Message from Mrs Walch

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school, and welcome to a new-look newsletter for this academic year! I hope that you have all enjoyed a lovely summer break, whatever you were up to. Wasn't the weather gorgeous?

It has been so nice to welcome the children back to school, and to see their smiling faces and their neat uniform. Please can I just remind you, though, that jewellery is not part of our uniform, other than stud earrings. This is primarily for safety, but it can also cause a lot of upset if the items are lost. Please don't forget to label your child(ren)'s items.

MEET THE TEACHER meetings - these are a new development at BEDS, and they are a time for you to meet your child's class teacher and find out a little of what will be happening this academic year. LS classes are holding their meetings at 3:20 on Tuesday 9th September, and Upper Site classes will be on Thursday 11th September at 3:40. If you are unable to make it, the information will be shared on the class page on the website.

Today your child will have brought home Seesaw QR codes for their new class, along with a letter explaining how to set up, for new parents and those who have forgotten. Please do set this up as soon as you can, so that you can receive class-related information as well as seeing what your child is getting up to in class. For those who don't know about Seesaw, this will be explained during the meet the teacher meetings.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine on Saturday.

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Walch



Tue 9 Sep	LS Meet the Teacher
Thu 11 Sep	Individual School Photos
Thu 11 Sep	US Meet the Teacher
Fri 12 Sep	Willow Swimming Starts
Thu 18 Sep	SEN Coffee Meetup

Believe to achieve!

'Roots will grow down into God's love to keep us strong.' – EPH 3:17

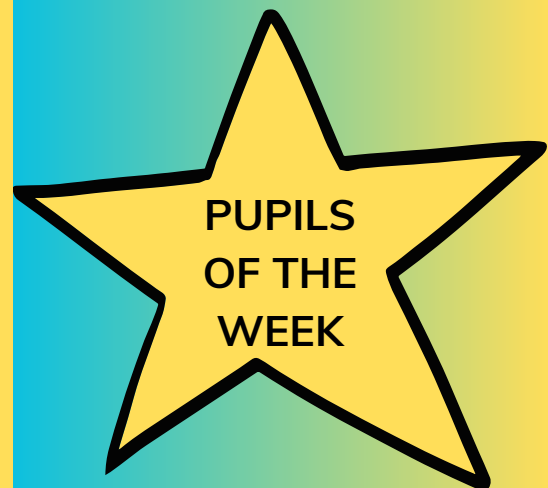
THE VALUE OF...

FRIENDSHIP

It has been a truly lovely start to the year. The Reception and Year 3 children have settled in really well, as have our new children across the school. It has been super to see children showing our values by looking after the new children.

In Collective Worship, we thought about what it would be like to not have any friends, how lonely and sad we would be. We then thought about the friends that we have, and how they make us happy. We are going to work hard this term to become the very best friends to others that we can be.

As it is the start of a new school year, we have also put our pebbles back in the bowls. We all have a pebble in the bowl to show that we are part of the BEDS family. The Year 6 children took theirs with them as they left, the Year 3 pebbles have been moved up from LS, and the new children have put theirs in, so we are now all represented in the correct site! Visitors often comment on how lovely it is that we have this tradition. We also said goodbye to a child today who is moving to another school, so they took their pebble to remind them that they will always be a part of our school family. We hope they settle into their new school and make lots of lovely friends.



The following children have recently received a certificate:

Oakley, Millie, Henry, Anya, Jack O, Zakhar, Bradley, Aina, Yuma, Jack G, Pippa, Alan and Connie.

Well done everyone!

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We would love as many children as possible to have school lunches. The kitchen have worked hard to create a fantastic menu for Term 1 and this is available on our website and can be booked through the Parent Pay platform.

We understand though that some parents may prefer to provide packed lunches for their children. Please see the packed lunch guidance from School Food Matters, on our website [HERE](#), for tips and ideas.



Please can we remind all parents that we are a nut and sesame free school. Please carefully look in particular at any bars in case of any nut or sesame content.

www.schoolfoodmatters.org



SPOTLIGHT ON... staffing

Unfortunately, during the summer holidays, Mrs Walker (Elm teacher) was diagnosed with cancer. She will be off work until Christmas having treatment. We will update as we know more.

Also, in case you haven't managed to read your emails yet today, I am letting you know that I will be leaving Brinkworth Earl Danby's at Christmas. The governors have started the recruitment process, and will keep you informed. I am very sad to be leaving, but it's time for a new challenge.

But, to end on a positive note, Mrs Seton would like to announce that she is expecting! We are very happy for her, and we will be looking after her well as she grows her bundle of joy. She will most likely be with us until around February, so we will let you know nearer the time when she will be starting her maternity leave and who will be covering this.

BEST START IN LIFE

The Prime Minister has written a letter to parents and wants us to share it with you. You can find it [HERE](#).



Please share with other parents that you know.

www.beststartinlife.gov.uk



DATES FOR THE YEAR

Updates since our last issue will be marked in red for easy identification.

To sign up to our calendar and news alerts, just install the School News app. Download the app using the details on our website [here](#).

TERM 1			
Tue 9 Sep	LS Meet the Teacher	Lower Site	3:20pm
Thu 11 Sep	Individual School Photos		
Thu 11 Sep	US Meet the Teacher	Upper Site	3:40pm
Fri 12 Sep	Willow Swimming Starts	Lime Kiln	6 sessions
Thu 18 Sep	SEN Coffee Meetup	Lower Site	14:30 Focus - ADHD
Tue 23 Sep	BEDSA AGM	Lower Site	8pm
Thu 25 Sep	Parent Forum 1	Lower Site	Focus - early reading & phonics
Fri 3 Oct	Whole School - Harvest	Upper Site	Includes church Harvest service
Tue 7 Oct	Y4 Braeside Info Session		
Tue 14 Oct	Y6 Morfa Bay Info Session		
TBC	EYFS Open Days		
Wed 22 Oct	End of Term 1		
Fri 31 Oct	Y7 Applications Deadline		Apply online with Wiltshire Council
TERM 2			
Mon 3 Nov	TD Day		No children in school
Tue 4 Nov	Start of Term 2		
Tue 4 Nov	Non-School Uniform for T1 House Point Winners		
Tue 4 Nov	Y6 Bikeability Group 1 Starts	Lower Site	2 sessions
Thu 6 Nov	Y6 Bikeability Group 2 Starts	Lower Site	2 sessions
Fri 7 Nov	Birch Swimming Starts	Lime Kiln	6 sessions

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TERM 2

Mon 10 Nov	Odd Socks Day		
Tue 11 Nov	Remembrance	Both Sites	Forces families welcome to attend 11am Lower Site pm Upper Site (time TBC)
Fri 14 Nov	Children in Need		
Tue 18 Nov	Parents Eve	Lower Site	
Thu 20 Nov	Parents Eve	Lower Site	
Tue 25 Nov	Flu Immunisations		
Thu 27 Nov	Parent Forum 2	Lower Site	Focus - Maths
Tue 9 Dec	Barn Theatre Trip		
Wed 10 Dec	LS Christmas Production	Lower Site	
Thu 11 Dec	LS Christmas Production	Lower Site	
Thu 11 Dec	US Carol Service	Church	6pm
Wed 17 Dec	Whole School - Christmas	Lower Site	
Wed 17 Dec	Christmas Jumpers & Lunch		
TBC	Y6 Nurse Visit		
TBC	BEDSA Disco		
Fri 19 Dec	End of Term 2		

TERM 3

Mon 5 Jan	TD Day		No children in school
Tue 6 Jan	Start of Term 3		
Tue 6 Jan	NSU for T2 House Point Winners		
Thu 8 Jan	Rowan Swimming Starts	Lime Kiln	6 sessions
Thu 22 Jan TBC	SEN Coffee Meetup	Upper Site	Focus - Dyslexia
Tue 27 Jan TBC	Parent Forum 3	Lower Site	

DATES FOR THE YEAR

TERM 3

Thu 5 Feb	Online Safety		Facilitated by Stay Safe Initiative
Thu 5 Feb	Parent Online Safety Session	Zoom	Evening
w/c 2 Feb	Y6 SATs Info Eve		
Wed 11 Feb	Elm Class Assembly	Lower Site	9:10am
Thu 12 Feb	Willow Class Assembly	Upper Site	9:10am
Fri 13 Feb	End of Term 3		

TERM 4

Mon 23 Feb	Start of Term 4		
Tue 24 Feb	NSU for T3 House Point Winners		
Mon 2 Mar	Book Fair		
Thu 5 Mar	World Book Day		
Wed 18 Mar	Y4 Residential	Braeside	3 days, 2 nights
Thu 19 Mar TBC	Parent Forum 4	Lower Site	
Tue 24 Mar	Parents Eve	Upper Site	
Wed 25 Mar	Oak Class Assembly	Lower Site	9:10am
Thu 26 Mar	Rowan	Upper Site	9:10am
Thu 26 Mar	Parents Eve	Upper Site	
Fri 27 Mar	Whole School - Easter	Upper Site	Includes church Easter service
Fri 13 Mar TBC	Red Nose Day		
Fri 27 Mar	End of Term 4		

DATES FOR THE YEAR

TERM 5

Mon 13 Apr	Start of Term 5		
Tue 14 Apr	NSU for T4 House Point Winners		
Thu 30 Apr TBC	SEN Coffee Meetup	Lower Site	Focus - ASD
Mon 4 May	Bank Holiday		School Closed
Thu 7 May TBC	Parent Forum 5	Lower Site	
Mon 11 May	Y6 SATs Start		4 days
Wed 20 May	Beech Class Assembly	Lower Site	9:10am
Thu 21 May	Birch Class Assembly	Upper Site	9:10am
Fri 22 May	End of Term 5		

TERM 6

Mon 1 Jun	TD Day		No children in school
Tue 2 Jun	Start of Term 6		
Tue 2 Jun	Non-School Uniform for T5 House Point Winners		
Wed 3 Jun	Class School Photos		
Fri 5 Jun	Sports Day	Upper Site	1pm
Fri 12 Jun	Y6 Residential	Morfa Bay	4 days, 3 nights
Thu 18 Jun	Reception New Parents Info Eve		
Fri 19 Jun	Reserve Sports Day		
Thu 25 Jun TBC	Parent Forum 6	Lower Site	
Thu 9 Jul TBC	Shuffle Up/Transfer Day		
TBC	Secondary Inductions		

DATES FOR THE YEAR

TERM 6

Mon 13 Jul	School Reports Out		
Mon 13 Jul	Y2 Second Transfer Day	Upper Site	
Wed 15 Jul	Willow Production	Lower Site	PM & Eve performances
Fri 17 Jul	Leavers' Party	Upper Site	After school
Tue 21 Jul	Whole School - Leavers' Service	Upper Site	AM church service Y6 Parents welcome
Tue 21 Jul	End of Term 6		
Wed 22 Jul	TD Day		No children in school



Brinkworth Earl Danby's School Association



bedsacontact@gmail.com

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 23rd September 2025, 8pm Lower School Hall

The annual general meeting of Brinkworth Earl Danby's School Association (BEDSA) will take place on Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at 8pm at Lower School Hall. The meeting itself will be kept brief and to the point, allowing this evening to be a social event where everyone can catch up after the summer and perhaps meet other parents. This is an ideal opportunity if you are new to the school or cannot always drop off or collect from school. BEDSA will be offering refreshments and nibbles.

BEDSA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents/carers and staff are encouraged to support the AGM. We do require double the amount of people on the committee to be in attendance (required by its charity status). This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the pupils at our school and to contribute any of your own ideas and suggestions.

If you are interested in what BEDSA has achieved this year or if you have any ideas moving forward, we would warmly welcome any expressions of interest from parents looking to get involved in BEDSA either as a general committee member, a casual volunteer at events or for a specific role within the committee.

Agenda for AGM

- Chairs report
- Treasurer's report
- Looking forward
- Committee members elections (including chair, treasurer, secretary)
- Date of next meeting

Many thanks for all your support.

Sophie Durrans

BEDSA secretary

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

The Brinkworth Bag Lady has closed her clothes recycling bin until further notice. BEDSA will now be collecting pre-loved uniform. This can either be dropped at Lower site or Upper site offices, or you can contact a member of BEDSA direct.

If you would like to buy any pre-loved uniform, please contact a member of BEDSA or email on bedsacontact@gmail.com



COMMUNITY NEWS

WILTSHIRE SPORTS ACADEMY

After school football and dodgeball sessions are now available to book using the following link:

www.wiltshiresportsacademy.co.uk/product-category/after-school

Half term football camp details coming soon.



LOWER MOOR WILDLIFE GROUP

Mrs Hall from Upper Site will be running tomorrow's session and the weather is looking good!

Email lmfwatchgroup@gmail.com to book a place.



Fun wildlife activities every month for families to discover the wonders of the natural world!

For primary-aged children and accompanying adults

COME ALONG TO OUR SEPTEMBER SESSION

SAT 6TH 10-12AM

AUTUMN CHILLOUT

As we move into the new season, we would like to give our bug hotel a makeover - you may not even know it is there it is so overgrown!

We hope to get the fire pit going - weather dependent - and will have some minibeast based crafts and activities

Please wear suitable clothing as this is an outdoor event and the weather may be wet!

If you have gardening gloves please do bring them along.


BOOKING & COST

Booking essential - please email lmfwatchgroup@gmail.com

Non-members welcome

Suggested donation £2.50 per session per child, adults free

Meet at Lower Moor car park - Somerford Keynes Road, SN16 9TW

 monitors.compounds.grapevine



COMMUNITY NEWS

MESSY CHURCH (Sun 7 September)



Hello Everyone,

It's the start of the new school year!

Children are excited to be back with their friends and lots of parents are relieved to have a cup of coffee in peace. We are thinking about everyone changing schools and teachers and will be praying for you all this week.

Messy Church is back too on Sunday 7th September. In Brinkworth Village Hall at 10.30 for coffee and tea and refreshments and crafts and activities, followed by worship together around 11. We really look forward to seeing you all soon.

Please note, our October Messy Church will be Harvest Messy Church on 5th Oct at 10.30 in Brinkworth Church.

With Best wishes from
The Messy Church Team

www.messychurch.brf.org.uk/find-a-church/your-local-messy-church/brinkworth-messy-church



COMMUNITY NEWS

SEDNFEST (Sat 20 September)

This is a wonderful opportunity for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) students to explore, express themselves, and connect with others in a fully accessible and supportive environment.

Date: 20th September 2025

Location: Wiltshire Music Centre

Ashley Rd, Bradford-on-Avon BA15 1DZ

Time: 10am-6pm

What's on at SENDFEST?

- Archery
- Face painting and craft zones
- A high-energy silent disco
- Live music and performances
- A dedicated sensory space for regulation and calm
- Refreshments and chill-out areas

Places are limited, to hold yours please use the sign-up link below. Following this we will be sending out information on how to sign up for activities.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sendfest-tickets-1462905562919?aff=oddtcreator

SEDNFEST is all about participation, creativity, and joy - and we would love to see as many SEND young people and their families as possible.





COMMUNITY NEWS

WILTSHIRE CONNECT BUS SERVICE

The Public Transport team at Wiltshire Council is pleased to advise that we have extended our popular Wiltshire Connect on-demand bus service to your area.

The service can be used for journeys to Royal Wootton Bassett, Malmesbury and to any location in the operating area (see map below) which includes the Great Western Hospital, Orbital Retail Park and Kemble Railway Station.

Anyone can use Wiltshire Connect and our wheelchair accessible vehicles operate between 6am-8pm Mon-Fri and 8am-7.30pm on Saturdays. Rides can be booked by using the Wiltshire Connect app or by phone on 01225 712900.

If you have any questions about Wiltshire Connect, please feel free to email us at WiltshireConnect@wiltshire.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can also call our friendly team on 01225 712900.

www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk/royal-wootton-bassett-malmesbury

