

19 SEPTEMBER 2025

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2

Term Value
FRIENDSHIP

Message from Mrs Jackson

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen in the letter sent to parents/carers earlier in the week that Mrs Walch is currently signed off on long-term sick leave. I have been working at the school in a leadership capacity since December 2024, so the Governors have asked me to continue supporting the school as Interim Headteacher in Mrs Walch's absence, working alongside our wonderful Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Cross. She too has been off poorly recently but we are hoping she will return to work in the near future.

This week we the children have been enjoying finding out about ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) in their classes. They have found out what the word 'neurodiversity' means and have focused on the specific talents and skills neurodivergent individuals bring to the school community, such as creative, analytical, and innovative thinking.

We have all been wearing an orange ribbon to celebrate children with ADHD and talking positively about differences and how everyone learns differently.

We held a Parents Coffee Morning to discuss ways we support children with ADHD at school and discussed useful strategies to try at home. We hope those who did attend, found it useful and informative.

We are planning other weeks over the coming weeks to celebrate the unique strengths of neurodivergent individuals, to promote understanding and acceptance of other neurodiversity conditions including conditions such as autism and dyslexia.

Mrs Jackson



Tue 23 Sep	BEDSA AGM - 8pm Lower Site Hall
Thu 25 Sep	Parent Forum 1 - 6pm Lower Site Hall
Fri 3 Oct	Whole School - Harvest
Tue 7 Oct	Y4 Braeside Info Session - 3:40pm Upper Site

Believe to achieve!

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

THE VALUE OF...

FRIENDSHIP

As you know, this term we are exploring the value of Friendship which we hope will help the children to develop their personal and social skills. Forming, developing and sustaining friendships is an important part of a child's life and the purpose of our friendship month is to enable pupils to practise these skills and foster positive relationships within the classroom setting.

As part of their home learning, we would like the children to think about what they can do to be a good friend. Please could you support us by talking to your child about their ideas and encourage them to think about things they could say or do. Many children may suggest giving their friend a present and whilst this is a lovely gesture, we would like to encourage them to do something that costs nothing!



The following children have recently received a certificate:

Xanthe, Sidney, Tilly, Ollie T, Hattie, Vienna-Rose, Theodore, Poppy B, Aria, Rafe, Skylar, Dan, Ed M, Lev, Olivia L, Josh, Kingsley, Lucian, Poppy D, Phoebe, Rue, Charlie M, Tansy,

Well done everyone!

School Council

The votes have been counted and verified and our new school councillors have been chosen! We haven't had our first meeting yet but when we do we will be sharing their photos and what they hope to achieve as their class representative.



Worship Council

Pupils are also elected by their class to become Worship Council representatives. Because we are a church school, we want to everyone enjoy worshipping God. Every half term the Worship Council meets to discuss all things Worship.



This is what they do:

- Help to lead worship
- Discuss worship and how it can be even better
- Help choose songs for worship
- Think and talk about our school ethos, vision and values and how it can be further improved.

PARKING

We are writing to remind you of the importance of parking sensibly, with consideration to the local residents as well as both the safety of other road users and pedestrians. Whilst we understand that parking is very limited, we ask that when parking, you make sure that you are not obstructing driveways of local residents, causing obstructions to other road users or parking dangerously. This includes parking on double yellow lines, parking within 10m of a junction and parking on or over a dropped kerb. All of which are contraventions, and a penalty charge notice can be issued.

Parking restrictions as stipulated by the Highway Code - Rule 243 include:

DO NOT stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus stop or taxi rank
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend

We are working with the local Police to ensure every keeps our children, other road users and pedestrians safe. They will be making some unannounced visits to ensure everyone is following the Highway Code.

I am sure I can rely upon everyone's continued support to ensure that all adults and children are able to access the school sites safely and maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

Thank you for your support

HARVEST (3 Oct)



We will be celebrating Harvest as a whole school on Friday 3rd October. Please ensure all children are dropped off at Upper Site on this morning. We will be attending a service at St Michael and All Angels church in Brinkworth. Transport has been arranged to return the Lower Site children back in time for lunch.

This year, we will again be supporting Malmesbury and District Foodbank. Please find on the next page, details of the items that the children can donate this year. Please be mindful of any best before dates. Items can be brought to Upper Site on Friday 3rd, that way all donations will be at one site ready for collection on the Monday.





Malmesbury & District
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Feeding people in crisis across North Wiltshire

Harvest appeal

Help support your food bank this Harvest

In August the food bank provided food parcels for 66 families, helping 170 individuals. Harvest collections will help us to continue to support local people facing hardship.



Stock items needed

- Savoury snacks
- UHT milk
- UHT fruit juice
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned pasta sauces
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned soup
- Tinned beans/spaghetti
- Chocolate and sweets
- Cereal
- Tinned hot meat
- Tinned cold meat
- Tinned custard
- Washing detergent
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Shaving gel & razors

Long Life food products only please

Please make sure all donated items are in date. Thank you.

Tel: 01666 826982

malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1157896)



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 23 Sep	BEDSA AGM	Lower Site	8pm
Thu 25 Sep	Parent Forum 1	Lower Site	6pm Focus - early reading & phonics
Fri 3 Oct	Whole School - Harvest	Upper Site	Includes church Harvest service
Tue 7 Oct	Y4 Braeside Info Session	Upper Site	3:40pm
Fri 10 Oct	BEDSA School Disco	Lower Site	
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
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		

DATES FOR THE YEAR

TERM 2

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	
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

DATES FOR THE YEAR

TERM 3

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
Wed 11 Feb	Elm Class Assembly	Lower Site	9:10am
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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (28 Sep)

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. Agenda items will include: Chairs report, Treasurer's report, Looking forward, Committee members elections (including chair, treasurer, secretary), Date of next meeting.

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.

Many thanks for all your support.

Sophie Durrans
BEDSA secretary

FUNDRAISING

We have various ongoing fundraising streams. Please do sign up / use our codes, it all helps!



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising free money for BEDSA with easyfundraising? With over 8000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brinkwortheardanbybedsa

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

This can either be dropped at both school offices. To buy, just drop BEDSA an email.



Sign up to purchase weekly lottery tickets, boost school funds, win cash prizes

At least one winning ticket per school per week!

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/

Don't forget to order new name labels through Stikins using our code 35318





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.



Save money and cook better than the takeaway

JOIN OUR **FREE** FUN COOKING COURSES

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Free, fun cooking courses **AT HOME**
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To register

Phone or text/Whatsapp 07463 111 006

or email: Wiltshire@bagssoftaste.org

or you can sign up online: <https://bagssoftaste.org/students>

Are you worried about the rising cost of food and how to eat healthily on a tight budget?

Then join one of our free, fun cooking courses. Learn how to make delicious, healthy meals from all over the world whilst saving money.

All you need is a kitchen and a phone!



About the course

- **FREE**, ingredients included*
- Cook tasty, healthy meals, cheaply
- Get tips on how to budget and save money when you're shopping
- Learn how to waste less

How does it work?

- We deliver three step-by-step recipes and all the ingredients you need, straight to your door
- Your personal mentor will support you by phone or WhatsApp with lots of tips and advice along the way
- At the end you'll get a free gift of wallet-friendly recipes

What do I need to do?

- All we ask is that you cook the three recipes and send us photos of your lovely food!

How long does it take?

- About two weeks but you can work at your own pace

How do I join?

- Register online: <https://bagssoftaste.org/students>
- Call/WhatsApp 07463 111 006
- Email Wiltshire@bagssoftaste.org

Once we've confirmed your registration we'll contact you to arrange your delivery



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HAVE FUN

*For qualifying participants only



COMMUNITY NEWS

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2026?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at wiltshire.gov.uk or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 31 October 2025

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

Key Stage 2 girls...
Join us for Stroud High School Open Evening
Thursday 9 October 5-7.30pm
Register online at
www.stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk



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THE SUNDAY TIMES
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Dyslexia Information Event for Parents

- Date: Tuesday, 7th October 2025
- Time: 10.30am-12pm
- Audience: Parents and carers
- Location: Atrium, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA148JN

This free information event will begin with a talk about dyslexia and support available in Wiltshire. Following this, there will be the opportunity to ask questions. To book a place, please email dfs@wiltshire.gov.uk.



Wiltshire Specialist Special Educational Needs Service (SSENS)

Wiltshire Council



COMMUNITY NEWS



Time Out For Parents - Children with Additional Needs

Are you a parent/carer for a child (or children) with additional needs? This course was written for you!

Come and meet other parents/carers to support, help and encourage each other to share feelings and experiences about your child with additional needs.

Discuss and share ideas that support you to come up with solutions to problems and behaviours that challenge on the basis of what works - not what's meant to work!

(No formal diagnosis required)

Join us virtually on Microsoft Teams;

Wednesdays 10am - 12pm

8th October - 3rd December
(no session during October Half Term)

<https://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/alltogether>



Scan QR code to register your interest or call us on 0800 970 4669

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Thursdays 6pm - 8pm

16th October - 4th December

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Braeside Education Centre



October Half Term Activity Days! £45 per day

Adventure - Challenge - Fun
For ages: 8 – 12 years
(Siblings up to 14 years)

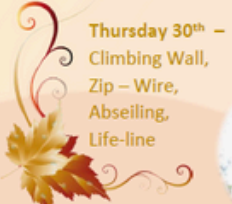
Drop Off - 8:30am – 9:00am
Pick Up - 4:30pm – 5:00pm



Tuesday 28th –
Canoeing,
High Ropes Activities



Wednesday 29th –
Mixed Activity Day
Pumpkin Carving,
Themed Orienteering,
Archery,
Low Ropes



Thursday 30th –
Climbing Wall,
Zip – Wire,
Abseiling,
Life-line



Please book online by visiting

www.braeside-education.co.uk/holiday-club

Contact us for more details;
01380 722637



Braeside Education Centre

info@braeside-education.co.uk

Activities will run in groups, in rotation, throughout the day.

KING'S LODGE HOLIDAY CAMP



King's Lodge Primary School, Chippenham
SN15 3SY

Thursday 23rd - Friday 31st October

Breakfast Club: 08:00 - 09:00
Camp Day: 09:00 - 15:00
Extended Club: 15:00 - 16:00
Extended Club: 15:00 - 17:30

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