

17 OCTOBER 2025



NEWSLETTER ISSUE 4

Term Value
FRIENDSHIP

Message from Mrs Jackson

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely few weeks we have had in school - the children never cease to make me smile! I have been in and out of classes, observing lessons, walking around school and talking to children about their learning. It is always so inspiring to see how, within minutes, each class is focussed and working on something that they found tricky the day before or need to improve on. We have introduced a new system called 'Never4Get' whereby the teachers verbally ask children to remember learning from previous day, previous week, previous term & then a 'challenge' (which can be learning from a long time ago). Our lessons are designed to spark curiosity, are ambitious and provide space for the children to think.

Yesterday/Last lesson: Which word is correct in this sentence? _____ going to be late! your / you're	Last week: Which word is the odd one out? large whispered gasped shouted
Last term: Which book is non-fiction?  	Challenge/back in time: TRUE/FALSE An adverb is ...adds to the verb...it is the way we do something

With best wishes
Mrs Jackson



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- Mon 3 Nov TD Day - no children in school
- Tue 4 Nov Start of Term 2 & Non-School Uniform House Point Winners
- Tue 4 Nov Y6 Bikeability Starts
- Fri 7 Nov Birch Swimming Starts

Believe to achieve!

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

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

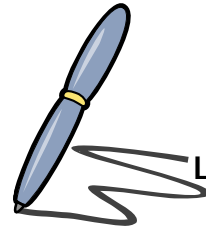
Welcome to our new format where you can see more clearly the achievements made by the children in the last two weeks. Well done everyone!



STAR OF THE WEEK



Olivia, L, Poppy B, Isla D, Leo S, Walter, Ada S, Carina, Eli, Seth, Jac, Tansy, Cybele, Edward C, Dylan, Alex and Melie.



PEN LICENCE

Louisa and Teddy P



VALUES

Jaxson.



GOOD MANNERS

Teddy P, Scarlett, Molly G, Christopher C, Martha, Sage, Tommy and Emily.



ATTENDANCE

Elm Class 100%
Rowan Class 98%

Beech Class 96.6%
Rowan Class 96%



GREAT READING

Lottie, Ollie P, Skylar, Katrina, Jesse, Eve, Connie, Freya, Joshua, Aubrey, Pippa, Ted L, Isla D, Bradley, Louna, Olivia L, Arlo, Eliza, Sefton, Ava, Lexi, Hattie, Poppy D, Elijah, Carina, Eva, Ellie, Jack O, George, Amelia, Freya, Dylan, Sage, Arlo, Olly P, Jack G, Zoe, Finley, Molly M, Max, Ben and Keegan



25 READS



Martha, Tilly, Theodore, Charlie M, Lily F, Walter, Kieran, Phoebe, Millie, Grace, Seth and Olivia J.

SEND UPDATE FROM MRS POCOCK (6 OCT)

We are now whizzing through term 1 and the children have settled in nicely to their new classes.

'ADHD Awareness Week' was a great success. The children enjoyed the information and stories and now have a better understanding of how everyone is different and how this should be celebrated. Keep an eye open for other 'Awareness Weeks' - we have more planned for the future!

We held our first SEN parent coffee meet up and plan to hold more of these in the future - please remember all parents/carers are welcome - not just those who have children with SEND.

We also have a new SEND Governor, Mrs Catriona McBride, and I look forward to working with her in the future.

SPOTLIGHT ON... SEND INFORMATION REPORT



I have recently reviewed our SEND Information Report to make it more reader friendly. It can be found on our school website [HERE](#) and is an overview about how we support children with SEND at our school, monitor their progress and explains the processes and external agency help that we can seek.

As always, if you have any concerns, please email me at SENDCO@brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk

Mrs Maria Pocock

BRAESIDE FUNDRAISER (21 OCT)

The Year 4s are really looking forward to their residential.

Due to rising prices for residentials and coach travel, we are looking into ways to help with costs. Year 4 will be holding a fundraising cake sale on Tuesday 21 October on the Upper Site playground after school.

Everyone is welcome!

RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

If you would like to see the presentation from Mrs Pocock's recent information session, you can now view it on our website [here](#).

Everyone is welcome at our

Upper Site Cake Sale

to raise funds to go towards the

Year 4 trip to Braeside 2026.



Tuesday 21st October at 3.30pm



Donations of cake will be gratefully received on Tuesday morning—if home-made, we ask that the ingredients be clearly labelled on your named container.

Cash only please.

YEAR 6 MORFA BAY RESIDENTIAL

We will be adding the latest presentation to our website [HERE](#) and will email you the letters (including costs), updated kit lists etc here once they are available.





NO CONKER BATTLES!

We are asking children to leave their lovely shiny conkers at home please. We have told children they are not to bring conkers on string to have conker battles in school. We are concerned it may lead to arguments and people getting hurt by flying conkers.

SNACKS FOR BREAK-TIME

This is a polite reminder that we only allow fruit or vegetables as a snack at breaktime.

Most children require a snack at morning break to keep them going through the day.

We encourage children to bring in healthy snacks.

Many of these will help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert and help them concentrate.

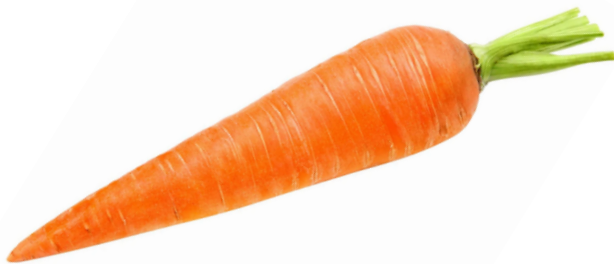
Children in EYFS and KS1 have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided for free by the government, so additional snacks for these ages may not be required.

If your child in KS2 (Upper site) would like to bring a snack, please limit them to the list below.

- Vegetables/ vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot.
- A piece of cheese (cheddar cheese or Babybel).
- A piece of fresh or dried fruit
- Pot of fruit - cut up pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.

Please do not send them in with biscuits, crisps or sweets.

Thank you for your co-operation.



ABSENCE

If your child is unwell, please remember to contact the relevant school office by 8:45am to allow staff time to update the registers and cancel any lunches before our deadlines.

If you know in advance your child will be off, please complete a leave of absence request. Paper copies are kept at each school office or you can find the document on our website [HERE](#).

END OF DAY AT UPPER SITE

Please could we ask that families leave the Upper Site playground by 3:40pm so that we can secure the site. This is especially important on Thursdays and Fridays when we are hosting sports clubs after school.

Thank you.



Brinkworth Earl Danby's School Association



bedsacontact@gmail.com



We hope all the children enjoyed themselves at the disco last Friday night. Thank you to everybody that helped out, we are so grateful for your support.

THANK YOU

We're still counting all the pennies, but we made a fantastic amount to help fund exciting things for Brinkworth Earl Danbys. We'll update you when we know the total amount raised.



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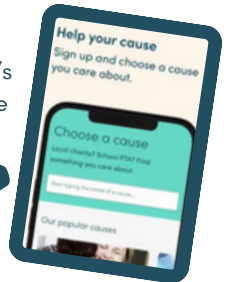
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Sign up and select Brinkworth Earl Danby's School Association (BEDSA) as your cause



3

BEDSA gets a £2 bonus each time this happens before 31st October



4

Enable the Donation Reminder on the app and get reminders on your browser while you shop

You shop, brands donate

It won't cost you any extra!



Free donations for **BEDSA** from 8,000+ retailers



8,000+ online retailers

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



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/

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Donations can be dropped at both school offices. To buy, just drop BEDSA an email. £2 per item, or 3 for £5

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



DATES FOR THE YEAR

Updates since our last issue in red. 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 21 Oct	Cake Sale		Fundraiser for Braeside residential
Wed 22 Oct	End of Term 1		
Fri 31 Oct	Y7 Applications Deadline		Apply online via 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		We will email about the 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; pm Upper
Fri 14 Nov	Children in Need		
Fri 14 Nov	EYFS Open Morning		9:30-10:15 at Lower Site 11:00-12:00 at Upper Site
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	

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TERM 2

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		
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
Thu 12 Feb	Willow Class Assembly	Upper Site	9:10am
Fri 13 Feb	End of Term 3		

DATES FOR THE YEAR

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	
Fri 20 Mar	Red Nose Day		
Tue 24 Mar	Parents Eve	Upper Site	
Thu 26 Mar	Rowan Class Assembly	Upper Site	9:10am
Thu 26 Mar	Parents Eve	Upper Site	
Fri 27 Mar	Whole School - Easter	Upper Site	Includes church Easter service
Fri 27 Mar	End of Term 4		

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		

DATES FOR THE YEAR

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		
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



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WILTSHIRE SPORTS ACADEMY



watch this space for next terms booking link for after school football and dodgeball sessions.

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**

October Half Term Football Camp

2 Day Football Camp
Thurs 23rd Oct & Fri 24th Oct

School years: Reception - Yr11
9.30am - 2.30pm (Drop off from 8.30am)
Only £19 per day! Discounts for siblings & WFA JPL Club Members

- Challenges
- Daily Tournaments
- Skills
- Fun

Gerard Buxton Sports Complex (3G)
Brinkworth Road, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 8DS

<https://www.wiltshiresportsacademy.co.uk/product/october-football-camp>

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Year 5's – January to March

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BOWOOD AUTUMN ACTIVITIES

With October Half Term approaching, we would like to tell you about the Kids Activities we are offering at Bowood House & Gardens. Families can explore the Pumpkin Trail through the Arboretum amongst the autumn leaves, use an activity booklet, and create Arts & Crafts in the Treehouse Café.

Mud & Guts offers children (ages 6-10) an outdoor fun experience. A curious mind, enjoyment of nature, this activity is perfect for children who do not like sitting still! Children learn through repetition, so we encourage children to return who have already experienced this activity. Returning children improve their confidence, learn to help others, and feel more inspired and self-assured being outdoors. This activity takes place outside Bowood House & Gardens grounds, so you do not need a Day Ticket to take part, but fees apply. We are offering 50% discount off our Day Ticket price for the participating child on the day. [BOOK HERE](#)

**OUTDOOR KIDS ACTIVITIES
HOSTED BY 'MUD & GUTS'**

Thursday 30th October
Morning and afternoon sessions available.

Experience den building, game playing, rope swinging fun, all in an inspiring, natural and educational environment at Bowood House & Gardens.

£21.50 per child
Please pre-book online.
Terms & Conditions apply.

**'CREEPY CRITTERS'
WORKSHOP BY ZOOLAB UK**

Tuesday 28th October – Saturday 1st November

These fun indoor workshops will give children insights into amazing creatures and their behaviour.

£8.00 per person
Please pre-book online.
Terms & Conditions apply.
Day Ticket(s) for House & Gardens required to access this workshop.

Creepy Critters returns this year, after a sell out last year. These interactive workshop sessions are perfect for children (ages 2-16) with an interest in learning about animals and nature (extra ticket applies). Children can meet real live Snakes, Frogs, Giant Snails and Tarantulas* and learn more about these incredible animals, their amazing skills, and abilities. *Animal selection to be confirmed.

These sessions are only available to Bowood House & Gardens visitors so a Day Ticket must be purchased in advance, on the same day, for both adult and child in addition to the Creepy Critters ticket. Note the accompanying adult into the workshop does not need to purchase a Creepy Critters ticket, but any extra adults will need to purchase a ticket due to the space available. The activity will be located a short distance from our Treehouse Café in the Gardeners' Bothy (inside our grounds) and tickets are selling fast. [BOOK HERE](#)



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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

Childcare vouchers & Tax-Free
Childcare payments are accepted.



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STANTON ST QUINTIN HOLIDAY CAMP



Stanton St Quintin Primary School, Stanton St Quintin, Chippenham SN14 6DQ

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th 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

Childcare vouchers & Tax-Free
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	DAY	WEEK
Breakfast Club (08:00 - 09:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Day Booking (09:00-15:00)	£31.00	£139.50
Extended Club (15:00 - 16:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Extended Club (15:00 - 17:30)	£10.50	£42.00



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