



Message from Mrs Butt



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a peaceful and restorative Christmas period, filled with moments of joy, rest, and togetherness. As we step into the new term, I would also like to gently invite you to keep in your prayers those in our school community - and beyond - who may be in need of comfort, strength, or support at this time. Your kindness and thoughtfulness make a real difference.

Returning to Brinkworth Earl Danby's this week has been a genuine delight. The school has looked truly beautiful in the frost, ice, and soft winter light - there's something quite magical about seeing the grounds transformed by the season. Even more uplifting has been welcoming back the children, whose smiling faces and eagerness to learn have brought such warmth to these chilly January days. Their enthusiasm for Term 3 is already shining through.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredibly warm welcome I have received from parents, staff, and children alike. Your openness and kindness have made my start here very special, and I am genuinely excited to get to know you all more as the term unfolds. I am particularly looking forward to the upcoming meet-and-greet event, which I hope will be a wonderful opportunity for us to connect further.

This week's Epiphany has offered a meaningful moment of reflection as we continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus here at BEDs and we focus upon our termly value of Respect.

Thank you once again for your warmth and support. I look forward to the term ahead.

With best wishes
Mrs Butt

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that the school gate is open and that children are supervised by a member of staff before you leave in the morning. This is an important safeguarding priority for us, as it helps keep all children safe and ensures they are properly supervised on site.

Thank you for working with us to maintain a secure and caring environment for our pupils.



12 Jan	Reception Height & Weight	23 Jan	SEN Coffee Meetup
15 Jan	Parent Forum 3	4 Feb	We The Curious

Believe to achieve!

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

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

The following children have been recognised for their achievements in celebration assembly in the last two weeks. Well done everyone!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Sophia, Aala, Ada S, Elsie, Eve, Arlo, Amari, Aubrey, Woody and Louie.



ATTENDANCE

Elm Class 100%
Willow Class 99.17%



GOOD MANNERS

Theodore, Lochie, Charlie, Amelia, Ted and Ollie

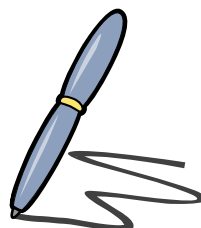


VALUES



GREAT READING

Kingsley, Zoe, Sage, Jack, Arlo, Jesse, Isla D, Dylan, Aria, Molly, Joshua, Pippa, Eliza, Lexi, Rafe, Ed, Yuma, Max, Ben, Ruari and Noah.



PEN LICENCE

Leo

And a special mention to those who have read daily over Christmas - we are very proud!

Sophie O, Connie, Jesse, Grace, Lily, Kieran, Millie, Charlie, Oakley, Seb, Jac, Martha, Phoebe, Eli, Aubrey, Ed, Iliana, Lexi, Rafe, Molly, Ted, Yuma, Max, Oscar, Noah, Ben, Emily and Arlo

50 reads
Seth, Cybele

75 reads
Poppy, Carina

100 reads
Leo, Lockie, Ada S, Christopher C, Eva, Xanthe, Lucian

125 reads
Sidney, Christopher, Xanthe

SENDCO UPDATE

Hello,

We would like to remind parents and carers to our next SEND coffee session which will focus on dyslexia.

Friday 23 January

2:00 - 3:30 pm

At Upper Site

Do come along for a coffee and a chat. No diagnosis is needed for families to attend.

Please note that this is a new date from the previously advertised date of Thursday 22 January

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Pocock

SPOTLIGHT ON...



Respect!

At Brinkworth Earl Danby's, we believe respect is at the heart of our Christian values.

The Bible reminds us in Matthew 7:12: "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Respect means valuing each person as a child of God, treating others with kindness, listening carefully, and appreciating differences.

When we show respect, we create a community where everyone feels safe, loved, and able to flourish. Let's encourage our children to demonstrate respect at home, in school, and in the wider world - because respect reflects God's love in action.

IPADS

BEDSA have very kindly donated the funds for the school to purchase 10 iPads. We are pleased to announce that these have now been set up and will be started to be used at Upper Site from today.



Y6 SATS INFORMATION SESSION

You will see from the dates section that this session will be held on Tuesday 3 February at 3:40pm. Please do come along to find out about SATS, how we prepare the children and how the SATS week is administered.

FAREWELL FROM HELEN WALLACE

I am writing to share that I will be leaving my role as School Business Manager in early March, to take on a management position with a local council near Ascot. I have enjoyed managing the non-teaching aspects of the school and I personally love our historic buildings and find the surrounding scenery beautiful. As many of you know, the School Business Manager role was introduced to bring professional expertise in finance, HR, facilities, catering etc, allowing educators to focus more fully on teaching. It's an interesting, varied and sometimes a bit intense role! I am grateful to have worked alongside a team of people who work with such commitment for the good of all the pupils who go to the school.

We wish Helen all the very best in her new role and are currently recruiting for a smooth handover in March. Thank you for your dedication to Brinkworth Earl Danby's!

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](#).

PE DAYS	Beech - Reception	Mondays & Thursdays
	Beech - Year 1	Mondays & Wednesdays
	Elm	Tuesdays & Wednesdays
	Birch	Tuesdays & Thursdays
	Rowan	Mondays & Fridays + Swimming Thursdays
	Willow	Mondays & Thursdays

TERM 3

Mon 12 Jan	Reception Height & Weight	Lower Site	A letter from HCRG will be sent
Thu 15 Jan	Parent Forum 3	Lower Site	6pm - Meet Mrs Butt (new Head)
Fri 23 Jan (was 22 Jan)	SEN Coffee Meetup	Upper Site	2pm - Focus - Dyslexia
Wed 4 Feb	We The Curious	Upper Site	Trip to Bristol
Thu 5 Feb	Online Safety		Facilitated by Stay Safe Initiative
Thu 5 Feb	Parent Online Safety	Zoom	Evening Session
Tue 3 Feb	Y6 SATs Info Eve	Upper Site	15:40 in Willow Classroom
Wed 11 Feb	Rowan Class Assembly	Upper Site	9:10am (was 26 Mar)
Fri 13 Feb	End of Term 3		

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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	Parent Forum 4	Lower Site	
Fri 20 Mar	Red Nose Day		
Tue 24 Mar	Parents Eve	Upper Site	
Thu 26 Mar	Willow Class Assembly	Upper Site	9:10am (was 12 Feb)
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	SEN Coffee Meetup	Lower Site	Focus - ASD
Mon 4 May	Bank Holiday		School Closed
Thu 7 May	Parent Forum 5	Lower Site	
Mon 11 May	Y6 SATs Start		4 days
Wed 20 May	Elm Class Assembly	Lower Site	9:10am (was 11 Feb)
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	NSU 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	Parent Forum 6	Lower Site	
Wed 8 Jul	Beech Class Assembly	Lower Site	9:10am (was 20 May)
Thu 9 Jul	Shuffle Up/Transfer Day		
8 & 9 Jul	Malmesbury Year 6 Induction Day		
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
Tue 21 Jul	End of Term 6		
Wed 22 Jul	TD Day		No children in school



COMMUNITY NEWS

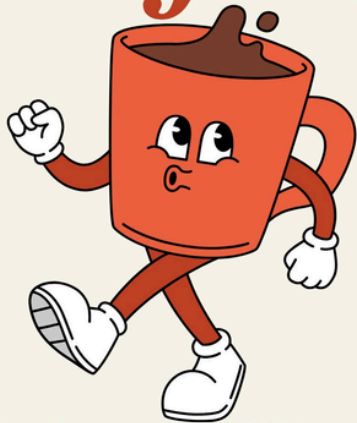
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WILTSHIRE SPORTS ACADEMY



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

Village Cafe



at *Brinkworth Village Hall*

Every Tuesday
2pm - 4:30pm

Post Office open
1:30pm - 3:30pm

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE HALL



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MIDDLE EASTERN PILAF



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Phone or text/Whatsapp 07463 111 006

or email: Wiltshire@bagssoftaste.org

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

Wiltshire Council



Recycle your used postage stamps and old spectacles at the

Brinkworth Post Office

Tuesdays
13.30 – 15.30 hrs



Messy Church

🕒 Every First Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for 1 hour

📍 [St Michael & All Angels, Brinkworth](#)

St Michael & All Angels, Brinkworth, School Hill Brinkworth, SN155AX, United Kingdom

📌 Bacon Rolls & Toast with Homemade Marmalade / Jam
Activities & Crafts for Children.

Act of worship with Action Songs, interactive talks, inclusive prayers.



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Dear Neighbour,

Railway work near your home - Drainage work at Callow Hill and Brinkworth

We wanted to let you know that we'll soon be carrying out drainage work in the Callow Hill and Brinkworth area, helping us to maintain a safe and reliable railway.

We'll be working **around-the-clock continuously** on the dates listed below so our teams can work safely. Please be aware these dates may be subject to change.

Date of shifts	Time of shifts
From 11pm on Friday 2 January to 6am on Monday 5 January 2026	Continuous work around the clock
From 11pm on Friday 9 January to 6am on Monday 12 January 2026	Continuous work around the clock

To find out more about the type of machinery, scan the following QR code with your phone or visit www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/looking-after-the-railway/our-fleet-machines-and-vehicles

We're aware that we are working close to your home and will try to minimise disruption as much as possible, but we are sorry if we do disturb you.

I hope this information is helpful but if you have any questions, there are several ways to contact us, calling our dedicated 24-hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41, visiting www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus or scanning this QR code with your phone for more information about living by the railway.

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Time out for Parents Programmes with Family Hub Jan-March 2026 SPACES left

We still have spaces left on our TOFP (Time out for Parents) – programmes for January-March 2026, starting in the next 2-4 weeks. Virtual sessions are delivered by using MS Teams. (Families will be offered support to join if needed). These are relaxed and non-judgmental workshops where we share tools and strategies for family life, and where parents and carers are encouraged to share their experiences and challenges. We also signpost and share information on other services and offer families 1:1 opportunities to discuss further support needs with our facilitators.

- Early Years Programme is for Parents/Carers of children aged 0-5 years
- Primary Years programme is for Parents/Carers of children aged 5-11 years
- Dads Programme is for Parents/Carers of children aged 3-16 years
- Children with Additional Needs is for Parents/Carers of children with additional needs aged 3-12 years, a diagnosis is not required

Time Out for Parents (Early Years) -
Expression of interest



Time Out for Parents (Primary
Years) - Expression of interest



Time Out for Parents (Dads) -
Expression of interest



Time Out for Parents (children with
additional needs) - Expression of
interest



Click the images above for the Expression of Interest form. We will then contact families to book them onto a specific programme. If families can't attend these dates/times, please still complete the form, we will organise more programmes according to the needs. Families stay on our expression of interest list and new programmes will be offered to them regularly.