

Message from Mrs Butt

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and vibrant term at school, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements, events, and celebrations that have taken place—each one shining a light on our value of courage. Whether it has been stepping up to represent the school, trying something new, or persevering in the face of challenge, our pupils have demonstrated courage in so many meaningful ways.

A huge well done to the three Year 6 pupils who represented us superbly in the Rotary Quiz. Their courage and determination were clear as they worked incredibly hard throughout the competition, finishing in fifth place—with just 5.5 points separating them from the winning team! It was an exciting evening filled with impressive knowledge and teamwork, and we are immensely proud of them.

I was also fortunate to attend the Malmesbury Football Tournament over two days, where our school was represented by five teams—each one a credit to our community. Their sportsmanship, teamwork, resilience, and enjoyment of the event were wonderful to see, and they looked absolutely fantastic in their school kit. The courage they showed in competition, and the way they embodied so many of our school values, was truly inspiring. Well done to our medal winning Year 5/6 girls and a special mention to Joshua for winning an individual medal for encouraging others, being resilient and enthusiastic throughout!

Our Project 5K celebrations have also taken place this fortnight, and they were a real highlight. The children showcased immense pride, perseverance, and personal development, and it was a joy to see the progress they have each made. Their courage in pushing themselves, supporting one another, and celebrating their achievements so confidently was wonderful.

Another highlight of my week continues to be hearing the brass band rehearsing. Their playing is sounding excellent, and their commitment and courage to keep improving brings so much joy to my Wednesdays. Hopefully they will be keen to share their talents at our upcoming World Music Day in June.

A few important reminders:

- vehicles must not be driven onto the lower site at any time, including before and after school. This is vital for ensuring the safety of all pupils and families.
- US school gates open at 8:30am, once a member of staff is on duty on the playground. Children arriving by bus are monitored separately and will be the only pupils supervised on site before 8:30am. Thank you for helping us keep all children safe.

I would like to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable Easter break. We hope for sunshine and a bright start to Term 5 when we return after the two-week holiday on Monday 13th April 2026.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Butt

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

Tilly, Fifi, Anya, Cybele, Ellie, Olivia, Sophia, Eli, Skylar, Louna, Rafe, Ted and Louie.



ATTENDANCE

Elm Class 100%
Birch Class 99.33%

Elm Class 94.17%
Birch Class 97.67%



GOOD MANNERS



Seb, Tansy, Henry, Elise, Lottie, Eric, Melie and Louisa.



GREAT READING

Arlo, Jesse, Isla D, Eliza, Aubrey, Rafe, Iliana, Ed M, Ben, Yuma, Noah and Max.

75 Reads - Ellie

100 Reads - Olivia, Poppy D, Reuben

125 Reads - Seb, Martha, Rue, Cybele

150 Reads - Oakley, Hattie

175 Reads - Ada S



Spotlight on Sports!

PROJECT 5K

Project 5K has now come to an end after 9 weeks, and it has been a genuinely brilliant experience to be part of. What started as a simple idea to get children running consistently towards a 5K goal quickly grew into something much more meaningful.

Across the programme:

- 26 runners took part
- Over 9 weeks
- A total of approximately 3,900 laps were completed (incl staff and support)
- Each lap was 0.25km

On average, each child ran:

- Around 150 laps
- Approximately 37.5km across the programme
- Roughly 4km per week, consistently over 9 weeks

We collectively covered around 975km — the equivalent of travelling from London to Inverness, or completing more than 23 marathons!

At this age, that level of consistency and commitment is extremely impressive!

However, what stood out most wasn't just the numbers — it was the attitude of the children. Over the 9 weeks, they showed real determination, resilience, and a willingness to keep going even when it was tough. There was also a strong sense of encouragement and support between them, which made a huge difference to the overall atmosphere of the sessions.

Mrs Pocock, I also want to say a particular thank you for the role you played right at the start. You were willing to take a punt on the idea and help get it off the ground, which made all the difference. On top of that, your continued involvement week after week, along with others, really helped build the positive environment that made the programme such a success.

On a personal note, I want to say how genuinely proud I am of every single child who took part. Not just for completing the challenge, but for how they approached it with effort, positivity, and determination throughout.

This has hopefully given many of them a strong foundation to continue being active, whether that's through running, sport, or simply building healthy habits going forward.

Thank you again for your support in making Project 5K such a success.

Mark Boscott

MALMESBURY YOUTH FOOTBALL EVENT (24 & 25 MAR)

Well done to our teams who competed.



UPPER SITE LIBRARY

The children have been continuing to enjoy our new library space. Many thanks for some of the kind donations that the children have been bringing in - our graphic novel and comic section is now growing! Donations of books that are no longer needed are greatly welcomed as long as they are in good condition and are checked by us to ensure age suitability.

The children have also been applying for the role of librarian and some have now been chosen. This role carries great responsibility to ensure our library is kept organised and a tidy and welcoming space for reading.

We hope the children continue to enjoy reading for pleasure over the holidays.



DATES FOR THE YEAR

Updates in red

PE DAYS	Beech	Mondays & Wednesdays
	Elm	Tuesdays & Wednesdays
	Birch	Tuesdays & Thursdays
	Rowan	Mondays & Fridays
	Willow	Mondays & Thursdays

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	14:00 - Focus on 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		

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	

DATES FOR THE YEAR

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

Braeside Education Centre

Easter Activity Days!

Monday 30th March – Thursday 2nd April

Adventure - Challenge - Fun

For ages: 8 – 12 years (Siblings up to 14 years) **£45 per day**

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

	Monday 30th March Crate Stack Leap of Faith Low Ropes Archery		Tuesday 31st March Canoeing Climbing Wall Zip-Wire
	Wednesday 1st April Body Zorbing Fencing Circus Workshop Rocket Launch		Thursday 2nd April Survival Day Shelter Building Fire Lighting Easter Themed Activities

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

Please book online by visiting www.braeside-education.co.uk/holiday-club

Contact us for more details; info@braeside-education.co.uk
01380 722637

WILTSHIRE FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Easter Football Camp

Wk 1 - Mon 30th March - Thurs 2nd April
Wk 2 - Tues 7th April - Fri 10th April

School years: Reception - Yr9

9.30am - 2.30pm (Drop off from 8.30am)

Only £21 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

Sheldon School

BE KIND | BE BRAVE | BE THE BEST YOU

YEAR 5 TASTER DAYS

We only have @20 places left on our out-of-a-day area for Year 5 this summer! Please book soon to avoid disappointment, especially if you already have children attending Sheldon School.

Every year at Sheldon School we receive interest from outside of our normal catchment area and we offer Year 5 taster days to those pupils. These days involve six lessons from across different faculties, a free lunch and an opportunity to meet other year 5 pupils from different schools. They are very popular and help Year 5 pupils to experience a 'Year 7' day at Sheldon School!

We are offering opt-in taster days this year;
Weds 17th June 2026
Weds 1st July 2026

The day starts with pupils being dropped off at reception at 9.00am and collected at 2.30pm. Lessons include science, PE, computer science, Spanish and a library session.

Parents book a place by using the booking system on our website.

OPEN MORNINGS

We are also taking bookings for our Open Mornings on Mon 22nd June and Tues 23rd June 2026. In addition, bookings are also open for our Open Evening on Weds 24th June.

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL CHOIR

If your Year 4 child is interested, please contact Mrs Hall for a prospectus.

As a chorister your child would

- Have a guaranteed place at Bristol Cathedral Choir School from Year 7
- Receive free singing lessons
- Receive termly incentive payments
- Receive free instrumental lessons
- Enjoy biennial tours to Europe
- Receive a first class musical education
- Sing alongside professional musicians

If your child loves singing, and you think being a chorister might be right for them, the Cathedral Choir is holding auditions on Sat 2 May and Sat 9 May 2026. For details on what to prepare, and to book visit <https://bristolcathedral.churchsuite.com/-/forms/rtsnnq6x>



COMMUNITY NEWS





Kilve Court Family Day
on Saturday 1 August 2026
10am– 4pm

Refreshment stalls available or bring a picnic
Book Online at
www.sseoutdoors.co.uk




April 2026 Timetable
All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	6 April 10am
School Anxiety	6 April 7pm
Facing Defiance	7 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Explained	13 April 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	13 April 7pm
Introduction to OCD	14 April 10am
What is ACT?	14 April 7pm
Decreasing Depression	20 April 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	20 April 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	21 April 7pm
FREE Decreasing Depression	23 April 7-8pm
Improving Family Communication	27 April 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	27 April 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	28 April 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 April 7pm




Time Out for Parents programmes April-June 2026 SPACES

We still have spaces left on our TOFP (Time out for Parents) – programmes for April-June 2026. 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

BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR THE SECRET SEN CAMP OUT 25th & 26th August 2026




SLEEP UNDER THE STARS	SILENT DISCO	SENSORY TENT	FAMILY QUIZ
SPORTS ACTIVITIES	BUS TOP BAR	ARTS & CRAFTS	YOGA
WIDE OPEN SPACES	DANCE WORKSHOP	TRADITIONAL GAMES	CROQUET
MESSY CLAY	OUTDOOR SAND PLAY	SKITTLES	FACE PAINTING
FUR & FANGS ANIMALS	SPORTS ACTIVITIES	GLAMPING	JUNK MODELING

The Secret Camp Out is a relaxed, intimate family camping break. Located at Stockton Park, Stockton is an area of outstanding natural beauty in Wiltshire. It offers a wild camping experience that is an exciting and fun way to feel closer to nature. Come with your own tent or camper van or hire one from us and get away from the hustle bustle of everyday life.

BOOK YOUR PITCH AND FIND OUT MORE @ www.theseccampout.com/secret-sen-camp-out
On site we keep it simple camping facilities are basic but we do have running water, clean toilets and even a couple of showers...all in stunning surroundings!



FREE online talk by
Jane Keyworth
FACE family Advice Lead Facilitator

Decreasing Depression
23rd April 7-8pm



Book online
www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Parents - Live Talks page

- Teens is for Parents/Carers for children and young people aged 12-18
- Teens with Additional Needs is for Parents/Carers of children and young people with additional needs aged 12+ years, a diagnosis is not required

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