

1 MAY 2026

# NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 16

Term Value

perseverance

Believe to achieve!

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

## Message from Mrs Butt

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy fortnight, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the small but joyful things that have made these past two weeks so special.

One of my new favourite things to observe is the children playing on the field. Seeing them joyfully absorbed in play, connecting with one another and enjoying the outdoors and nature around them, is a real highlight of my day. There is something incredibly special about watching children simply be children.

Our Rocksteady assembly was another standout moment. It was truly inspiring to see the children's confidence and enthusiasm – and even better to see our staff getting involved too. Rockstars well and truly beyond the classroom! Thank you to everyone who embraced the moment and made it such a memorable experience for the children.

I would also like to extend thanks to Mrs Pocock for organising Autism Awareness Week and the aligned coffee afternoon. The children have loved learning about diversity and gaining a better understanding of how our neuropathways work. These conversations are so important in helping build empathy, acceptance and inclusion across our school community.

Purple Up! Day was another lovely occasion. It was wonderful to see our community come together in recognition and support of military families – something that is particularly meaningful to us, as many of our families have proud links with the Armed Forces (myself included).

We have welcomed lots of visitors into school again this week, and once more they commented on what truly delightful children we have. They were struck by how articulately the children speak, with one visitor sharing my new favourite quote from a pupil: "I'm just happy when I'm here." That says so much about the environment we strive to create together.

In school this week, we reflected on perseverance by looking at the incredible determination shown by those who ran the London Marathon. This linked beautifully with a poem about the tortoise and the hare, helping us think about our school values and reminding us that success isn't just about winning the race – it's about taking part, keeping going, and doing our best in our own way.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is a privilege to lead such a happy, caring and vibrant school community.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Butt  
Headteacher



# 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

Lily, Rue, Seth, Elsie, Leo, Lucian, Martha, Eli, Cole, Birch Class, Edward M, Scarlett, Daisy, Jensen and Melie.



## ATTENDANCE

Elm Class - 100%  
Rowan Class - 99.29%

Elm Class - 97.5%  
Willow Class - 98%

**PLEASE!**

## GOOD MANNERS



Theodore, Leo, Poppy, Grace, Sophie L, Daniel, Alan, JAxon, Rowan, Molly G and Ruari.



## PEN LICENCE

Donovan.

## GREAT READING



Jaxon, Louna, Orson, Aria, Joshua, Eve, Lottie, Noah, Max, Cole, Monty, Isla D, Pippa and Molly M.,



75 Reads - Effie  
125 Reads - Seth, Tilly  
150 Reads - Cybele, Jac, Rue  
200 Reads - Oakley, Charlie, Lucian, Leo  
225 Reads - Grace, Edward, Christopher C, Lucian



# Spotlight on playtimes

Mrs Butt is looking to develop playtime opportunities at Brinkworth Earl Danby's and has been investigating the benefits of different types of play on children's resilience, confidence, problem solving, core strength, balance and agility.



Lots of companies offer packages for enhancing play, but we truly believe we could create our own version with the support of our local community. To begin our journey of creative playtimes we are looking for donations of:



join our parent forum on Thursday to find out more about future plans



## ROTARY INSPIRES A NEW GENERATION WITH A JUNIOR TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT

The Rotary Club of Royal Wootton Bassett & District went along to Earl Danby Primary School at Brinkworth recently at the invitation of Headteacher Kelly Butt to run the Rotary Junior Technology Tournament. This was demonstrated at a 'Big Bang' fair at the NEC, the UK's largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths for young people.

The tournaments are a challenging and enjoyable way for young people to enrich their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning. They are designed for 8 – 11 year olds, and in partnership with The Rochester Bridge Trust, Rotary provide an interesting and fun experience that tests the knowledge, innovation, team working and problem solving skills of the participants. The tournaments have been granted a CREST (Creativity in Science and Technology) award by the British Science Association.

The children, working in teams of four, had to solve an interactive technology task and were required to design, model and build a solution with materials such as paper, card, clothes pegs, string and elastic rubber bands, using a premade wooden base, all supplied by Rotary free of charge. At Brinkworth Earl Danby Primary School the task was to build a scale model of a bridge that would enable squirrels to cross a pathway in an environmentally friendly setting. The whole of year 5/6 (30 children) took part in the tournament.

They were all fully engaged and enthusiastic throughout the sessions and the budding engineers set a high standard with their bridge building solutions. Gold and silver medals were awarded to the top two teams.. The winning team was called 'The Nut Fighters' and the runners up - 'Crunchie Nutters'. The enjoyment was amply shown by some of the other amusing names the children had selected for their teams such as 'Nutter Butter' and 'The Nutty Gliders'.

Headteacher Kelly Butt this said 'the children gained a lot from the event and we would love the Rotary Club to visit us again.' Team leader Rotarian Richard Everitt who was accompanied by 4 other Rotarians from the club, said 'it was very rewarding to see all the children having such fun and being so involved in a friendly and competitive way.

**ROCK  
STEADY**

# DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?



**With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.**

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!



Scan QR code to  
find out more!

## An example timetable for lessons:

09:00	B	E	D	C	School Holiday	B	E
09:30	C	B	E	D		C	B
10:00	D	C	B	E		D	C
10:30	E	D	C	B		E	D



Brinkworth Earl Danby's School Association



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## FUNDRAISING

Click images for links



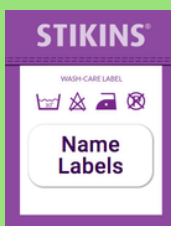
### EASY FUNDRAISING

Sign up, buy online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - and raise free money for BEDSA. And it won't cost you a penny!



### SCHOOL LOTTERY

Sign up to purchase weekly lottery tickets, boost school funds, win cash prizes. At least one winning ticket per school per week!



### STIKINS

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

**£3.50 VIA PARENT PAY**

**BEDSA**

# DISCO NIGHT

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**LOWER SITE CHILDREN 3:30 - 4:30**

**UPPER SITE CHILDREN 4:45-5:45**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

# 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 4 May	Bank Holiday		School Closed
Thu 7 May	Parent Forum 5	Lower Site	
Mon 11 May	Y6 SATs Start		4 days
Fri 15 May	BEDSA Spring Disco	Lower Site	LS children 3:30-4:30pm US children 4:45-5:45pm
Wed 20 May	Y5 Girls' Football	Abbeyfields	4 girls to be selected
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


Fri 26 Jun	LS Trip to Lower Moor	Lower Moor	
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


## A Therapeutic Support Group for Year 6 Girls

*Navigating Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA) Together*


The Nawwal Project offers a safe, therapeutic space that understands we all have our own version of normal



**BUILDING CONFIDENCE**  
Understand own anxiety, develop own social navigation needs and preferences



**PEER SUPPORT NETWORK**  
Meet peers facing similar challenges, identify safe adults and communication style




**RE-ENGAGING WITH LEARNING**  
Understand learning needs & environments Engage with interest-led activities, develop reasonable adjustment needs

**15-WEEK PILOT PROGRAM**

**Step 1: HOME VISIT:** Initial Meet  
**Step 2: 2 VENUE VISITS:** Getting to know us  
**Step 3: 12 GROUP SESSIONS:** Sessions designed in collaboration with group members

**Group starts June 2026 on Friday Afternoons**

For more information and to request an application form please contact us by email [nawwalproject@gmail.com](mailto:nawwalproject@gmail.com)





# May Camps

PH CAMPS

4-14 years

Ofsted Registered

26TH MAY - 29TH MAY

## Early Bird Prices

	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





## Middle School Family Taster Morning

**Saturday 9 May**

For girls looking to join us in Year 7, come and find out more about our new flexible Middle School model which launches in September 2026.

Book your place 

Start in the Middle.  
Finish Ahead.





## MAY FOOTBALL CAMP SCHOOL YEAR RECEPTION – Y9

To book



Challenges  
Daily Tournament  
Skills  
Fun

Only £21 per day!  
Discounts for  
siblings & WFA  
JPL Club  
Members

9.30AM – 2.30PM  
(DROP OFF FROM 8.30AM)

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## MAY GOALKEEPER CAMP

To book



Day 1 – Tues 26<sup>th</sup> May  
(School Year 2 – 5)  
Day 2 – Weds 27<sup>th</sup> May  
(School Year 6–9)

Only £21 per day!  
Discounts for  
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Family and Community Learning

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### Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry Online



Book your place by Tuesday 5 May

Monday 11 May 4:00-6:00pm



- ✓ Understand how to support wellbeing at home
- ✓ Suggestions shared to manage anxiety together
- ✓ Positive and realistic help for the family
- ✓ Suitable for parents/carers with primary school aged children

Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years, have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: earning less than £25,750 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee or asylum status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to work, now or in the future.

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478  
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk  
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>



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## Online Course

Wiltshire Council

### Understanding School Anxiety Early Signs of Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Wednesday 11 June 12:45 - 2:45pm

Booking closes Wednesday 4 June 2025



- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance?
- Strategies to support with anxiety and worry
- Strategies to support attendance
- Advice on reasonable adjustments that schools can make
- Group discussion with education psychologist

For bookings and enquiries:  
call the FaCL team on 01225 770478 or contact  
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk  
or scan the QR code



Our courses are free, if you are 19+ years old, resident in the UK/EU for over three years (some immigration status exempt), have a Wiltshire postcode and meet any of the following criteria: earn less than £25,000 pa, in receipt of benefits, military family, foster carer/care leaver/carer, have a disability.

Please see our website or contact us for more information

## Family and Community Learning

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### Resilience and Readiness

Boost your confidence and prepare for work!

#### Face to face and online sessions

- Build confidence in yourself and your abilities
- Learn how to handle challenges and build your resilience
- Manage stress, stay motivated, and prepare for work with practical tools

Welcome Meeting Tuesday 30 June 10am

### Central Devizes



4 x Face-to-Face double sessions in Devizes  
Tuesdays 10am – 12pm and 12.30pm – 2.30pm  
7, 14, 21, 28 July

Plus 4 x online sessions  
Thursdays 10am – 12pm  
9, 16, 23, 30 July

Book by 29 June 2026

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### Working in Early Years Online course

Book by  
Tuesday  
9 June

5 Online Sessions Tuesdays 10am - 12pm  
Course dates: 16, 23, 30 June, 7, 14 July



- ✓ Promoting wellbeing and learning
- ✓ Using curriculum documents for guidance
- ✓ GDPR, record keeping and communication

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### Family and Community Learning Courses

May – July 2026

#### Family Skills

Course	Date	Day	Time	Sessions	Location
Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry	11/05/2026	Monday	16:00-18:00	1	Online
Supporting My Teen with Anxiety	18/05/2026	Thursday	12:30-14:30	1	Online
Understanding School Anxiety: Early Signs of EBSA	11/06/2026	Thursday	10:00-12:00	1	Online

#### Adult Skills and Wellbeing

Course	Date	Day	Time	Sessions	Location
Walk and Talk for Wellbeing	06/05/2026	Wednesday	12:30-14:30	10	Studley Green
Discovering Wellbeing	07/05/2026	Thursday	10:30-12:30	1	Online
Budgeting for Work	21/05/2026	Thursday	10:30-12:30	1	Online
Discovering Confidence	28/05/2026	Thursday	10:00-12:30	1	Chippenham
Discovering Wellbeing	04/06/2026	Thursday	10:00-12:30	1	Chippenham
Planning for Work	04/06/2026	Thursday	10:30-12:30	1	Online
Resilience and Readiness	08/06/2026	Mondays Thursdays	10:00-14:30 10:00-12:00	12	Salisbury
Confidence and New Directions	08/06/2026	Mondays	12:30-14:30	5	Chippenham
Working in Early Years	16/06/2026	Tuesdays	10:00-12:00	5	Online
Applying for Work	18/06/2026	Thursday	10:30-12:30	1	Online
Working in Schools	22/06/2026	Monday	10:00-12:00	5	Online
Communication for Work	25/06/2026	Thursday	10:30-12:30	1	Online
Resilience and Readiness	07/07/2026	Tuesdays Thursdays	10:00-14:30 10:00-12:00	12	Devizes



### May 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](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
<b>FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep</b>	<b>28 May 7-8pm</b>