

NEWSLETTER

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Term Value: **Friendship**



"Roots grow down into God's love and keep us strong"
Eph 3:17

Message from Mrs Butt

It has been another busy and exciting fortnight across both sites, with children embracing new experiences, representing our school brilliantly and showing what it means to be part of our wonderful school community.

A huge thank you to all the families who attended Beech Class's Open Classroom session. It was fantastic to see the children proudly sharing their learning and celebrating their achievements with parents and carers. The positive feedback from families highlights just how valuable these opportunities are for strengthening the home-school partnership. We can't wait for Elm's turn next term!

Our whole-school Harvest celebrations were a wonderful reminder of the importance of community, gratitude and helping others. The children reflected thoughtfully on how we can support those around us and demonstrated our school values throughout the day. It is always one of my favourite days having the whole school together on one site.

The children have enjoyed a number of exciting visits and workshops over the past two weeks. We were delighted to welcome:

- A therapy dog, who brought plenty of smiles and calm moments.
- The Air Ambulance team, who shared information about their vital work and helped children understand the importance of emergency services.
- An oral health visitor, who taught the children about keeping their teeth healthy and developing good habits for lifelong wellbeing.

Thank you to all our visitors for enriching the children's learning experiences.

As part of Allergy Awareness Week, children have been learning about allergies and the important role everyone plays in keeping members of our community safe.

We would like to remind families that nuts and sesame products should not be brought into school. This includes items such as:

Seeded rolls containing sesame seeds

Pesto containing pine nuts

Hummus containing sesame (tahini)

Nut-based snacks and spreads

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all children.

A team of children from KS2 recently represented Brinkworth Earl Danby's at a running event involving ten local schools. Competing in mixed Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 categories, our pupils were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

We were particularly proud of the resilience, determination and positive attitudes they demonstrated throughout the event. Well done to every child who took part and represented themselves and our school so brilliantly. You were all incredible.

We have been amazed by the number of Library reading challenges completed this year. Well done to all of our enthusiastic readers.

We love hearing children talk about their favourite books and authors.

Why not add a book review to our new reading Padlet?



We can't wait to see what everyone has been reading!

As we move further into the autumn term and the weather becomes increasingly unpredictable, please ensure your child has a pair of named wellies and a waterproof jacket in school. This allows children to continue enjoying outdoor learning and play, whatever the weather.

To support our safeguarding procedures, if you have a safeguarding concern about a child within our school community, please email:

✉ safeguarding@brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk

This mailbox is specifically for reporting concerns about another child.

If you have concerns regarding your own child, please contact Mrs Butt or Mrs Pocock through:

✉ admin@brinkworthearldanbys.wilts.sch.uk

Thank you for helping us ensure all children remain safe, supported and listened to.

A gentle reminder that toys should remain at home unless children have been specifically asked to bring an item into school as part of their learning. Toys can easily become lost or damaged and can sometimes cause unnecessary distractions during the school day.

We have received reports that some families are parking in the bus bay. Unfortunately, this is creating difficulties for Kids Planet and our taxi services, who are unable to access their designated parking area safely.

Please help us maintain safe access for all members of our community by avoiding parking in the bus bay at drop-off and collection times. We appreciate everyone's consideration and cooperation.

The Children's Commissioner is encouraging families to complete their national survey so that children's voices can be represented when discussing future policy and priorities with Government.

The Commissioner has shared the message:

"Every response matters. I want to make sure that when I speak to Government about what children and young people want for their futures, I am able to represent the voices of children across the whole country, including those at your school."

Families can take part here:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>

Thank you for your continued support. Together we create a caring, ambitious and vibrant school community where every child can flourish.

Mrs Butt



ATTENDANCE

Beech Class - 97.92%
Birch Class - 100%

Elm Class - 98.33%
Willow Class - 100%

Click for our new
active families
resources



Resource Bank

Offering access to PE lesson plans, schemes of work, assessments, curriculum mapping and other resources on a wide range of activities for EYFS, KS1 and KS2

Get Set 4 P.E.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Teddy C, Kieran,
Martha, Jac, Lily,
Issy, Olivia, Leo,
Tansy, Lucian,
Connie, Joshua,
Molly M and Molly G

SENDCO UPDATE

As teachers, and teachers that are also parents, we know that family life can sometimes be challenging. Changes at home, everyday pressures, or difficulties with managing behaviour can affect how children feel, learn, and behave at school.

Children do not always have the words to explain when something is worrying them. Sometimes this can show up as changes in behaviour, difficulties concentrating, increased anxiety, or challenges with friendships and learning. By working together, we can help children feel supported both at home and at school.

If you are finding things difficult at home, please remember that you are not alone. School is here to help. We can offer a listening ear and work with families to identify the right support.

We may be able to:

- Put you in touch with our Parent Support Advisor (PSA) for advice and guidance.
- Signpost you to local services that can offer practical help.
- Recommend parenting courses and workshops that provide strategies for managing behaviour, routines, and emotional wellbeing.
- Work with you to develop consistent approaches between home and school.
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Seeking support is a positive step and can make a real difference for both parents and children. If you would like to discuss any concerns, no matter how small they may seem, please speak to a member of the school team. All conversations will be treated sensitively and confidentially.

Together, we can help every child feel happy, safe, and ready to learn.

Mrs Pocock, SENDCo

Attendance



As the weather changes, we know that there are more sniffles and coughs around. We understand when a child is too ill to attend school but also value attendance and the positive impact it has when children attend school regularly and establish good attendance routines. We will continue to send termly attendance updates for your child.

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Upcoming dates:

October

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FRI 08:30–15:00 Whole School Day at Upper Site School event

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FRI 15:30–16:30 BEDSA Disco @ LS (Reception, Y1, Y2) School event
16:45–17:45 BEDSA Disco @ LS - Y3-6 School event

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SAT 09:00–11:00 Parents Help Day School event

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WED 15:10–16:20 Book Fair (Day 1/2) School event

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THU 15:10–16:20 Book Fair (Day 2/2) School event

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WED 08:30–15:15 Non-uniform for House Team winners School event

November

16
MON All day Odd Socks day for anti-bullying week School event

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TUE 15:30–17:30 Parents evening School event

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THU 15:30–18:30 Parents evening School event

Upcoming dates:

December

3 THU	09:00–13:00	Barn Theatre whole school trip	School event
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9 WED	09:00–10:00	LS Nativity show	School event
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10 THU	All day	Flu Vaccinations	School event
	09:00–10:00	LS Nativity show	School event

11 FRI	All day	Rocksteady concerts	School event
	18:00–19:00	KS2 Carols around the tree	School event

16 WED	All day	Christmas Jumper Day	School event
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