



BRIDGEWATER NEWS

Welcome Back

Spring Term 2



A warm welcome back and we hope that you had a lovely half-term break. Enclosed is some important information and details about projects and exciting events planned for this half-term.

Please find some important dates for your calendar on the last page. We also regularly update the school website www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk and our twitter page @BridgewaterPS with information and news.



Parent/Carer Teacher meetings

Parent/Carer Teacher meetings will take place the week beginning 18th March. We kindly ask that all parents or carers make an appointment to discuss your child's progress and targets. If you cannot make this date, please see your child's class teacher who will arrange a telephone consultation at a convenient time. Letters will be sent out to all parents this week.

Attendance

Good attendance is incredibly important, as being in school every day gives your child the opportunity to maximise their learning. A missed day – is missed learning! You may have seen our signs outside of our entrances; if you haven't you can see them below. The figures indicate how important attendance is, and how much lost learning takes place when we are not in school.

Welcome to
Bridgewater Primary School

 Getting your child to school really **matters**. Did you know... 

If your child's attendance during the school year...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time.
Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.

Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

Nationally, there is a huge drive to encourage strong school attendance. At Bridgewater we talk to the children regularly about the importance of attending school each day and we ask for your support in promoting this. Children whose attendance is above 96% are recognised each term as well as those whose attendance has markedly improved. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please do let us know.

A polite reminder that any requests for leave during school time should be made in writing, addressed to the Headteacher. Absence will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.

Homework

Homework is important as it shows the children the value that you place on their learning and helps them to consolidate key skills. Thank you to all those parents who support their children in reading every night, learning their spellings and completing homework tasks and projects. Any junior child (in Years 3-6) who does not complete their weekly homework to an acceptable standard will be required to do so during Friday lunchtime.

Contact details

Please can I remind all parents how vitally important it is that we have up-to-date contact details for you - especially in case of emergency. Please inform the school office team if your telephone number or e-mail address changes.

Scooters and Bikes

We have a very busy playground in the morning with over 400 pupils and their parents arriving at school. Just a reminder that we request that all adults and children dismount their scooter or bike once they reach the school gates. Scooters and bikes can be left in our 'bike parks' on the EYFS, KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. All bikes and scooters are left at your own risk and school do not accept any liability for the loss or damage to those left on the premises. It is also vitally important that children wear helmets when riding to and from school. Please ensure your child is wearing a helmet if they are riding their bike/ scooter to or from school.

Water Bottles and Snacks

All children are encouraged to drink water during the day. The children are able to re-fill their water bottles during the school day. Children may also bring in healthy snacks to have during their break times. We try to encourage good eating habits and have a Healthy Eating Policy that supports this aim. Children in Key Stage 1 and EYFS are provided with fresh fruit daily; any extras are shared with KS2.

School Fund

School fund is generated by a variety of means. There are fund raising events during the course of each year and we are paid commission by the school photographer. Through the judicious spending of School Fund we are able to enhance the curriculum for all children by purchasing additional resources, booking visitors to the school and subsidising trips. All requests, from children and staff, for the use of school fund are approved by the Headteacher.

School Uniform

The school has acquired a large amount of 'lost property'. All items with names in are returned to their owner and not stored in lost property. Therefore, we encourage all parents to ensure that EVERY item is clearly labelled with your child's name. If your child has lost an item please speak to the class teacher initially and if this is not within the classroom, they will direct you to check with lost property at the school office. If your child brings home an item that is not theirs by mistake, please return this via the class teacher.

Should you require any assistance with school uniform, please do contact your child's class teacher or speak with Miss Hopkins, our Learning Mentor, directly. Please note that children should not be wearing trainers to school unless this is part of their PE kit.

Should there be any other information that you feel you would like us to share with the school or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to make an appointment via the school office.

Calendar of Events Spring Term 2024

February/March 2024				
26th	27th	28th	29th	1st
PE (Y6) Panathlon Event at Hollywood Bowl (selected children)	PE (N, Y1, Y2, Y4) 6SG Height & Weight (School Nurse)	PE (Rec & Y3)	PE (Y3 & Y5) 3AH Visual Art Workshop (The Lowry) 4DS Creative Writing Workshop Lacrosse Competition at St Edmunds (Selected Children)	4RS Swimming
March 2024				
4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Y5 Cycle Training (Mon – Thurs)				
PE (Y6) Reception Parent/Carer “Riveting Reads” workshop at 8.45am	PE (N, Y1, Y2, Y4) Y4 Viking Workshop	PE (Rec & Y3) Y6 Crucial Crew trip (Haldane Barracks) 4RS Visit to Walkden Library Y1 Phonics Screening Check Meeting for parents/carers 3.30pm	PE (Y3 & Y5) World Book Day Y2 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park 4DS Visit to Walkden Library	4RS Swimming Y1 Science Workshop Y2 Phonics Screening Check Retake Meeting for parents/carers - 3.30pm
11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
Life Education Caravan visiting whole school (Mon – Thurs)				
PE (Y6) Y5 visit to Walkden Library	PE (N, Y1, Y2, Y4)	PE (Rec & Y3) Wrestling Competition at the British Wrestling Academy (selected children) Y6 SATs Meeting for Parents/Carers – 2:30pm	PE (Y3 & Y5)	4RS Swimming Dodgeball Final at The Deans Primary School Non uniform day for Easter Egg donations
18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd
PE (Y6) Y5 Trip to the Football Museum Y1, Y2, Y3 Parent/Carer Teacher meetings 1:45pm - 5:30pm	PE (N, Y1, Y2, Y4) Basketball Final 1.00pm – 4.15pm (selected children) Nursery & Reception Parent/Carer Teacher meetings 1:45pm - 5:30pm	PE (Rec & Y3) Y4, Y5, Y6 Parent/Carer Teacher meetings 1:45pm - 5:30pm	PE (Y3 & Y5) Y1 Class Assembly & Art Exhibition for parents - 9:00am 4RS Creative Writing Workshop Y5 Easter Experience at St John’s Community Centre	4RS Swimming
25th	26th	27th	28th	29th
PE (Y6) Y3 Trip to Martin Mere Choir Performance (School Hall – 3.30pm)	PE (N, Y1, Y2, Y4) Poetry Workshops for pupils (Rec – Y6) Easter Bingo	PE (Rec & Y3) Ukulele afterschool club Performance (School Hall – 3.30pm)	PE (Y3 & Y5) Y5 Class Assembly & Art Exhibition for Parents – 9:00am Y3 Visit to Walkden Library School Closes for Easter Half Term	School Closed

School Reopens: **Monday 15th April 2024**