



BRIDGEWATER NEWS

Welcome Back

Spring Term



Happy New Year! We hope that you all had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and that 2025 is a fantastic year for you all! This newsletter lets you know about some of our events, policies and practices. Further information can be found on our website: www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk.

We also have a Twitter page which we will update regularly with school information and events, so please do follow us to see all the exciting events we take part in: @BridgewaterPS

Welcome:

We warmly welcome Mrs Freaney back to Bridgewater this half term. Mrs Freaney will resume her position as EYFS Leader. We also welcome a new teacher, Miss Burns who will be joining our team to support the teaching and learning in Key Stage 1.

Our School Expectations:

We would like to take this opportunity to ask that you support the core expectations of our school, which ensure all our children enjoy and achieve at Bridgewater:

- Good attendance and punctuality – a missed day can never be repeated and arriving late can be very disruptive for your child and their class.
- Support your child's learning – discuss your child's day, practise spellings and timetables, complete daily reading tasks and ensure homework is completed and handed in on time. Have the items they need in school, including their PE/swimming kit.
- Wear full school uniform – our identity is very important and teaching the children to wear our uniform with pride is an important part of this. No trainers or jewellery are permitted. **PE kits to be brought into school and left on your child's peg so they are available for all physical education sessions.** Please ensure all items are clearly labelled so they can be returned if misplaced.

Attendance:

Just a reminder of our attendance procedures as outlined in our Attendance Policy:

- Ensure that children attend school regularly and on time.
- Have a positive attitude to attendance and punctuality.
- Contact school before 9.10 on the first day of absence.
- Provide a reason for absence on the first day.
- Parents to contact school every day their child is absent.
- It would be expected that where a child is absent for 5 days or more, that medical proof would be provided.
- Should a child's absence fall below 90% parents may be required to provide proof of illness for any further absences.

If your child is unwell and not able to attend school please ensure you contact the office before 9.10 on the first day of absence. Following this please contact school every day to provide an update until your child returns.

Communication with parents:

Please remember that all correspondence from school shall be sent electronically via PA Connect unless there is a need for parents to directly respond. We ask that you ensure the school office has your most up to date email address so you receive these important messages from school, and that you download the PA Connect App to view these school communications.

Please can I remind all parents how vitally important it is that we have up-to-date contact details for you - in case of an emergency. Kindly inform the school office team as soon as is practically possible if your contact details change.

Parent Voice:

We would like to thank you for your continued support and involvement in school life at Bridgewater. We will continue to send out surveys and questionnaires to get your views and feedback.

Parent forum Autumn minutes are available on our school website. Parents and carers are invited to attend the Spring parent forum on **Monday 20th January at 2.30pm** in the school hall, to give their opinions on school policies and procedures. If you have any suggested agenda items please forward these to the school office on Bridgewater.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk. All parents are welcome.

We endeavour to support you in any way we can; if you have any questions about your child's learning and/or development at school, please do speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If the issue is not resolved as you would have hoped, please do make an appointment via the school office, to see a senior leader:

Our Senior Leaders are:

Mrs Henderson – Headteacher.

Mr Tien-Rhimes – Deputy Headteacher.

Mrs Byard - Assistant Headteacher. Lead teacher in Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4).

Mrs Thornley– Lead teacher in Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6).

Miss Lovell - Lead teacher in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2).

Mrs Freney– Lead teacher in The Early Years (Nursery and Reception).

Mrs Hill – Director of Business and Operations and Office Manager.

Mrs Cope – SENCO

If you still believe your issue is unresolved, please make an appointment to meet with myself, Headteacher, Mrs Henderson via the school office.

Play Frames

The school has a number of play frames on the school playgrounds to help encourage safe adventurous play. All frames are regularly checked to ensure that they meet safety requirements and are age appropriate. The children are also informed on their safe use and are closely supervised during use. We ask that children do not use them before or after school. The school does not accept any liability for any accidents that occur when used before or after the school day and without school staff supervision.

This first Spring half-term is packed with purposeful and enjoyable learning experiences. Please find some important dates for your calendar below. A separate newsletter from your child's class teacher will also be sent to parents.

Wishing you all the very best for 2025

Mrs Emma Henderson

January 2025				
6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
School Closed	School reopens PE (N & Y1)	PE (Rec, Y2 & Y3)	PE (Y4 & Y6)	4RS Swimming Y6 Library Visit (Walkden Gateway)
13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th
PE (Y5)	PE (N & Y1)	PE (Rec, Y2 & Y3)	PE (Y4 & Y6)	4RS Swimming 1AK Trip to Salford Museum & Art Gallery
20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th
PE (Y5) Parent Forum - 2:30pm	PE (N & Y1)	PE (Rec, Y2 & Y3) Football Tournament The Cliff (selected Y5/Y6 children)	PE (Y4 & Y6)	4RS Swimming 1BR Trip to Salford Museum & Art Gallery
27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st
PE (Y5)	PE (N & Y1) Reception Parent/Carer Riveting Reads Workshop - 8:45am Boccia Event (Selected children from Y3-Y6)	PE (Rec, Y2 & Y3) Vision Screening (Reception Class) Y6 SAT Parents Meeting – 2:30pm	PE (Y4 & Y6)	4RS Swimming Handball Cluster Event Y4 -Y6 (Bridgewater Primary)

February 2025				
3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
Children's Mental Health & Art Week				
PE (Y5)	PE (N & Y1)	PE (Rec, Y2 & Y3)	PE (Y4 & Y6) EYFS Chinese Dance Class Workshop	4RS Swimming (Block 1 - last session)
10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th
PE (Y5)	PE (N & Y1) Y3 Trip to Catalyst Museum	One Day Creative Internet Safety Class Workshop (Y1-Y6)		
		PE (Rec, Y2 & Y3) Wellbeing Parent Workshop – 9:00am Harry Potter Night (selected places Y3-Y6) 4.30pm – 5.30pm	PE (Y4 & Y6) Valentine's Disco (Non-Uniform)	4GW Swimming (Block 2 – first session) Y2 Class Assembly – 9:00am School closes for Spring Half Term

School Reopens: **Monday 24th February 2025**