



BRIDGEWATER NEWS

Welcome Back

Spring Term



Happy New Year! We hope that you all had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and that 2026 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

Staffing updates

From this term, I will be taking up a secondment opportunity and will be working with schools within the Thrive Trust Academy as an Education Consultant for the next two terms.

During this time, I will continue in my role as Headteacher at Bridgewater and will be available on site for 2.5 days each week. The senior leadership team will continue to lead the school on a day-to-day basis, ensuring that standards, safeguarding, and the quality of education remain strong and consistent. The Governing Body will continue to monitor standards and the impact of leadership closely, working with the school to ensure that pupils continue to receive the very best provision.

I am confident that this arrangement will both support the wider work of the Trust and further strengthen practice at Bridgewater. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We warmly welcome two new staff members to Bridgewater. Mr Greaves will be our Deputy Headteacher and oversees behaviour, curriculum, and will be our Deputy Safeguarding Lead. Miss Moss will be joining our team as a teaching assistant to support the teaching and learning in our Early Years Department.

We endeavour to support parents 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 Greaves – Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Thornley– Lead teacher in Upper School (Years 4, 5 and 6)

Miss Lovell - Lead teacher in Lower School (Year 1, 2 and 3)

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

Mrs Hill – Director of Business and Operations and Office Manager

Mrs Cope – SENCO

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 especially important and teaching the children to wear our uniform with pride is an important part of this. No trainers or jewellery are allowed. **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 9.10am 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, 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 to be authorised. A meeting with an Educational Welfare Officer will be arranged.

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 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.

Parents and carers are invited to attend the Spring parent forum on **Monday 19th January at 9am** 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 office@bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk. All parents are welcome.

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 short but 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 2026
Mrs Emma Henderson

Calendar of Events Spring Term 1 2026

January 2026				
5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
School Closed	School Reopens PE (N & Y1)	PE (Y3, Y4 & Y5) Y6 STEM Cavendish Nuclear Class Workshop	PE (Rec & Y6)	4GW Swimming
12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th
PE (Y2)	PE (N & Y1)	PE (Y3, Y4 & Y5) Y6 STEM Cavendish Nuclear Class Workshop	PE (Rec & Y6) ECO Reds Workshop at Manchester United Old Trafford (selected Y3-Y6 pupils)	4GW Swimming Y2 Visit to Walkden Library Football Tournament The Cliff (selected Y5/Y6 pupils)
19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd
Y1 Audiology Screening		PE (Y3, Y4 & Y5) Y6 STEM Cavendish Nuclear Class Workshop	PE (Rec & Y6)	4GW Swimming
PE (Y2) Parent Forum – 9:00am	PE (N & Y1) Riveting Reads Workshop for Reception Parents /Carers 2.30pm			
26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th
PE (Y2)	PE (N & Y1)	PE (Y3, Y4 & Y5) Y6 STEM Cavendish Nuclear Class Workshop	PE (Rec & Y6)	4GW Swimming Y3 Class Assembly 9:00am

February 2026				
2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Art Week				
PE (Y2) EYFS Chinese New Year Class Workshop Y6 STEM Cavendish Nuclear Class Workshop	PE (N & Y1) Y3 Trip (Liverpool World Museum)	PE (Y3, Y4 & Y5) Y6 Trip Greater Manchester Fire Rescue Training Centre (B-Safe Salford)	PE (Rec & Y6)	4GW Swimming Y2 Class Assembly 9:00am Young Voices Concert School Choir (AO Arena)
9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th
Children's Mental Health Week				
PE (Y2) Y3 Visit to Walkden Library	PE (N & Y1)	PE (Y3, Y4 & Y5) Y5 Trip Lowry Academy (High School Musical) Y6 STEM Cavendish Nuclear Class Workshop	PE (Rec & Y6) E-Safety Class Workshop (Rec-Y6)	4GW Swimming Break the Rules Day School Closes for Spring Half Term

School Reopens: **Monday 23rd February 2026**