



# BRIDGEWATER NEWS

## Welcome Back

Summer Term 2 2026



### A warm welcome back to all our families

#### **Promoting strong attendance**

One of our key focus areas at Bridgewater this year is to improve school attendance. We have seen an improvement this year and I am pleased to confirm that we are moving closer to **our 96% target and whole school attendance was 95.1% by the end of Summer 1** (this does not include Nursery and some Reception children who are not of Statutory School Age).

We have had a number of instances where school have not been informed of the reason as to a child's absence and despite our efforts we have not been able to contact parents to confirm why their child is not in school. This has resulted in school staff having to make a home visit. Please can I politely remind all parents to contact school **EACH** day of their child's absence to ensure the register can be updated accordingly and we are following our safeguarding duties.

We also have some children who are persistently absent (falling below 90%) missing out on important aspects of their education. These cases are closely monitored and managed by our Education Welfare Officer Jo Lindsay. We do our utmost to support families to improve attendance and ask that you speak to us directly if there are any reasons as to why your child is not attending school regularly. If parents do not engage with this process, fines and court proceedings may follow.

Group	% Attend
NN	92.4
R1	93.4
R2	91.0
Year 1 AK	92.1
Year 1 CC	92.9
Year 2 DG	94.7
Year 2 LT	96.4
Year 3 AH	96.3
Year 3 LT	95.3
Year 4 GW	97.4
Year 4 ZD	94.9
Year 5 KS	95.0
Year 5 FF	95.1
Year 6 SG	95.9
Year 6 RS	95.0

A copy of our Attendance policy is available on our school website. [Policies | Bridgewater Primary \(bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk\)](https://www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk)

#### **Staff update**

At present, I continue to support another Salford school as an Educational Consultant. I am splitting my time equally between each school - 2.5 days each week. While I am not on school premises, Mr Greaves will manage the school.

#### **Sports Day**

We will continue to encourage competitive sport with our annual Sports Day. The children will take part in good old-fashioned events, such as the egg and spoon race and obstacle race, but will also try the sports of javelin, long jump and sprinting. Please see the diary dates for your child's class date and times. Dates are, as always, weather permitting. Parent spectators are warmly welcomed. Further details will follow.

#### **End of Year Reports**

End of year reports will be sent out to all parents in July. Parents will also be given the opportunity to discuss this report with your child's class teacher during an arranged parent-teacher meeting.

#### **Children's University**

This half-term, children who have collected enough Children's University credits/hours for attending after-school activities or other accredited Children's University Clubs, will be attending Salford University for their Children's University graduation - this will be in the morning of the 1st July. We are so excited to attend our ninth graduation and celebrate the achievements of the children. Invitations to the event will be arriving

home to the children who have collected sufficient hours this academic year. Children who have not collected enough hours should not be disappointed, as all hours are carried onto the following year.

### **Transition to new class September 2026**

To help the children make a smooth transition to their new class we will host a day where the children get the opportunity to meet their new teacher and discuss class rules and routines ready for September. We hope this helps to alleviate any anxiety children may feel over the summer about starting a new class. We will let you and the children know who will be teaching each year group later in the term.

### **Sun cream, water bottles and hats**

We are hopeful that the sun will return and so we ask that children are provided with sun hats, sun cream and water bottles to help them stay safe and refreshed in the sun. Please ensure that children's names are on all their belongings.

### **Summer Uniform (April to July)**

The following may be worn:

- Light blue polo shirt with grey shorts/trousers/skirt
- Blue/white checked dress
- Black school shoes

PE Kit

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Trainers (outdoor) or black pumps (indoor)

We encourage families to maintain our uniform standards. If you need any financial support in doing so, please see Miss Hopkins who is happy to help families access our uniform bank and funding via a Greggs uniform fund.

### **Lledr Hall**

Our Year 6 children are off to Snowdonia to take part in a week of adventurous outdoor pursuits later this half term. We hope they all have a memorable time. Look out for some of their photos on our website and twitter page. Thank you to our incredible staff who give up their time to ensure that the children have the very best experiences!

### **Summer Fair**

We are hoping to repeat the success of previous Summer Fairs. On the afternoon of 20th July the children will be leading their own enterprising stalls and there will also be the usual Summer Fair fun – bouncy castles, tombolas, raffles and beat the goalie! Please note that all monies raised at this year's fair will go to our chosen charity Prostate Cancer research. If you have any time and are willing to help/lead a stall, please do let Miss Morris know.

Regularly updated info can also be found on the school website [www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk) News and information are also updated via our Twitter page so please do follow us [@BridgewaterPS](https://twitter.com/BridgewaterPS). If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact school and a member of our office team will be happy to help. Please email [office@bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:office@bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk) or call 0161 921 1191.

Mrs E Henderson  
**Headteacher**

### June 2026

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>6SG Liedr Hall</b>			<b>6RS Liedr Hall</b>	
School reopens  PE (Y3)	PE (N & Y1)	PE (Y2, Y5 & Y6)	PE (Rec & Y4)  Y1 visit to St John's Community Centre (Jesus' Love Experience)  2DG Salford Everywhere Filming Session (Walkden Cricket Club)  Reception Heights & Weights	4ZD Swimming  Y4 Class Assembly 9:00am
<b>Year 1 Phonics Screening Check / Year 2 Phonics Screening Retakes</b>				
PE (Y3)  Riveting Reads Session for Reception Parents 2:20pm	PE (N & Y1)	PE (Y2, Y5 & Y6)	PE (Rec & Y4)	4ZD Swimming
<b>World Wellbeing Week</b>				
<b>Y5 Class Workshop – The Victorian School</b>		PE (Y2, Y5 & Y6)  Parent Workshop - 9:00am (100 Years of Salford)	PE (Rec & Y4)  Nursery Class Assembly 9:00am  2LT Visit to St John's Community Centre (Church in the Community Experience)  Y6 Triathlon - Irlam & Cadishead Leisure Centre	4ZD Swimming  Non-Uniform Day (in exchange for Summer Fair Tombola Donations)  1AK Library Visit (Walkden Gateway)  Y6 Class Workshop (The Money Charity)
PE (Y3)	PE (N & Y1)  Road Safety Workshop (Y6)			
<b>Y6 High School Transition Days</b>				
PE (Y3)  <b>Sports Day</b> 9:30am – 10:30am (Nursery & Reception)  <b>Sports Day</b> 1:45pm – 3:00pm (Y5 & Y6)	PE (N & Y1)  <b>Sports Day</b> 9:30am – 10:30am (Y1 & Y2)  <b>Sports Day</b> 1:45pm – 3:00pm (Y3 & Y4)	PE (Y2, Y5 & Y6)  Reception Trip to Smithills Farm	PE (Rec & Y4)	Transition Day (Whole School)

### June/July 2026

29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
PE (Y3)  Riveting Reads Session for Reception Parents 2:20pm	PE (N & Y1)	PE (Y2, Y5 & Y6)  Childrens University Graduation Ceremony – 9am (Salford University)	PE (Rec & Y4)  Y6 Visit to St John's Community Centre (Moving on)	4ZD Swimming
PE (Y3)  EYFS Parents' Welcome Meeting – 4pm (September 2026 Intake)	PE (N & Y1)	PE (Y2, Y5 & Y6)	PE (Rec & Y4)  Nursery Trip to Smithills Farm	4ZD Swimming  Uniform Bank Open to Parents - 9:00am (School Hall)
PE (Y3)	PE (N & Y1)  Y6 Leavers Trip (Cinema & Bella Italia)	PE (Y2, Y5 & Y6)	PE (Rec & Y4)	4ZD Swimming
<b>School Closed</b>				
Summer Fair - 3:15pm  Y5/Y6 tie exchange	Y6 Leavers Class Assembly 2:00pm  School Closes for Summer			

School Reopens: **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026**