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Bridgewater Spring Term 1 Newsletter 2025



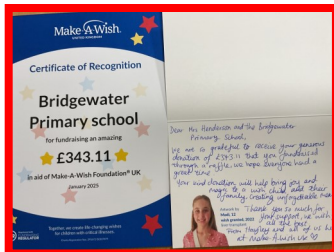
A message from Mrs Henderson

There have been so many wonderful events this half term – Well-being week; Online safety workshops; our Reception class were even visited by a dancing Chinese dragon; wizardly ways at our extremely popular Harry Potter night and fun and dancing at the Valentine's discos to name but a few. All of this in addition to the incredibly hard work the children have put into everything they have done in the classroom (we look forward to sharing this with at the next parent – teacher meeting in March/April).

A special thank you to all the parents/carers who attended workshops; assemblies; Parent Forum and Art exhibitions this half-term – it is really great to see you there and we welcome your feedback on these events and how we can continue to improve. I look forward to doing it all again next half term! Enjoy the break everyone.

School Council

A huge part of our role as School Council members is to fund raise for our chosen charity for the year. This year we are delighted to be raising money for the Make-a-wish foundation. We are pleased to announce that the raffle tickets sold at our Christmas performances for the luxurious hamper raised a fabulous £343.11, thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket.



In our roles as Well Being Ambassadors, we were asked by Miss Lovell to help the School's Art Ambassadors during Children's Mental Health Week. We hope that you have had chance to look at the leaflet of all of our 'top tip' suggested to help us with our feelings. Our final task this half term has been to organise our Valentine Disco and again, all money raised will be sent to

the Make-a-wish Foundation. We will let you know the total raised in Spring 2. Have a lovely Spring break from Miss Morris and the School Council team.

Staff on Special Leave Announcement

Miss Kenna (1AK) will be finishing for maternity leave today. We wish her all the best as she prepares for the arrival of her baby girl and look forward to welcoming her back when the time comes.

Mr Gandy (2DG) is currently on paternity leave to support his partner during this special time. We congratulate him and his family as they embark on this wonderful new chapter.



Congratulations!

Important dates next half term:

28th February
Y5 NCA Learn to Ride Cycle Training

3rd March – 6th March
Y5 NCA Cycle Training

5th March
Reception Vision Screening

6th March
World Book Day

18th March
Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew – Haldane Barracks

21st March
National Poetry Day

25th March
Y5 Trip to Manchester Football Museum

Y2 Phonics Screening Check Retake
Parent Meeting

27th March
Reception Class Assembly

Y2 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park

28th March
Y1 Phonics Screening Check Parent Meeting

31st March – 3rd April
Life Education Caravan

31st March
Y1-Y3 Parents Evening

1st April
Y4-Y6 Parents Evening

2nd April
EYFS Parents Evening

3rd April
Y5 Visit to St John's Community Centre – Easter Workshop

4th April
Y5 Class Assembly

School closes for Spring Break

Nursery

This term in nursery has been full of exciting learning experiences. We explored numbers 4 and 5, practicing counting, recognition, and formation through engaging games, songs, and hands-on activities. As part of our winter topic, the children learned about the changing seasons, discussed cold weather, and experimented with ice to observe how it melts. We also celebrated Chinese New Year by creating dragon crafts, learning about traditions, and even trying some traditional dancing. Our superhero theme sparked imagination as the children thought about bravery, kindness, and the special powers they would love to have. To end the term with excitement, we dived into the world of the circus, where the children enjoyed balancing, juggling, and pretending to be clowns and acrobats. It has been a fantastic term full of creativity, discovery, and fun!



Reception

What a brilliant half term Reception have had!



We started by learning about 'Winter'. We learned about the seasonal changes and enjoyed reading 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs.

Our favourite part of the topic was playing outside in the snow! We then moved on to learning about 'Chinese New Year'. We read the Chinese Zodiac story and produced some lovely writing and artwork based on the topic. We were lucky enough to participate in a Chinese dance workshop, where we learned some traditional Chinese dance movements, using dragon and lion heads.

For our final topic of the half term, we learned about 'Celebrations'. We loved learning about different types of celebrations and how people celebrate differently. We enjoyed our Riveting Reads session where we got to share the book 'We're going to a Birthday Party' and complete lots of birthday themed activities with our parents and carers.

Well done Reception! Have a lovely half term break.

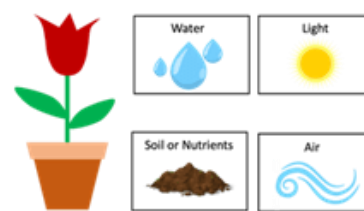


Year 1

In History, Year 1 are enjoying learning about differences between the past and present. They had a great time on their visit to Salford Museum, where they learnt about life in the Victorian times and had the opportunity to play with Victorian toys and wash up in the style of a Victorian.

Linked to their History learning, they have produced some amazing poems based on the book Lost in the Toy Museum.

In Science, the children have been learning about birds and plants. We began our experiment all about what a plant needs to survive. They have loved producing artwork based on this theme.

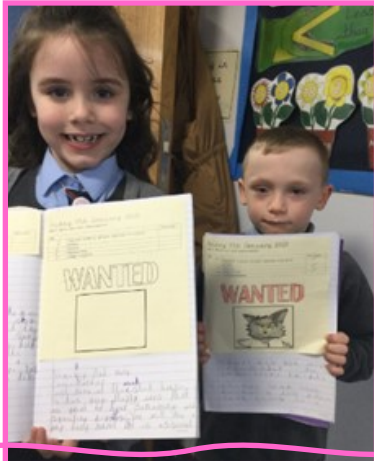




Year 2



Year 2 have worked extremely hard this half term learning all about our local area and living things and their habitats. In Geography, we have learnt all about the 7 continents and the 5 oceans of the world. We have also been recalling the 4 countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities; we have memorised these using fun songs. We have been practising our times tables and we have made excellent progress in our learning of these! In Science, we have been learning about animals and their habitats. We enjoyed a minibeast hunt in the nature garden and looked for dark, damp places where the minibeasts might be hiding! In our English, we have loved learning about the story of the Three Little Pigs and we created our own innovated stories. We have also looked at Wolves and have written our own non-fiction reports for Art Week. Year 2 have made an amazing start to 2025 and Miss Lomax and Mr Gandy are very proud!



Fantastic—well done!

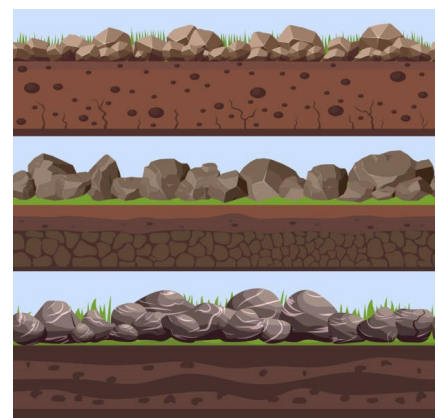


Year 3

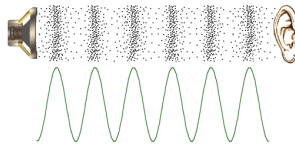
Year 3 have had an extremely busy half term. In Geography the children have been learning about Volcanoes and Tsunamis. The children have learnt about the different types of volcanoes and tectonic plates. In Science, the children have been learning about Rocks and Soils. The children have categorised the rocks into permeable, natural and manmade rocks. In P.E the children have had the pleasure of been taught dance by Miss Jasmine. In Art with Miss Pickup, the children have been looking at the artist Hokusai.



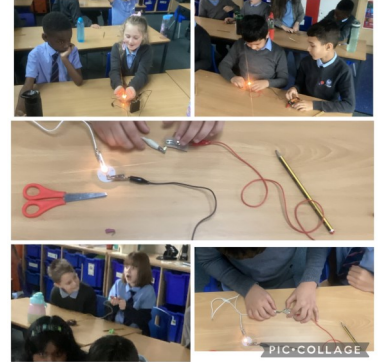
Great work—well done!



Year 4

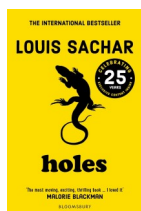


This half term in English, Year 4 have been immersing themselves in The Paradise Garden to help them to write a diary entry as the main character. The children have also written a poem linked to their History unit of Anglo-Saxons. In Maths, we have been learning about written methods for multiplication and division, as well as measuring length and perimeter. In Science, we have been learning about Sound and Hearing including how sound waves travel. We have also created our own sequence of music on digital software. Year 4 have been historical detectives to find out which Anglo-Saxon King was buried at Sutton Hoo and have learnt what it was like to be a child during the Anglo-Saxon era. Both Year 4 classes have been strengthening their hockey skills in PE. Finally, Year 4 have created torches with their own electrical circuits in D&T. We hope you have a lovely break.



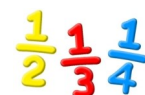
Year 5

Year 5 have had a wonderful start to 2025. We have been reading the text 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and we have enjoyed drafting a variety of different text types such as an opening to a narrative and a letter. We have been working hard to master multiplication and division in Maths and we continue to develop the speed of our Mental Maths Skills. In Science, we have been exploring properties of materials and have taken part in a fun investigation about how temperature changes the rate in which a material dissolves. We have been learning lots of new gymnastic skills in PE and we improved our computing skills by creating formulas in spreadsheets. During our History topic, we've been learning about the Ancient Egyptians and during Art Week we explored the Amazon Rainforest and created some fabulous sketching's, prints and paintings. In Spanish, we have learnt how to discuss the different school subjects and discuss what we like or dislike and why.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy start to 2025 and have been continuing their hard work. They have shown excellent resilience in their practice assessments this term. In English, the children have been using the text 'The Island' by Armin Greder to inspire their writing. They have written brilliant narratives. They have also produced powerful, emotive reverse poems linking to the theme of discrimination within the text. In Maths, they have continued to develop their arithmetic skills as well as exploring fractions, decimals and percentages and applying this to problem solving questions. In D.T, they have shown excellent creativity in designing and constructing a playground. In Geography, they have become confident in using an atlas to explore the UK. In their Science lessons, they have been exploring light and have investigated how shadows are formed and what causes shadows to change size. Year 6 have also enjoyed a visit to Walkden Library where they explored the variety of books. Many of our Year 6s are excited to become a member and loan books from the library to enjoy reading at home.



School Reopens Monday 24th February 2025

Mental Health & Wellbeing



This half term, we have celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. Children took part in activities in their classrooms, learned about ways to support one another in their assemblies and discussed ways to talk about worries with trusted adults. Our School Council Wellbeing Ambassadors and Art Ambassadors worked alongside Miss Morris and Miss Lovell to create their very own 'top tip' leaflet.

Places to go for help and support

Bridgewater are proudly working with Place2Be and our Mental Health Practitioner, Lynn, is working in school every Friday. Place2Be offer excellent resources for parents that can be found here: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk>



This website from the NHS offers help you look after your child's mental health and wellbeing as well as the rest of the family.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

The NSPCC are offering support and advice if you feel your child is struggling with their mental health and anxiety. More information and advice can be found on their website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>



Young Minds <https://youngminds.org.uk/>



School Blog

Over the school holidays, I know that you all get up to so many different activities, like football matches, going to the beach, going on holidays, seeing your friends and family, playing in your sports teams and so many more! On Purple Mash, Miss Whitfield has created a blog where you can post comments and pictures of all your fantastic activities! Once you log in, you search 2Blog -> click it -> click Class Blogs -> click School Holidays Activity Blog -> click the green View Blog button at the bottom -> click the book symbol in the top right corner to Add your post -> write your post or add your picture. Once it has been approved, it will be on there for the whole school to see your amazing activities!

A screenshot of a blog post on Purple Mash. The post is titled 'School/Holidays Activity Blog' and has a background of colorful confetti. The text of the post says: 'Hello everyone! Here is a space where you can upload any pictures or descriptions of any activities that you want to share with Bridgewater!'. Below the text, it says 'From Miss Whitfield'. At the bottom, there is a profile picture of Miss Whitfield, her name 'Miss Whitfield', and the time 'Last Tuesday at 09:52'. There is also a 'Delete' button in the bottom right corner.