



**BRIDGEWATER**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## *Welcome Back*

Autumn Term 2



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

Regularly updated information can also be found on the school website-

[www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk)

News and information is also updated via our Twitter page so please do follow us- [@BridgewaterPS](https://twitter.com/BridgewaterPS).

### **Countdown to Christmas**

As we start the second half term, it may not surprise you that Christmas is only 7 weeks away! We love this time of year at school and plan to have lots of exciting events for the children including pantos, parties and performances. We have added these to the school diary (please see calendar below) however, we have to continue to follow advice from Salford's Public Health team regarding COVID safety measures and will update you if our plans have to change.

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

This year we are delighted to be continuing with our participation in the Children's University Programme. The Children's University encourages children to 'learn outside of the school day' and recognises their commitment to enhancing their own learning by attending after school clubs etc. Your child will have received a 'Learning Passport' to use as a record of their additional learning. This passport will be used all the way through school and onto Secondary school if their school is part of the programme. If your child has lost their passport, a replacement may be purchased at the school office at the cost of £2.50 and previous hours will be added (school purchased the first passport on your child's behalf). I will keep you updated with any further information throughout the year.

### **Always Children**

ALWAYS children are those who follow the Golden Rules without needing to be asked or reminded across each term. To celebrate this *exceptional* behaviour, children are invited to an ALWAYS celebration. Parents/carers are contacted by letter to inform them if their child has been chosen by their class teacher for this reward. The aim of this initiative is to celebrate the massive achievement of children who can, on occasion, be 'overlooked' for ALWAYS being so focussed. It is also a proven incentive for other children to try and achieve the following term.

*We are gentle, we don't hurt others.*

*We are kind and helpful; we don't hurt anybody's feelings.*

*We are honest; we don't cover up the truth.*

*We work hard, we don't waste time.*

*We listen, we don't interrupt.*

*We look after property, we don't damage things.*

We would like to acknowledge that without your commitment to your child's education we would not be fortunate enough to have so many ALWAYS children and if your child was not successful this term you can speak to them or their class teacher about how they can be successful next term.

### **LATEST – Free School Meal (FSM) Vouchers for School Holidays**

Following my previous correspondence regarding FSM vouchers, I have the latest update from the Local Authority to share as follow:

*The LA has recently been notified of available funding to support FSM vouchers via the Household Support Fund. Therefore vouchers will be distributed (this) half term to eligible families to cover October Half Term, Christmas Break and the February Half Term and will be £60 per child.*

School will update eligible parents when we know the precise date of distribution. **Please call the school office if you think you may be newly eligible for this.**

### **Dogs on the Playground**

Just a reminder that NO dogs are permitted on school grounds. This includes dogs on leads and smaller dogs in their owner's arms. This is a Salford Council policy for the safety of all children, parents and carers.

### **Swimming Catch-Up**

We are really pleased that we are in a position to offer additional swimming lessons to children in Year 6 who missed out on school swimming sessions due to COVID-19 closures. These will happen every Friday for a total of 19 weeks or until they have passed the KS2 swimming standard. We hope to offer this to our Year 5 children later this year/ into next academic year also. Our current Year 4 will continue their swimming lessons on Mondays.

Thank you for your continued support,

*Mrs E. Henderson*  
Headteacher

## Calendar of Events – Autumn 2 2021

November 2021				
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
School Reopens  Y5 PE  Swimming Lesson (4KS & 4OD)	Y1, Y2 & Y4 PE	Y3 & Y6 PE  Parent Forum	Reception PE	Swimming Lesson (6JW)
8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
Y5 PE  Swimming Lesson (4KS & 4OD)	Y1, Y2 & Y4 PE	Y3 & Y6 PE	Armistice Day  Reception PE	Swimming Lesson (6JW)
15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>
Anti-Bullying Week				
Y5 PE  Swimming Lesson (4KS & 4OD)  Odd Socks Day (whole school)	Y1, Y2 & Y4 PE  Science Dome Workshop (EYFS)	Y3 & Y6 PE  Individual School Photos  History Workshop (Y2)	Reception PE	Swimming Lesson (6JW)  Children in Need (Non-uniform day)  Y5 trip (Whitworth Art Gallery)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
Y5 PE  Swimming Lesson (4KS & 4OD)	Y1, Y2 & Y4 PE	Y3 & Y6 PE  Y1 trip (RHS Garden Bridgewater)	Reception PE  Y4 trip (Grosvenor Museum)	Swimming Lesson (6JW)
November/December 2021				
29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Y5 PE  Swimming Lesson (4KS & 4OD)	Y1, Y2 & Y4 PE	Y3 & Y6 PE  Y3 Christmas experience (St Johns Church)	Reception PE	Swimming Lesson (6JW)
6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
Y5 PE  Swimming Lesson (4KS & 4OD)	Y1, Y2 & Y4 PE	Y3 & Y6 PE	Reception PE  Christmas Performance Y2 (9.30am) Y1 (1.30pm)	Swimming Lesson (6JW)  Christmas Performances Y1 (9.30am) Y2 (1.30pm)
13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
Y5 PE  Swimming Lesson (4KS & 4OD)  Christmas Performances Y3 (9.30am) Y4 (1.30pm)	Y1, Y2 & Y4 PE  Christmas Performances Y4 (9.30am) Y3 (1.30pm)	Y3 & Y6 PE  Christmas Performance EYFS (1.30pm)	Reception PE  Christmas Performance EYFS (9.30am)  Christmas Pantomime Beauty and the Beast (Y2 & Y6)	Swimming Lesson (6JW)  Christmas Performances Y6 (9.30am) Y5 (1.30pm)
20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>			
Swimming Lesson (4KS & 4OD)  Christmas Performances Y5 (9.30am) Y6 (1.30pm)	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day  School closes			

**School reopens on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**