



BRIDGEWATER NEWS

Welcome Back

Spring Term 2



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

Please find some important dates for your calendar on the last page. We also regularly update the school website www.bridgewaterprimaryschool.co.uk and our twitter page @BridgewaterPS with information and news.

Parent/Carer Teacher meetings

Parent/Carer Teacher meetings will take place on 8th March for Year 6 and week beginning 27th March for Nursery – Year 5. We kindly ask that all parents or carers make an appointment to discuss your child's progress and targets. If you cannot make this date, please see your child's class teacher who will arrange a telephone consultation at a convenient time. Letters will be sent out to Year 6 parents this week and to all other year groups on Friday 17th March.



World Book Day

As part of our ongoing commitment for every child to develop a love of reading, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March 2023. We will be hosting many activities to make our World Book Day celebrations as enjoyable as possible; Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character, or in line with this year's theme, as their favourite colour!

Attendance

Good attendance is incredibly important, as being in school every day gives your child the opportunity to maximise their learning. You may have seen our new signs outside of our KS1 and KS2 entrances. If you haven't you can see them below: the figures indicate how important attendance is, and how much lost learning takes place when we are not in school.

Welcome to
Bridgewater Primary School

 Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know... 

If your child's attendance during the school year...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time.
Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.

Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

Homework

Homework is important as it shows the children the value that you place on their learning and helps them to consolidate key skills. Thank you to all those parents who support their children in reading every night, learning their spellings and completing homework tasks and projects. Any junior child (in Years 3-6) who does not complete their weekly homework to an acceptable standard will be required to do so with the Headteacher during Friday afternoon Golden time.

Contact details

Please can I remind all parents how vitally important it is that we have up-to-date contact details for you - especially in case of emergency. Please inform the school office team if your telephone number or e-mail address changes.

Scooters and Bikes

We have a very busy playground in the morning with over 400 pupils and their parents arriving at school. Just a reminder that we request that all adults and children dismount their scooter or bike once they reach the school gates. Scooters and bikes can be left in our 'bike parks' on the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. All bikes and scooters are left at your own risk and school do not accept any liability for the loss or damage to those left on the premises. It is also vitally important that children wear helmets when riding to and from school. Please ensure your child is wearing a helmet if they are riding their bike/ scooter to or from school.

Water Bottles and Snacks

All children are encouraged to drink water during the day. The children are able to re-fill their water bottles during the school day. Children may also bring in healthy snacks to have during their break times. We try to encourage good eating habits and have a Healthy Eating Policy that supports this aim. Children in Key Stage 1 and EYFS are provided with fresh fruit daily; any extras are shared with KS2.

School Fund

School fund is generated by a variety of means. There are fund raising events during the course of each year and we are paid commission by the school photographer. The sale of school ties, reading folders and PE bags further adds to our income. Through the judicious spending of School Fund we are able to enhance the curriculum for all children by purchasing additional resources, booking visitors to the school and subsidising trips. All requests, from children and staff, for the use of school fund are approved by the Headteacher.

School Uniform

The school has acquired a large amount of 'lost property'. All items with names in are returned to their owner and not stored in lost property. Therefore, we encourage all parents to ensure that EVERY item is clearly labelled with your child's name. If your child has lost an item please speak to the class teacher initially and if this is not within the classroom, they will direct you to check with lost property at the school office. If your child brings home an item that is not theirs by mistake, please return this via the class teacher.

Should you require any assistance with school uniform, please do contact your child's class teacher or speak with Miss Hopkins, our Learning Mentor, directly. Please note that children should not be wearing trainers to school unless this is part of their PE kit.

Should there be any other information that you feel you would like us to share with the school or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to make an appointment via the school office.



February/March 2023

27 th	28 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
PE (Y5) Y6 Crucial Crew Trip	PE (N, Y1, Y2, Y4)	PE (Rec, Y3, Y6)	PE (Y3) World Book Day	4KS Swimming
6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
PE (Y5)	PE (N, Y1, Y2, Y4)	PE (Rec, Y3, Y6) Y6 Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings (1:45pm – 5:30pm)	PE (Y3)	4KS Swimming
13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th
Year 5 Cycle Training (Mon – Thurs)				4KS Swimming
PE (Y5) Y6 SAT's Parent/Carer Meeting – 2:30pm	PE (N, Y1, Y2, Y4)	PE (Rec, Y3, Y6) Y1 - Y6 British Science Week Parent Workshop - 8.50am	PE (Y3)	Non uniform Day (Easter Egg Donation) Y2 SATS Parent/Carer meeting – 3:10pm
20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th
PE (Y5) School choir practice (St John's Church) Riveting Reads Workshop for EYFS Parents - 2:30pm	PE (N, Y1, Y2, Y4)	PE (Rec, Y3, Y6) Y3-Y6 Easter Service (St John's Church) Y1 Parent/Carer Phonics Screening Meeting - 3:20pm	PE (Y3)	4KS Swimming EYFS Easter Bonnet parade KS1 & KS2 Easter Egg competition Y2 Parent/Carer Phonics Screening Meeting - 3:20pm
27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st
PE (Y5) Y1, Y2, Y4 Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings (1:45pm – 5:30pm)	PE (N, Y1, Y2, Y4) Y5 St Johns Church (Easter) N, Rec, Y3 & Y5 Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings (1:45pm – 5:30pm)	PE (Rec, Y3, Y6) Y5 Celebration Assembly - 9am 1JC - Salford Museum Trip Y1 Art Exhibition for Parents – 2:30pm Easter Bingo	PE (Y3) 1AK – Salford Museum Trip Y2 Knowsley Safari Park Trip Easter Bingo	4KS Swimming School closes for Half Term

School Reopens: **Monday 17th April 2023**