Bridge Farm Primary School

Weekly Newsletter
Term 3 - 12/02/2026

If you are worried about the safety of a child you can contact FIRST RESPONSE on 0117 9036444 for advice, support or signposting to an agency that will help you.



Dear Parents and Carers,
As we come to the end of this term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all staff, children and parents/carers a very happy, restful, and enjoyable break.
The children have worked extremely hard this term, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, progress, and commitment to their learning. This would not be possible without your ongoing support at home, and I would like to sincerely thank you for the encouragement, guidance, and partnership you continue to provide.
Your support with routines, home learning, and communication, plays a vital role in helping the children feel confident, motivated, and ready to learn each day.
We hope the half-term break provides a chance for everyone to relax, recharge, and enjoy some quality time together. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for Term 4, which promises to be another busy and exciting one.
Kind regards,
Matthew Flannigan
Headteacher

NEWSFLASH!

We would like to inform you of a change to our school newsletter schedule. From **Term 4,** the school newsletter will be issued on a **fortnightly basis** rather than weekly. This change has been made to allow us to provide more meaningful, well-organised updates while ensuring that important information is easy to find and not overlooked. The fortnightly newsletter will continue to include: key dates and upcoming events, important reminders and notices, celebrations of student achievements and whole-school updates and messages.
Please be assured that any urgent or time-sensitive information will still be communicated promptly via our usual communication channels.

Lockdown Practice

We would like to inform parents that the school will be carrying out a lockdown practice at 2:00pm on Wednesday 25th February. Children will be informed about the practice in assemblies on Tuesday 24th February so they are prepared and understand what will happen. This will be a routine practice to support our ongoing safeguarding procedures.

Dates for your diary



Fri 13th Feb - INSET day
Mon 23rd Feb - First day back - Term 4
Weds 25th Feb - EYFS Wow day
Thurs 26th Feb - SATS information evening for parents **(Meadow Hall 3.30– 4.00pm)**
Tue 3rd March - Years 1 and 2 Author visit **(see info sent on 12/02/2026)**
Tue 3rd March - Year 4 WOW day - Egypt
Wed 4th March - Year 3 WOW day - Egypt
Thur 5th March - World Book Day **(see info sent on 12/02/26)**
Thur 5th March - Term 4 House Day for World Book Day
Mon 9th March - British Science Week
Tue 10th March - Receptions Futura Singing Festival Event
Mon 16th March - Year 4 Heather and Foxglove to the Forest of Dean
Wed 18th March - Year 4 Heather and Foxglove return from the Forest of Dean
Wed 18th March - Year 4 Bluebell to the Forest of Dean
Wed 18th March - Year 2 WOW day
Fri 20th March - Year 4 Bluebell return from the Forest of Dean
Fri 20th March - Red Nose Day
Tue 24th March - Years 5 and 6 WOW day - Victorian
Tue 24th March - Parents evening 3.30 - 6.30pm
Thur 26th March - Parents evening 3.30 - 6.00pm
Fri 27th March - Year 1 WOW day
Thur 2nd April - Last day of Term 4



Please refrain from allowing your child(ren) to bring into school toys, balls, cards or any kind of item that could be at risk of being broken or lost. Children are also not allowed to trade cards in school. Fidget toys are only allowed if these have been approved by our SENCO. We thank you for your co-operation.

Year 1 enjoyed a workshop from Rabbi Singer! We've loved learning about Judaism this term.







Year 3 Meet-a-Medic

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 3 took part in a 'Meet a Medic' session. Each class was visited by medical students from Bristol University. As well as finding out about the different jobs that can be done in the hospital, the children also learned about the skeleton and digestion system. They particularly enjoyed the chance to use stethoscopes and test their reflexes. The medics also answered a wide range of thoughtful and interesting questions that the children had prepared.
Everyone really enjoyed the afternoon and the children were respectful, kind and welcoming to our visitors.
Well done, Year 3!





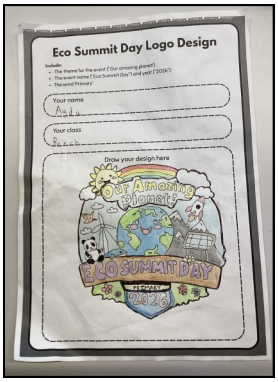


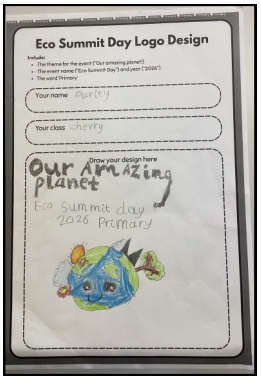


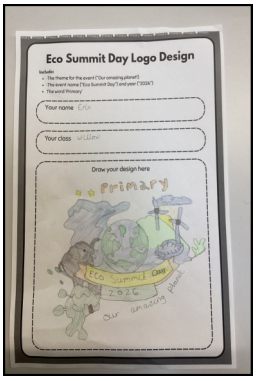


Eco News – Eco Summit Day 2026

Last week, pupils were invited to design a logo to increase student participation and pupil voice in the Futura Trust's Eco Summit Day 2026. We are delighted to announce our Bridge Farm winners: **Ayda (Year 6, Beech Class),** **Erin (Year 5, Willow Class),** and **Purity (Year 1, Cherry Class)** - well done to all three! Their designs will now compete with entries from across all Futura Trust schools, where one primary and one secondary logo will be chosen to represent the summit. Thank you to all pupils who took part; the standard of entries was incredible, making the decision very difficult.









Dear Parents/Carers,

It is incredible to think that we are approaching the halfway point of the current academic year. All of the children are continuing to work really hard in all of their lessons. Myself and the rest of the members of the Senior Leadership Team visit every class regularly and there is some fantastic work and learning taking place.

I'm pleased to share with parents and carers the next whole school Attendance Challenge for Bridge Farm. Our current attendance is 95.1% which is higher than was achieved in the last academic year. In addition, our current attendance is also higher than the National average.

Firstly, I would like to say that as a school we really appreciate the positive feedback that we have received from many parents around attendance. I would also like to say how encouraging it is that many parents have expressed that they appreciate that we are trying to find new and interesting ways to try and motivate and encourage children both when they are in school, and by trying to improve attendance.

To help us with our drive to continuing improving attendance, we will be introducing a new challenge for Term 4. The new attendance Challenge is "The Bridge Farm Attendance League Table." This challenge will see each Year group "battling" against other Year groups in an "attendance fixture". The Year group that wins their "fixture" (highest attendance) will earn 3 points. These points will be added to the ongoing league table. Each Year group will face a different Year group each week, with points given towards the "Attendance League Table." The Year group who are on top of the league table each week will win a shiny "golden" trophy!

As with previous initiatives;

- If any parent does not want their child to participate in the challenge then this is their choice to do so.
- If any parent is concerned about an ongoing medical condition that may lead to further absence, please contact the school/class teacher and an allowance will be made for this in respect of the challenge.

Once again, thank you for your support and commitment to the school.

Matthew Flannigan - Headteacher

Headteacher Awards - Term 3 2025/2026

A huge congratulations and well done to the children who received the Headteacher's Award for Term 3.

You are all 'Superstars'.

Butterfly: Bareerah T
Ladybird: Riley C
Bumblebee: Sophia H
Y1 Apple: Rudie M - R
Y1 Cherry: Freddie B
Y1 Pear: Matilda K
Y2 Peach: Erin E
Y2 Apricot: Reuben B
Y2 Lime: Millie P
Y3 Poppy: Isla D
Y3 Primrose: Rosie D
Y3 Clover: Aleisha G
Y4 Heather: Nyla N
Y4 Foxglove: Jenson O'C
Y4 Bluebell: Jenson D
Y5: Olive: Poppy K
Y5 Willow: Erin M
Y6 Hazel: Skye B
Y6 Maple: Sasha Y
Y6 Beech: Zayd U



EYFS/KS1 Headteacher's Award Winners

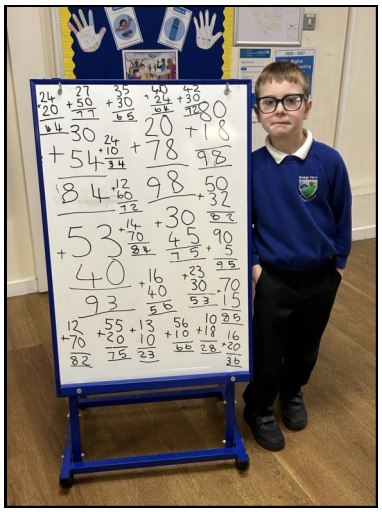
Congratulations to Mrs Cox on receiving a Headteacher's award for scoring 40/40 in the Maths test this week.



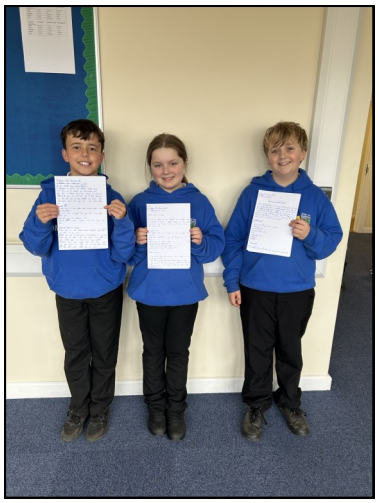


KS2 Headteacher's Award Winners

Celebration Work



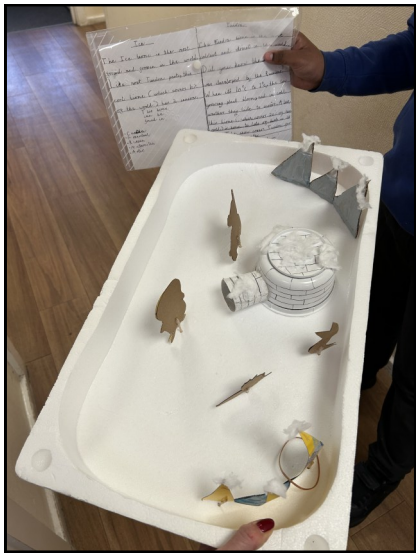
We were so proud of Alfie S in Year 3 this week for going above and beyond with his learning in Maths. Keep up the good work Alfie.



A huge well done to Oliver M, Lexie H and Joseph C for some fantastic publishing and Handwriting. Mr Flannigan was very impressed!

Well done to Ophelia W-M from Year 5 who produced this amazing Aquatic Biome as part of her home learning this term.





Great work by Ayan K in Year 5 for making this brilliant Tundra Biome for his home learning. Well done, Ayan!



A big shout out to Maggi C in Year 5 for coming 1st place and winning a Gold medal in Acrobatics. We are super proud of you Maggi.

The Great Bridge Farm

Art Competition

Calling all artists...

Create your own piece of art to represent the theme..

My Bristol

You can use any materials- painting, sketching, collage, scultpure, photography, sewing, canvas.

Please bring your entry into school on **Wednesday 18th March** for our judging panel to select the winners to progress to the Bristol Futura final.

All entries will be displayed in a school exhbition for parents too.

Good luck!

Fun Science

Fun Science After School Club at Bridge Farm - Term 4 25/26

Join us at your school every **Monday** - expect bubbles, eruptions, slime, smells and more! All of our sessions are hands-on and full of exciting experiments. Limited spaces available.

Years 1 to 6

5 weeks cost £40
(+£1.50 booking fee)

Mondays,
2nd March to 30th March

3.20pm - 4.20pm,
located within your school

Book here:
https://funsciencebath.ipalbookings.com/
You will need to register to create an account on your first visit, **please click here for instructions on how to use the booking system.**

Please note we cannot accept childcare vouchers for this club.

For more information about Fun Science, including our other services such as birthday parties, please visit www.fun-science.org.uk.

Get in touch if you need any support with booking.
bath@fun-science.org.uk or call 07708214840.

Please visit https://fun-science.org.uk/fun-science-terms-and-conditions/ to view our terms and conditions before booking.



Many thanks,
Fun Science



Gymnastics Club
Term 4

If your child is in Years 1 - 6 and would like to join the after school Gymnastics club, then please use the following link to book - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_4BoH5Or01Yjh9wEUXs2UQM2YLAWfL56WTYgN5EVHJ0MnaQ/viewform?usp=dialog



Festival of Stories

Saturday 7th March 11am-6pm
@ SPARKS Bristol

Join us for an unforgettable day of shared experiences, creativity, and inspiration, as we honour the art of storytelling and the way it can bring a community together.

Storytelling! (Featuring Nikesh Shukla!)

Bookish craft stalls, local indie authors, writing workshops, free craft activities, fairytale decor, fun vibes, special deals and discounts, and lots more!

(Fancy dress encouraged!)



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