

BWP News

September 2026



Bridgewater Park
Primary School
GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to Bridgewater Park Primary School as we begin another exciting academic year together.

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer break, filled with opportunities to rest, recharge and create special memories with family and friends. We are delighted to welcome all of our pupils back to school and are looking forward to seeing the enthusiasm, curiosity and determination they bring to their learning.

I would also like to extend a special welcome back to our dedicated staff team. Their commitment, passion and hard work make our school such a special place to learn and grow. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a talented team working together to ensure the very best outcomes for every child.

As we embark on this new school year, we do so with great optimism and ambition. There will be many opportunities for learning, achievement, celebration and personal growth. Together, we will continue to build on our successes, support one another through challenges and strive to achieve excellence in all that we do.

We are excited about everything that lies ahead and look forward to working in partnership with our families and community to ensure every child thrives.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a successful, happy and rewarding year ahead.

Best wishes,
A Hudson
Headteacher



Welcome, Miss Firth

We are delighted to welcome Miss Firth to Bridgewater Park Primary School as our new EYFS teacher, covering Mrs Leponis' maternity leave.

Miss Firth joins us with a real passion for oracy and language development, recognising the vital role that communication skills play in children's learning, confidence and future success. She is committed to creating a nurturing and engaging learning environment where every child is encouraged to speak, listen, share ideas and develop a rich vocabulary.

Through high-quality interactions, storytelling, discussion and purposeful play, Miss Firth will support our youngest learners in developing the strong language foundations they need to thrive both academically and socially.

We are excited to have Miss Firth as part of our team and know that she will make a wonderful contribution to the school community. I am sure you will join us in giving her a very warm Bridgewater Park welcome.

Congratulations, Mrs Leponis!

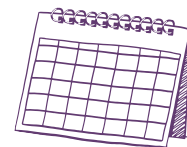


We are delighted to share the wonderful news that on 21st August, Mrs Leponis and her husband welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Florence Lilibet Leponis, weighing a healthy 7lb 1oz.

Florence is happy and healthy, and we send our huge congratulations to Mrs Leponis, her husband and their family as they begin this very special new chapter together. We can't wait to welcome little Florence to BWP for a visit!



Dates for the Diary



- **Monday 7th September** - EYFS Meet the Teacher Presentation (school hall) at 3:30pm
- **Tuesday 8th September** - Year 1/2 Meet the Teacher Presentation (school hall) at 3:30pm
- **Wednesday 9th September** - Year 3/4 Meet the Teacher Presentation (school hall) at 3:30pm
- **Thursday 10th September** - Year 5/6 Meet the Teacher Presentation (school hall) at 3:30pm
- **Friday 25th September** - Annual lockdown practice



ATTENDANCE - Every day counts!



There are **190 school days** in a year and **175 non-school days** available for family time, holidays, appointments, and other activities. Every day a child is absent from school means missed learning opportunities that cannot always be fully recovered.

If attendance drops below 90%, children are at greater risk of falling behind in their learning, which can affect both achievement and confidence.

OUR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 97%.

Holidays During Term Time

We recognise that family holidays are important; however, parents are strongly encouraged to arrange holidays during the school holidays wherever possible. A holiday taken during term time not only results in lost learning, but can also affect a child's progress, confidence, and ability to keep up with their classmates.

Under current regulations, schools are unable to authorise holidays during term time except in exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences for holidays may result in a Penalty Notice (fine) being issued by the Local Authority. Parents should be aware that these fines can apply to each parent for each child and may increase if not paid within the specified timescales.

Attendance Rate	Days Absent per Year
100%	0 days
95%	10 days
90%	19 days
85%	29 days
80%	38 days
75%	47 days

Birthday Shout Out

September:

1st - Nathan (Y6)

3rd - Jacob (Y5)

10th - Taylor (EY)

13th - Ezmae (EY)

17th - Belle (Y3)

23rd - Dolly (Y2)



Birthday Celebrations

A reminder that we have introduced a special way celebrate our pupils' birthdays in school.

On their birthday, children will be invited to wear their own clothes instead of school uniform and, if they wish, they can also wear one of our special birthday sashes during the school day.

If your child's birthday falls on a weekend or during a half-term holiday, they may choose to wear their own clothes on either the Friday before their birthday or the Monday after.

We hope this will be a fun and memorable way to help celebrate each child's special day.