



THE BRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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REFLECTION ON THE SCHOOL YEAR. A YEAR OF GROWTH AND CONNECTION

As the academic year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the journey we have taken together. It's been a year filled with learning, laughter, and meaningful connections, and I feel incredibly proud of the community we have continued to build.

One of the highlights has been our coffee mornings. What started as a simple gathering has blossomed into a safe, welcoming space where parents and carers can share experiences, ask questions, and simply enjoy a moment of stillness. Each session brought something new whether it was a themed discussion, or just a chance to chat over biscuits. We also hosted some charity events that not only raised funds but also created memories along the way. From cake sales to parent workshops, these events remind us of the power of community and the joy of coming together for a cause.

Parental engagement has been a cornerstone of our work this year. Whether through one-on-one support, group sessions, or informal chats at the school gate, we have built stronger relationships and opened up channels of communication. It's been great to see parents actively participating and sharing their voices.

Looking ahead to the next school year, I'm filled with high hopes. We are planning to establish a PTA, which will give families a more formal role in shaping school life and events. I'm excited about the potential this holds for deeper collaboration and shared decision-making.

We also aim to offer more varied workshops, tailored to the evolving needs of our families. Topics like well-being, sensory needs, and dental care are already on the list. Our coffee mornings will be continuing, some sessions may be focus driven, such as sibling support, discussing strategies and community networking.

This year has shown me that when we work together, listen deeply, and support one another, we create something truly special. I'm grateful for every conversation, every shared moment, and every step forward. Here's to another year of growth, connection, and community.

#ATTENDANCEMATTERS – THANK YOU!

As we come to the end of the school year, we're proud to share that our whole school attendance stands at 87.1%, which is an increase of 1.9% from this time last year. This improvement has had a real impact—more pupils have been able to achieve their EHCP objectives, take part in educational visits, and benefit from support by visiting professionals such as Speech and Language Therapists (SALT) and Occupational Therapists (OT).

Thanks to improved attendance, more pupils have also enjoyed Music of Life sessions, taken part in active sports workshops, and joined in with lunchtime clubs alongside their peers.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all our families for your continued support in helping improve attendance. By working together, we're giving every child the best chance to thrive and achieve their full potential.

'Bridge is the place to be!'

RABBITS

What an incredible year it has been for the rabbits! This term, they embarked on an exciting sunflower competition, showcasing their green thumbs and competitive spirit. They also had a blast with water play, splashing around and cooling off during those warm days.

The children eagerly engaged in parallel play with their peers, building friendships and learning together. And to top it all off, they were thrilled by a special visit from the animals at our summer fayre, making unforgettable memories.

OTTERS

Outstanding Otters enjoyed a visit exploring the local area.

We listened to environmental sounds and enjoyed time playing with our parachute and singing songs.



DEERS

What an incredible term it's been for our wonderful Determined Deers! Every child has shown such resilience, curiosity, and joy in learning—and we are incredibly proud of all the hard work they've done this year.

This term, the Deers have developed important life skills through fun, structured activities. From practising how to wash their hands independently to brushing their teeth confidently, they've grown in ways that will support them both in and out of school.

Water play has brought plenty of excitement and opportunities for sensory exploration, helping children build confidence, coordination, and communication.

One of our biggest highlights this term was building our class moving monster. This project was more than just fun—it was a brilliant opportunity for the children to use their fine motor skills, express their creativity, and most importantly, work together. We saw fantastic moments of teamwork, turn-taking, and independence blooming in every step of the process.

Each child has made real, visible progress this year—and we couldn't be prouder. Well done, Determined Deers—you're an inspiration!



FOXES

The Fantastic Foxes have had another wonderful term, adding to what has already been a fabulous year! Their dedication and enthusiasm have shone brightly, making every moment memorable. They have experienced and enjoyed many creative and wonderful moments, learning together through art, music, physical education, and exploring the world around them. Let's celebrate their achievements and look forward to even more success in the coming months. Go, Fantastic Foxes!



SQUIRRELS MAKE A SPLASH AT WYNDLEY LEISURE CENTRE!

Squirrels Class have been diving into fun during our recent swimming lessons at Wyndley Leisure Centre—and what an exciting time we've had!

From the moment we stepped into the pool, the water was filled with laughter, learning, and lots of splashes. We played colourful games, sorting discs into matching arches, which helped us build coordination and teamwork. Buckets and watering cans turned into tools of joy as we poured and splashed, exploring water play in creative ways.

Floats and noodles gave us the confidence to glide through the water, and we bravely took our feet off the floor to swim forwards and backwards. It was amazing to see everyone grow in confidence and skill with each session.



The smiles said it all—Squirrels Class have had a fantastic time learning to swim, building water confidence, and making unforgettable memories. We're so proud of everyone's progress and enthusiasm!

OWLS

The Optimistic Owls have been an absolute pleasure to teach this year. They all have their own wonderful personalities with so much talent and skill.

Some highlights this year have been our various trips to The Sealife Centre, Ash End House Farm and our weekly walk to the shop which the children loved!

We wish everyone the best of luck on another year at The Bridge School and for a lot of Owls who will be moving onto their new schools.



HEDGEHOGS

Hardworking Hedgehogs have lived up to their name this year! They have all worked so hard and made good progress in many areas. There has been lots of fun learning throughout the year, both on and off site. They have not just progressed well with their Phonics, Communication Literacy and Language and Numeracy work, but also their life skills. We have managed a weekly walk to the local shop and helped out in the community by litter picking, practicing essential skills like road safety along the way.

We went on a fabulous trip to Kingsbury Water Park, which was enjoyed by each and every one of us. We also had the use of Wyndley Swimming Pool for weekly lessons for two terms, and the use of the hydro pool on site, amongst many other fun activities.

This year has honestly been such a fabulous year for all involved in the Hedgehogs class. All the adults feel very lucky to have had the pleasure of working with all of the children in Hedgehogs Class.



BADGERS

What an incredible year it's been in Badgers Class! From exploring exciting topics to building strong friendships, our learning journey has been full of fun and discovery.

We're currently diving into our beach-themed project, where the children have been investigating sea creatures, creating beautiful seaside art, and even designing their own beach scenes, including reading the story of The Rainbow Fish.

Our creative activities and enthusiasm have truly brought the seaside to life in our classroom!



BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE – ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

This year, we've introduced the Bridge to the Future programme—a collection of 50 enrichment activities designed to help children play, explore, and experience new things beyond the classroom. These activities are all about building confidence, character, and wellbeing through real-world experiences.

Here are just a few examples of what pupils (and families!) can try:

- Join a water fight
- Fly a kite
- Look after a pet
- Build or play in a den
- Visit a place of worship
- Spend a night away from home
- Lay on the grass

These experiences help children grow by trying new things, going to new places, and meeting new people —things that are just as important as academic learning.



This term we have had 6 pupils achieve the 'Adventure award' (20 activities experienced) and 5 pupils achieve the 'Explorer award' (10 activities experienced). Well done!

Over the summer, we encourage families to explore the full list of activities at home too!

You can download the activity list here:

<https://bridge.fet.ac/parents/curriculum/enrichment/>

If your child completes any of the activities, please send in photos—we'd love to add them to their pupil profiles and celebrate their achievements.



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