



# THE BRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2 - 2026

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD ...

As we come to the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their continued support and partnership. I hope that everyone enjoys a happy, relaxing and well-deserved summer break.

I am absolutely delighted with the progress our pupils have made throughout the year. Their hard work, determination and enthusiasm for learning have been wonderful to see, and they should all feel incredibly proud of their achievements.

This term has been filled with memorable experiences and celebrations. It has been fantastic to see our pupils enjoying a wide range of activities, including the ever-popular Colour Sports Fest, Bridge Has Got Talent, and our End of Year Awards Ceremony. These events have showcased the confidence, creativity and sense of community that make our school such a special place.

We also had 12 pupils attend the residential visit to Beaudesert, where they enjoyed a fantastic experience, developed their independence and created lasting memories with their friends. The success of this trip has reinforced the value of residential opportunities, and we are excited about expanding these experiences for even more pupils next year.

As the academic year draws to a close, we say a fond farewell to 17 of our pupils as they prepare to transition to secondary school. While we will miss them greatly, we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their time with us. We wish each and every one of them the very best for the future. They were given a brilliant send-off at our Leavers' Assembly on 15th July, where we celebrated their achievements and reflected on many happy memories.

Thank you once again for your support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back in September for another exciting year of learning, growth and opportunity.

Have a wonderful summer and stay safe.

Best wishes,

Andrew Seager  
Headteacher

## EYFS BADGERS

Badgers Class has enjoyed a wonderful half term of practical, sensory-based learning centred around food and picnics with a focus of The Teddy Bear's Picnic. Our pupils have explored a range of familiar foods through touching, smelling, tasting and investigating, helping them build confidence and engagement through meaningful sensory experiences. Using real foods, objects of reference and communication symbols, the children practised making choices, expressing preferences and developing their communication skills. They particularly enjoyed smelling different scents, washing fruit and learning that their actions can create changes, especially squashing tomatoes to find the seeds inside.

The class also had great fun preparing food. Pupils worked on following simple instructions, taking turns and increasing their independence during structured activities. A highlight of the term was designing and making sandwiches, where children selected their preferred ingredients, used tools with growing confidence and followed visual instructions to create their own snacks. It has been fantastic to see the pupils developing their communication, independence and life skills through engaging, hands-on activities tailored to their individual needs and interests.

Children have had lots of fun taking part in all the learning opportunities.



## OTTERS

Otters class have been enjoying lots of time immersed in stories. We enjoy sensory stories providing us with sights, sounds, scents and touches to explore and engage us. We also enjoy sharing books with adults, when we look at bright pictures and help turn the pages.



## SQUIRRELS

Well, that was a hot half term! I can't believe this is our last half term. Seeing the children flourish has been amazing. I have looked back at pictures from our first days in Squirrels and seeing them this week has blown me away. They have grown in so many ways.

We have had so much fun this half term. We have spent most of our learning under the sea! We have learnt about the different sea creatures and sorted them. We have sequenced under the sea stories and spent the day on board the Bridge Pirate Ship. Out of the water we have had a very colourful Sports Day and the Summer Fairs which have been fantastic.

I can't finish without saying a huge thank you and goodbye to our brilliant leavers. It's always hard saying goodbye but I know you are all going to enjoy your new setting and grow even more! Have a great summer holiday.



## FANTASTIC FOXES

This term, our class has enjoyed hands-on, sensory learning through our topic Dive into the Deep, inspired by the story The Rainbow Fish. The children loved bringing the story to life through role play, sequencing activities, creative crafts and exploring a range of sea creatures and ocean-themed sensory experiences.

Our learning linked closely with Science, where pupils explored sea creatures, investigated clean and polluted oceans and discovered how to care for our sea creatures by recycling and keeping our beaches clean. In Mathematics, the children developed their counting skills through fun, practical activities, counting sea creatures, matching numbers to quantities and exploring more and less.

It has been a wonderful term full of curiosity, creativity and teamwork. We are incredibly proud of the fantastic progress the children have made and the enthusiasm they have shown throughout our underwater adventure!



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPUTY HEAD

It has been another exciting and rewarding year at The Bridge School, with so many wonderful learning experiences to celebrate. Across every class, our pupils have shown resilience, curiosity and determination, and it has been a privilege to watch them grow in confidence and independence.

One of our exciting developments this year has been working with Sophie Gray from Services for Education, who joins us in school each week to work alongside our pupils and staff. As a music specialist, Sophie has supported us on our journey towards achieving the Sounds of Intent Bronze Award. Music has become an increasingly important part of our curriculum, helping pupils develop communication, confidence, self-expression and engagement in meaningful and enjoyable ways.

This summer, we are proud that all of our Year 6 pupils are working towards achieving a Trinity Music Award before they leave The Bridge School. Looking ahead, our ambition is for every pupil to leave us having achieved a recognised music qualification during their time here.

Alongside this, we have continued our work towards the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Bronze Award, which we hope to achieve during the autumn term. This has encouraged pupils to develop an understanding of respect, fairness, kindness and the importance of having their voices heard, values that are embedded throughout school life.

Perhaps the greatest achievement this year has been the progress our pupils have made in their own individual journeys. We have celebrated children communicating using symbols, words and phrases, developing the confidence to express their wants and needs, building stronger friendships and becoming increasingly independent. We have also celebrated physical milestones, from pupils taking their very first steps to learning to ride a bicycle and developing greater confidence in their movement and mobility. Every achievement, however small it may seem, represents a huge success for our pupils and their families.

Our play-based, practical and multisensory approach to learning continues to have a significant impact. By providing meaningful, hands-on experiences, we enable pupils to explore new concepts in ways that suit their individual learning styles. This approach supports communication, problem-solving, independence and social interaction while helping pupils achieve their curriculum outcomes and Individual Education Plan (IEP) targets.

The enthusiasm our pupils bring to learning every day is something we are incredibly proud of. Whether they are exploring sensory stories, experimenting with real-life materials, engaging in role play or working collaboratively with their classmates, they continue to demonstrate that learning is at its best when it is engaging, purposeful and fun.

It has been a pleasure to celebrate so many successes throughout the year, and I am incredibly proud of everything our pupils have achieved. I look forward to seeing them continue to flourish as they begin another exciting chapter in September.

Mrs Rowley  
Deputy Headteacher



## OWLS

The Optimistic Owls have had a wonderful final half term engaging in new and exciting learning linked to our 'Dive into the Deep' topic. In English, we explored Julia Donaldson's Tiddler through puppets, enhanced provision and 5 sentence story writing. We also loved exploring a non-fiction text based on giant sea creatures.

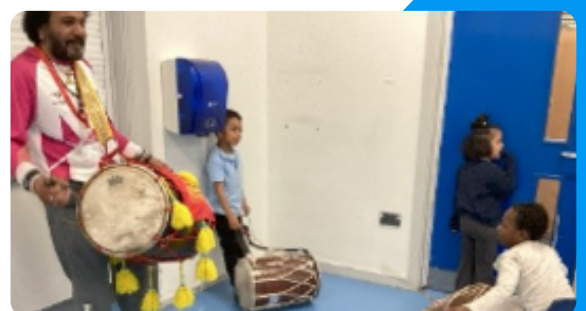
In Maths, we have been developing our knowledge of Place Value, exploring numbers beyond 100. We have also been engaging with practical activities linked to Position and Direction, engaging with coding toys and interactive stories! In Science and Geography, we have been engaging in play-based learning to develop our understanding of different continents and oceans. In Art, we loved creating our own 'Under the Sea' art pieces using a range of colours and collaged materials.

Owls have also enjoyed a range of extra-curricular activities including weekly PE sessions engaging in activities linked to teamwork skills and mirroring a friend. We have also loved engaging in water play, sensory activities and many of our class attended an amazing residential trip to Beaudesert! What an amazing year it has been- we are so proud of our Optimistic Owls!



## VAISAKHI DHOL PLAYING EXPERIENCE JUNE 2026

Our pupils across the school enjoyed an exciting drumming workshop led by talented Dhol player Gurcharan Mall OBE. The workshops were full of energy, music and fun, giving the children a hands-on opportunity to experience the rhythms and sounds of the traditional Punjabi Dhol drum. Gurcharan engaged the pupils with interactive activities, encouraging participation, confidence and physical skills. The workshop was a wonderful cultural experience, and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills while expressing themselves through music and rhythm, using one hand, then two or through sensory exploration.



## HEDGEHOGS

Hedgehogs Class have had a fantastic half term and have thoroughly enjoyed making the most of the lovely warm weather. The children have had lots of fun taking part in water play activities, exploring, splashing and developing their sensory skills. We also had an amazing time at Bridge's Got Talent, where everyone enjoyed joining in and celebrating each other's achievements.

The Colour Sports Fest was another highlight of the term, bringing plenty of smiles, laughter and colourful fun! In class, the children have been busy making sandwiches, developing their communication, independence and fine motor skills as they practised spreading, filling and assembling their own tasty creations. We are so proud of all the children for their enthusiasm and achievements this half term.



## BUTTERFLIES

What a fantastic year the children have had! They have achieved so much and should all be incredibly proud of themselves. They had so much fun at the Summer Fayre, making wonderful memories together, and they truly amazed everyone with their confidence, enthusiasm, and talent in Bridge Has Got Talent. It has been wonderful to see how settled they have become and how much progress each and every child has made throughout the year, both academically and personally. They have grown in confidence, developed new skills, and embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm. I am so proud of everything they have accomplished, and I can't wait to see what next year brings for them. I know they will continue to shine and achieve great things.



## CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE SUCCESS AT THE BRIDGE!

We are incredibly proud to share that The Bridge has achieved the Inclusive Attendance Bronze Award!

This award recognises the hard work and commitment of our whole school community in making The Bridge a place where children feel safe, valued, supported and excited to learn. We have worked tirelessly to ensure that The Bridge truly is the place to be, creating a culture of belonging, inclusion and opportunity for every child.

This term alone has been packed with fantastic experiences for our pupils and families, including:

★ **Bridge Has Got Talent**

🌈 **The Colour Sports Fest**

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🎓 **Leavers' Show**

🏠 **Residential Opportunities**

🎪 **Summer Fayre**

What an incredible range of opportunities for our children to learn, grow, build friendships and create lasting memories!

We are also delighted to see our attendance figures continuing to improve year on year. This is a reflection of the strong partnership between home and school and the shared belief that every day in school matters.

A huge thank you goes to our parents and carers who work tirelessly to support their children to attend school every day and arrive on time. We know that this is not always easy, and we greatly appreciate your commitment to working alongside us to improve attendance and ensure children benefit from all that The Bridge has to offer.

I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank all staff, pupils, parents and carers for their support throughout the year. Achieving the Bronze Award is a fantastic achievement and one that reflects the dedication of our entire school community. As Senior Attendance Champion, I am incredibly proud of everything we have accomplished together and look forward to hearing how the school builds on this success, working towards the Inclusive Attendance Silver Award next year.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and commitment to our school.

We wish all of our families a wonderful, restful and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to The Bridge in September 2026 for another exciting year of learning, belonging and achievement.

**Miss Jaques**

**Senior Attendance Champion**

**The Bridge School ☀️**



## DETERMINED DEERS

The Determined Deer have had a fantastic summer term and have enjoyed a wide range of exciting learning experiences. The children particularly loved spending time outdoors, making the most of the warmer weather while developing their confidence, curiosity and independence through their participation in our Under the Sea topic.

## RABBITS

This half term has been non-stop! We have enjoyed so many wonderful events and experiences together. We would like to say a huge thank you for the fantastic parental engagement at our Colour Fest Sports Day. Your enthusiasm, support and involvement helped make the day extra special for the children, and it was wonderful to see so many families joining in the fun.

This half term, we have loved exploring our theme of The Teddy Bears' Picnic. The children have enjoyed lots of imaginative pretend picnics, developing their communication and social skills through play. We have also had a big focus on reading, and the children have particularly loved listening to and discussing our class story, The Everywhere Bear. One of the highlights of the term was our exciting water play session, which brought lots of smiles, laughter and opportunities for exploration and learning.

As we come to the end of the year, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. The class team and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with your children and watching them grow in confidence, independence and ability throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and wish you all a wonderful summer break.



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