



BRIDGEWATER NEWSLETTER

March 2026



Yet another busy term at Bridgewater, in this newsletter we'd like to share with you some of what has been happening. We would also like to thank you for all your continued support and attendance at stay and reads, parents' afternoon and other events we have invited parents to. This week we have an event at the Glasshouse for Y5 and Y6 parents to see Y6 perform with the Royal Northern Sinfonia. Children and our reading challenge winner got to meet Lewis Miley!



London 2026



Our annual trip to London was fun packed as usual. The children loved visiting Parliament, the Paddington experience, the SeaLife Centre and seeing the show Hercules. The 007 boat trip is always a highlight.



Easter egg competition



We have had our annual decorate a hard-boiled egg competition. The entries were fantastic, here are a few.

School Council



Our School Council have been campaigning and meeting with the council to make the roads around our school safer. Watch this space to find out what they have achieved in the coming months.



A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped us raise money for Comic Relief. Also thank you for entering our Easter raffle.

Red Nose Day

We enjoyed dressing in red clothes for Red Nose Day. We found out about the Comic Relief Charity and how our donations could support people in the UK and around the world. Some of us also wore hats to show our support for Brain Tumour Research



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Our lovely Mrs Crawford is retiring, we will miss her!

World Book Day



The children enjoyed celebrating **World Book Day**. They came to school dressed as their favourite book character or in an outfit representing an adjective (a describing word).



Each child received a book token to spend on one of

the World Book Day books. This was a great opportunity to promote a love of reading! We took part in a draw along task with an illustrator to create our own World Book Day book mark illustrations! Mrs Stoker also took the reading challenge winners to Waterstones to choose a book.

Year 2 enjoyed a trip to the library to become 'Book detectives' on World Book Day. We looked for different books around the library and enjoyed sharing stories.



Maths day

For Maths Day, we used compasses to draw circles and took part in an escape room!



WEST number day.

A day of celebrating maths. The day started with a video message from Bobby Seagull and each class did a range of maths activities from games to Escape Rooms, to drawing and investigating circles.

Y6



We made origami butterflies, which will be used in a display in Newcastle City Centre.



Ellie

Slorach came into support Year 6 in



preparation for their big event on Wednesday 1st April, where they will play alongside the RNS (Royal National Symphonia) at the Glasshouse.

Having her expertise, really helped the children to raise the level of their playing. They loved sharing what they had learned with her.

STEMtastic!



For Stemtastic Week, the children visited the Life Centre and took part in a range of STEM activities such as designing the best paper airplane with the RAF; finding out 'who dunnit' in a crime scene and working with the Life Centre staff to design the best wind turbine using all of their problem solving skills.

Y5



Year 5 worked with Mrs Dodds from Computing 4 Kids North East building and designing car models, which they later tested. The children

programmed crumbles using coding skills get their cars moving as well as creating their

own colour changing lamps. We had great fun and developed



our new skills as well as gaining confidence in our coding skills.



Y4

Year 4 enjoyed their trip to Jarrow Hall. We learned all about Anglo Saxon life on the



farm. We got to have a go at weaving some wool, like the Anglo Saxon's would have done to make clothes. We also looked at some of the weapons they would have used and reenacted a battle!

Year 4 Honey Bees have been lucky to work with artist Steve Pardue to create Nature Journals and then a nature trail in memory of our friend Archie. We explored the outdoor area to see what living things we could sketch. Steve shared his artwork and

expertise to help us when creating our own.



STEM workshops with Newcastle Foundation Y4 enjoyed a series of STEM workshops. We used our problem-solving and engineering skills in a paper tower competition. We used our coding skills to operate robots in a competition.

Ballet Lorent

We went to see Ballet Lorent perform *Snow White* and then enjoyed two workshops in school based around the story.



Y3

Sunderland Winter Gardens



As part of Science, Year 3 went on a trip to Sunderland Winter Gardens. We walked

around the high up balcony to see the top of lots of tall plants. We planted sunflower seeds and got to take them home - it was a fun day! Mais – Year 3 Tigers



We enjoyed learning about how seeds grow and planting our own seed. Y3 Tigers



following each step and using a range of kitchen utensils.

I enjoyed using the knife to carefully cut the vegetables. - Kade



Y1 Visit to the library.

We enjoyed our trip to the west end library. The librarian read us a lovely story then she let us explore the library. She then showed us how to scan the book so we can take them home.



Making Pasta!



As part of our DT lessons we made pasta from scratch. We shaped it into bows and we loved eating it, it was so tasty! Lara & Esme Tigers **Year 3**

We enjoyed rolling out the pasta and creating bow shapes. Yasem & Ondrej Elephants Year 3



Y2 In Year 2 this half term, we have been using our cutting, peeling and grating skills. We followed a recipe to create a vegetable face,



We enjoyed our trip to the glasshouse where we learned some new songs and completed some work for our arts award.



Early Years

Reception children enjoyed their trip to the West End library. We asked questions to find out about the librarians job. We were very excited to find out about the after school clubs and weekend games club.



The Easter story



Lydia from St Joseph's church visited our classroom today to introduce us to the Easter story. We used an emotions wheel to show how the disciples were feeling throughout the story.

The **Hedgehog** children have thoroughly enjoyed their enquiry based learning this half term. Answering the question 'How do we travel?'. They have explored different modes of transport and ways we travel with our bodies through small world play, stories and outdoor learning.



The Squirrels have been learning about travelling this half term in our EBL topic 'How do we travel?'

Some of the ways we have explored are: ways we can move wind up toys, building our own types of transport, using paint with transport to mark make and using our mouse skills in the computer room to design and move vehicles.



Developing oracy



All of our children are developing their speaking and listening skills using resources and support from **Voice21**. We have key staff in school who are Oracy Champions and children in all classes are working hard to develop these skills.

Holiday fines

Just a reminder that we need holiday forms completed for any child taking time off during term time. No holidays will be authorised and parents will be fined if their child's absence exceeds 4 days (which is 8 sessions or more).

Updated Policies

This term we have updated a number of policies please ask for a copy from the office or view them on our website.



WEST Schools' Trust

We are part of the West End Schools'

Trust (WEST) with Broadwood, Canning Street, St Johns, Wingrove, Hawthorn, Moorside, St Paul's and Lemington Riverside Primaries. We work very closely together to provide the best education for all our children.



We are also part of Newcastle's West End Children's Community working with all partners in the west end to support children cradle to career.



Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure your child arrives on time every day and if they are poorly you **must** telephone the office on the first day of absence and every day they are off on **2745290** thank you. School starts at 8.40am.



Can I please remind all adults that the school and grounds is a no smoking zone and no one is allowed to smoke in this area. In fact it is illegal and anyone caught can face prosecution. Thank you for your support in this.



Peer Massage

Peer massage is part of our wellbeing provision for the children and we have a fabulous sensory room for children to go to chill out and de-stress.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who help around school we really do appreciate your time.



After School Club

In our after school childcare the children have the opportunity to do fun activities, have a snack and there is time to get their homework done too. If you are interested in applying for a place for your child please see the school office.



Remember to make sure we have up to date contact numbers for you in case we have to get in touch in an emergency. We also sent text messages and Dojo messages to keep parents informed so it is vital our contact details are up to date

Medical Needs



If your child has a medical need or condition can you let the school office know so it can be recorded on our system, that way all staff who need to know will. A care plan may need to be made with the school nurse and staff may need specialised training. We also need to know any changes that may occur immediately.

When getting medication for your child to be given in school from a doctor or pharmacist please ensure there is a label attached showing your child's name, the date and dosage.

Trip dates, Stay & play & performance dates to follow – look out on Dojo.



All **money** paid into school should either be paid directly to the school office or through the class teacher in a labelled envelope. This prevents any loss or confusion over money paid.



Remember here at Bridgewater we offer outstanding provision from birth. If you would like to find out more please ask Wendy Harker or ask at the office.



Website
Our website address is

www.bridgewater.newcastle.sch.uk

Keep up to date with all the latest news as we also have a facebook and twitter link.

There are activities happening every day in school during the Easter holidays. Please contact see the SCOPAY app or contact the school office to book a place

Dates for your diary.

Diary Dates	
Monday 20th April	Children return to school
Wednesday 22nd April	In Harmony starts again.
Monday 3rd May	May Day Bank holiday – School closed
Monday 11th May	Y6 SATs week
Friday 22nd May	Dress up as your chosen career day. Break up for half term
Monday 1st June	Training Day – whole school closed.
Wednesday 8th July	Parents' afternoon
Wednesday 15th July	Attendance and Achievement assemblies.
Friday 17th July	9.30am Y6 Leavers' assembly Break up for Summer

Parents have been informed that we will be having Easter school for Y6 children in preparation for SATs during week 1 of the holidays, Tuesday 7th – Thursday 9th April. We hope all the children can attend. Y6 SATs week starts Monday 11th May. All children must be in school.



Happy Easter Everyone!