

Bridgewater Primary



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Welcome



m welcome to Bridgewater. As Headteacher, I am
troduce you to our lovely school, where every
ne opportunity to experience a positive, happy,
nriching environment, where they feel valued and
d they can strive to reach their true potential. We
ery child with their own unique path to learning -
heir characters and ways of understanding the
nd them. We are a primary school with a nursery
asses in each year group. We offer places for
d three to eleven.

value our pupils' academic achievements. We also
y emphasis on the importance of a broad,
ducation, including teaching core values such as
espect, being brave and resilient.

e delighted to welcome you into our school and to show you around. You will find that the schoo
inclusive atmosphere, in which our whole school community is devoted to providing the very best
ies for your child. You will see that our children are well-mannered, friendly and support each othe
lay. They are interested, keen to learn and confident. You will meet staff who are highly motivate
children in their learning, so that all our pupils can fulfil their potential. You may also meet other m
community such as parents, grandparents and local residents, because we highly value those par
s made to feel welcome and get involved in the life of our school.

ch our virtual tour and contact the school office if you'd like to visit us or if you have any queries.
d to hear from you. Thank you for your interest in our school.

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nt, in which every member of our
s safe, happy, valued and inspired to
eir full potential.

o celebrate success and develop
n the face of challenges. When one of
wn, the others lift us up and, in our
hool, diversity is embraced.



Bridgewater Family, we grow our awareness of the wider world and are prepared for our role in it
e and confident future citizens.

water Values;
d. We show compassion for everyone and our words and
always caring and thoughtful.

ve. We are courageous and resilient learners who find ways
e challenges.

pectful. We understand that everyone is different and that
welcome in our diverse school community.

"Word about the commu
spirit at Bridgewater is ge
out and our reputation
attracting people from
away to apply"

Parent via our Parent F

am Bridgewater. We are all part of one family of pupils, staff, parents and friends and we work tog

song reflects these values, "Bridgewater School, let's sing aloud together; Bridgewater School is o
r days, we learn to work and play; Living in harmony".

h we bring the values to life for the children by focusing on different behaviours, including though
riosity, inclusivity and bravery. Children demonstrating these values are nominated by their teach
in assembly.



part in lessons in a
utdoor spaces - our
meadow (which
range of opportunities
and Reception
cluding the outdoor
ud pit, climbing area
and); courtyards
the school; our huge
ayground spaces; a
erve with a wildlife
our woodland with its
tre, Forest School fire-
elter.



School is led by Forest School practitioners, we hold a Platinum Award from the Woodland Trust G
heme and we are a Tree Charter School. For more information, visit our website.



"I like all the opportunities t
children are given to learn a
explore outdoors and h
children's ideas are respecte
developed and lead th
learning





multi-sports clubs run by the school such as "invasion games" in autumn (netball, handball, football, basketball, tag rugby and geball), "target games" in the spring (tri-golf and archery) and king and fielding" in the summer term (rounders, cricket and etics).

rgeable sports clubs run by external providers include street ce, tennis, box-fit, football and netball.

de range of other free-of-charge clubs at school includes mindful uring, story writing, Mathletics, Lego and bead-bracelet making.

er chargeable clubs, from external providers include Canvas y Art, "La Jolie Ronde" French, "Happy Human" mindfulness and xation sessions, cooking and healthy eating and a drama club.



ater, we are deeply to fostering a passion for of our pupils. All children in weekly music assemblies, are encouraged to heir musical talents through ce.

Years 3-6 have the y to receive specialist music variety of instruments, cluding piano, flute, guitar, recorder. Parents can book or small group lessons to suit s interests and musical nt.



ee weekly choir club with over 80 Key Stage 2 children taking part. We regularly perform at event community, such as opening the "Festival of Light" Christmas event organised by Berkhamsted To

nd WOW days are very popular with our l classes have two WOW days per year, which themed day in school, with activities and food topic they are studying, or a trip out to support ng.



W days in school have included a Roman day and a Victorian Seaside day for Year 1. School ncluded visits to Chiltern Open Air Museum,

ved at school. This could be reading or sewing
pils, accompanying them on trips, or helping
Dig' a biannual event where we invite families
naintain our huge school grounds. Parents are
d to give as much ,or as little of their time as
le to.



Council decide which charities the pupils will
y for every year in school, encouraging our
learn about the causes they support at the
Recently we have raised money for local
cluding Toy Hub, the Hospice of St Francis
sex and Herts Air Ambulance.



lebrate and support staff, pupils and their
sing money for charity. Recently we have seen
part in charity walks, running marathons and
ng their hair cut for the Little Princess Trust,
afell Pike for the Prader-Willi Syndrome
, taking part in Hospice fundraisers and
the Race for Kids to raise money for The
ond Street Children's Cancer Centre.



e Bridgewater School Association (BSA)
range of hugely enjoyable events including
school discos for the children; the Christmas
ghts for parents; a circus; a family camping
much more. The money raised contributes
o the school, with £40,000 recently donated
d a treehouse overlooking the field. The BSA is
ising money to help us enhance our children's
rning and playtime experience.

st two years we have been supported by the
munity, local businesses and grant-making
undraise for a new eco-building. On the site
ed bungalow in the grounds of the school we have built a beautiful new annexe, "The Haven". Ope
2025, this space is allowing us to give additional support to many groups of children based on th
earning, behavioural or social and emotional needs, helping all children reach their potential. Out
eing used to increase the number of wraparound childcare spaces on offer.



nt part of our approach is to encourage independent
ith a strong emphasis on building resilience and a growth
e want all our children to be prepared to take risks in their
d to be highly engaged in school life.



ke that we get to choose our jobs
vote for School Council, Travel
bassador and Eco Council."

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Well-being and Inclusivity

We highly value the well-being of our school community, as well as the differences between our pupils, staff and parents and what makes them unique. We believe that an inclusive approach to education enriches the experience of school for all. We are passionate about equipping every child with positive attitudes and experiences, so that they have a deeper understanding about their own well-being and the world in which they live.



ld us about playing games
r friends when she was our
u don't have to stop playing
mes—you just have to think
t how to include everyone
ome people might be fast or
r in a wheelchair or have a





Houses

and staff at Bridgewater are members of one of three houses. Our classes are all named af
th Ducklings in Nursery, then working up to Buzzard and Kite in Year 6. In turn, our houses ar
cal birds, Griffin, Phoenix and Roc.

system allows pupils to mix with those from other classes and year groups, including their siblings
in Forest School, art, music, drama and sport. This encourages pupils to work as teams and moti
hieve their potential. Good attendance in school, taking part in school competitions and the sumr
allenge also win house points.

ound Care and Holiday Club

round care is operated by Ofsted outstanding-rated provider
d by Ria Hales and Ali Bunting, two well-established and respected local
rofessionals, Rialize is based on the school premises. It provides a very
vice that enables parents to drop off ahead of school opening time and
er school closing time. Please contact them for more details.

Club runs from 07:30 to 08:30 and After-School Club runs from 15:00
Rialize also offer holiday clubs on the Bridgewater site.

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From Toast to T



Contact us

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