

important conversations around diversity, identity and inclusion, and we're so grateful for their support.

In PE, students explored different cultures, identities and beliefs through a range of fun, adaptable and explorative sports and activities. These activities originated from various countries, exploring a range of disciplines from dance, orienteering, creative arts and competition. The very popular American sport of Pickleball was played on Monday, with Year 9 girls playing competitive doubles matches. The serving and volleying improved rapidly with some fabulous rallies being played! Well done to the following who were Pickleball winners on their respective courts: Tabitha F & Eva M, Emma H & Maeher O, Ruby D & Ellie P, Sofia R & Mila H.




They then organised a great orienteering event - a sport which originated in Sweden. Much fun was had by all, yet another lovely day celebrating who we are! We then introduced Year 9 students to sports that are adapted for different user groups. This was a great chance to broaden understanding and empathy while experiencing some fun new activities - blind football and seated chair fitness!



Thursday saw a Day of Unity and students enjoyed kickboxing, X-bikes and trampolining.



During Thursday and Friday break time, our Language Ambassadors ran a very successful international cake sale. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this amazing celebration of flavours and cultures from across our school community, including:

-  Boterkoek (Holland) – rich and buttery
-  Himbasha (Eritrea) – soft, sweet celebration bread
-  Chin Chin (Ghana) – crunchy, irresistible bites

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🍌 Plantain Chips – crispy and delicious

At the time of going to print, we had one more day of the Festival of Us to enjoy. Keep up to date on our social media!



HOUSE CHALLENGE ASSEMBLY

Mrs Clark reports: "Our Year 7s enjoyed a special house challenge assembly on Friday 30 January. A student from each house competed in a spelling, maths and karaoke challenge and Battlewell were the overall winners of a D2 fast pass each. A huge well done to the students below for representing their house - what a great start to the day!"

Maths Challenge:

Anthony K

Sienna Z

Taras U

Spelling

Challenge:

Gabriela A

Sienna K

David A

Karaoke

Challenge:

Easton M

Tokyo W

Jessica Z

GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Ms Cole, Mr Kershaw and the Year 11 Geographers have had a great field trip to Cabot Circus this term, working towards essential elements for their exam. They have been investigating how sustainable Cabot Circus is, looking at how it caters for different people including diversity and different needs, and whether it is environmentally friendly. They also needed to look at the big question, is it economically sustainable? Now they've carried out



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the investigation, they will be questioned on it as part of their Paper 2 exam in June. The field work included traffic and pedestrian counts, sketch mapping, environmental quality surveys, field sketches, and culminated in a bus tour of the surrounding area to understand Bristol as an economic hub. Well done, Year 11! Thank you to Mrs Burton and Mrs Davies for their support.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Mrs Hawley reports: "Our Young Enterprisers, Alfie L and Sebe O took part in a selling opportunity at Cabot Circus in Bristol on Saturday 14 February. They were one of a number of Young Enterprise Teams from schools in the Gloucestershire and South Gloucester regions. They have focused on making greetings cards and have their own unique designs, targeted primarily at teenagers, but they found



that all ages were buying their cards at the event. Their strapline is; 'Take the text out of texting and put it in a card.' They had some amazing feedback and they are now looking forward to the YE competition in Cirencester on 17 March at The Agricultural College."

MFL NEWS



Mrs Lister reports: "The MFL Department would like to congratulate the following students who took part in our Lebkuchen competition, which was set over the Christmas period.

Elizabeth Holland 7R3

Chloe Donachie 7R3

Rhea Gonsalves 8R1

Kye Makoni 8B2

Robyn McCrae 7R3



We were really impressed by the creativity, effort and enthusiasm shown in all the entries – a fantastic way to celebrate languages and culture! As a thank you for taking part, all students who entered won a prize. In addition, every participant received a Head of Subject Award for taking their learning outside of the classroom."

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Mrs Marsh reports: "This term's Year 9 Options Evening was extremely successful for MFL. There was strong engagement from students and parents throughout the evening, and the involvement of our current Year 10 language students was a real strength. Their willingness to help, talk about their learning, and answer questions contributed greatly to the positive atmosphere and interest in languages." Our Options Presentation has now been uploaded to our YouTube channel.



Shout Out For German – The MFL department celebrated the German language in the UK as part of the [#ShoutOutForGerman](#) campaign led by the German Embassy London, the Goethe-Institut UK, and DAAD. Mrs Wiltshire created a German playlist to listen at home or in tutor time. This playlist celebrates iconic German-language artists across decades, showcasing the richness and global impact of German music:

Lena – Satellite (2010) - A modern Eurovision classic that brought Germany to the top of the charts.

Rammstein – Du hast (1997) - Bold, powerful, and unmistakably German industrial rock.

Scorpions – Wind of Change (1990) - An anthem of hope and change with worldwide significance.

Falco – Rock Me Amadeus (1985) - A genre-blending hit that took German-language music global.

Kraftwerk – The Model (1978) - Pioneers of electronic music whose influence is still felt today.

A brilliant musical journey through German culture

Students were also encouraged to get involved in German around us by; taking photos of German brands (Aldi, Lidl, Adidas, Bosch), identifying German words used in English, creating a collage: "German is everywhere – even in the UK!"



PSHE PROGRAMME

Mrs Clark reports: "Our PSHE programme is fully compliant with the new 2026 government guidance. In their Personal Development lessons this term, students developed their Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). Quality RSE is crucial for students as it equips them with the knowledge and skills needed to build healthy, respectful relationships and make informed decisions about their well-being.

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In a world where young people are exposed to complex social pressures, RSE provides a safe, age-appropriate space to explore topics like consent, communication, emotional health, and keeping safe online. By supporting RSE, parents can help ensure their children develop the confidence and understanding needed to navigate relationships responsibly and prepare for adulthood with a strong sense of self-respect and respect for others. If you would like information on how you can approach discussions around sex and relationships at home, lots of helpful information and resources can be found at www.brook.org.uk and specifically by following this link: <https://www.brook.org.uk/parents-and-carers/rse-at-home/> If you would like further information about the topics your child(ren) will be studying in their Personal Development lessons, please email me at cclark@bradonforest.wilts.sch.uk “

Our school is committed to relationships and sex education, which:

1. Is an identifiable part of our personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education curriculum, which has planned, timetabled lessons across all the Key Stages
2. Is taught by staff regularly trained in RSE and PSHE (with expert visitors invited in to enhance and supplement the programme where appropriate)
3. Works in partnership with parents and carers, informing them about what their children will be learning and about how they can contribute at home
4. Delivers lessons where pupils feel safe and encourages participation by using a variety of teaching approaches with opportunities to develop critical thinking and relationship skills
5. Is based on reliable sources of information, including about the law and legal rights, and distinguishes between fact and opinion
6. Promotes safe, equal, caring and enjoyable relationships and discusses real-life issues appropriate to the age and stage of pupils, including friendships, families, consent, relationship abuse, sexual exploitation and safe relationships online
7. Gives a positive view of human sexuality, with honest and medically accurate information, so that pupils can learn about their bodies and sexual and reproductive health in ways that are appropriate to their age and maturity
8. Gives pupils opportunities to reflect on values and influences (such as from peers, media, faith and culture) that may shape their attitudes to relationships and sex, and nurtures respect for different views
9. Includes learning about how to get help and treatment from sources such as the school nurse and other health and advice services, including reliable information online
10. Fosters gender equality and LGBT+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans) equality and challenges all forms of discrimination in RSE lessons and in every-day school life
11. Meets the needs of all pupils with their diverse experiences - including those with special educational needs and disabilities
12. Seeks pupils' views about RSE so that teaching can be made relevant to their real lives and assessed and adapted as their needs change

Notes: These 12 points explain what is needed for good quality RSE. This is based on research evidence and is supported by a wide range of organisations. The purpose of RSE is to help children and young people to safely, healthily and happily live their lives. RSE must always be appropriate to pupils' age and stage of development and is a statutory part of education. It also includes the new September 2016, Relationships and sex education (RSE) in England in all secondary schools in England and sex relationships education in Wales in all primary schools in England. In addition, National Curriculum 'Schools' which is taught in maintained schools) includes some elements of sex education. Published 2017



I CAN, AND I AM BUS

This term we were pleased to be able to welcome back the 'I Can and I Am' Bus to Bradon Forest. Spanning a week, students from each year group were invited to take part in sessions on board the refurbished double-decker. Teams started off cooking cheese and tomato pizzas, before taking part in a range of group activities and discussions focused on developing self-belief and confidence. Thank you to Ms Maposa for organising. She said, "Students gain so much value from their time on the bus, where they are reminded of how to "inflate" their balloons - building strategies that support their emotional wellbeing and resilience. And of course, making a pizza too! Thank you to the great I Can and I Am staff for their time and expertise." <https://icanandiam.com>

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YEAR 8 MATHS CHALLENGE

Miss Hayward reports: "At the beginning of the month, twelve talented Year 8 students went to The Dean Academy for the Athelstan Trust Year 8 maths challenge, pitched against the other school in the Trust. Working their way through three challenging rounds including: group, shuttle and relay. Lots of fun, focus, frustration - and some star jumps to boot! A very hard fought competition and the results were extremely close. Well done to all involved."



HUMANITIES NEWS

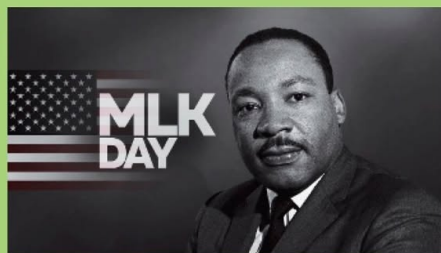
Mrs Loxton reports: "In January, staff and students were learning about Martin Luther King Jnr in tutor time. In America, every 3rd Monday in January is Martin Luther King Day - a public holiday where

people give back to their communities. We have looked into his speeches and his messages of kindness and taken the challenge to spread a little kindness everywhere we go. The History department has challenged students (& staff) to be more kind. We have been inundated with doors being held open, how are yous, thank yous, helping others in class, smiling and being generally epic young people. As always Bradon Forest students are doing us all proud. *If you have any acts of kindness that your Bradon Forest student has done at home that you want recognising please email Mrs Loxton - we always love hearing about them!"*

MARTIN LUTHER KING JNR DAY 19 JANUARY 2026

Martin Luther King Jnr dedicated his life to improving the lives of others.

Every year in America the 3rd Monday in January is a National Holiday where people are encouraged to do something for their community.



"LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT AND URGENT QUESTION IS, 'WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?'"

The History department challenges you to take this opportunity to do something for others...

- Maybe your tutor group can do a litter pick around the site or at lunch in the hall or D2?
- Maybe you can wash up or put the bins out at home?
- Maybe you can offer to help someone in your local community?
- Maybe you can help a younger sibling with their homework?

We are not looking for world changing acts, just small acts of kindness to spread happiness in the new year! Let Mrs Loxton and the History team know what you do!

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On Tuesday 27 January during Tutor Time, the whole school took part in a 2 minute silence in memory of the Holocaust. Then, at 8pm, we joined together as a school community to 'light the darkness'. This was part of the national commemoration of Holocaust Memorial day. By lighting a candle and displaying in a window we can show we remember and are part of "bridging the generations". This is a small snapshot of the many photos students and staff shared, and goes to show the overwhelming empathy we all share."



FANTASTIC MR FOX REHEARSALS

Miss Piesse reports: "This term saw our first all cast read through for 'Fantastic Mr Fox', followed by hard work being put in to all rehearsals. Keep your eyes peeled for more information coming soon regarding the show. All the students are great and so enthusiastic and can't wait to showcase their brilliant talent!"

WOMAN IN BLACK

Miss Piesse reports: "On Tuesday 10 February, we took our GCSE Drama cohort and a small group of Year 9 students to Oxford Playhouse to see the play adaptation of 'The Woman in Black'. As always the students were absolutely outstanding, represented the school brilliantly and did us all so proud. They all thoroughly enjoyed this spooky trip and



were incredibly engaged and on the edge of their seat throughout every minute of the performance! Some of our students have commented on their favourite elements of the production:

Grace C & Eira L (Y9): *"The play we saw was amazing, we loved how it incorporated lots of comedy elements and conventions of gothic drama."*

Dylan B (Y10): *"The Woman in Black amazing show with lots of special effects and great acting it scared the audience and created a tense atmosphere."*

Poppie G: *"I thought it was so scary! But I really enjoyed the whole thing and how creative it was!"*



Our Year 11 Group commented on 'how interesting the story line was and how engaged [they] were. [They] loved the multi-roling between characters, and the minimalistic set. The stage and set was so eery but cleverly done!'

TUB 2 PUB

A huge thank you to all staff and students who have contributed to the Tub to Pub Scheme. Mrs Lister's office and classroom have been inundated with empty chocolate tubs and now her car is crammed full with over 200 tubs. These will now be taken to the Churchill Pub in Wootton Bassett, run by Greene King, and all monies raised from recycling these will go to support the incredible work done by Macmillan Cancer.



**Safer
Internet
Day 2026** | **Tuesday**
10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

SAFER INTERNET DAY

This term was Safer Internet Day 2026 - you can find a useful PDF on the Parent Bulletin page on our website.

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LIBRARY NEWS

BOOKOPOLY WINNERS

Mrs Sirelle reports: "What a fantastic term we've had in the library! We are so excited to be part of the **National Year of Reading**, and at the start of term we celebrated our Bookopoly champions. Congratulations to all of our players, and especially to our prize winners Emma A, Phoebe C and Sofia R, who have all won National Book Vouchers to spend. **Together, students read nearly 150 books!** We have already started creating a BRAND NEW READING KS4 game for next year and are super excited about it already!"



WORLD BOOK DAY - 5 MARCH 2026

We have started handing out World Book Day £1 tokens in the library, once they're gone, they're gone! WBD books are available in shops from Thursday 12 March, but tokens can also be used as £1 towards the cost of any book costing £2.99 or more from Thursday 12 February to Sunday 15 March. Unused tokens can be redeemed after their expiry date at our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair which will run Tuesday 17 March to Monday 23 March.

We will be running a school wide dress down day for World Book Day, with £1 donations going straight in to the library to fund our ongoing projects to encourage reading. Staff and students will be invited to dress in costume for the day, if they wish!

PRE-LOVED BOOK SALE

We have also hosted our second Pre-loved Book Sale of the year, to raise money for the library, and unite preloved books with new readers to keep them from going into landfill. Thank you to



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everyone who generously donated books to the library for this purpose, and for all of those who supported the book sale. We are pleased to say we raised £111, which is already being spent on new titles for our shelves!"

FIRST EVER SKANDAR WEEK

This term also saw our first ever Skandar Week, celebrating the popular series by A.F. Steadman. We'd like to thank everyone for taking part! It was wonderful to see such a great buzz in the library, with students of all ages enjoying the daily challenges.

Thank you to Mrs Sirrelle for organising, and a special thank you to Waterstones Swindon for donating their marketing material left over from the Spirit War launch - it really made a difference! Highlights included seeing some of our Year 9 peer readers helping Year 7 students, and to hear exclamations of "I'm going to have to read these now!" Skandar has been a stand out series over the last few years and we have plenty of copies to lend.

Here are a few of our successful 'Eyerie graduates'!



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CAREERS NEWS

CAREERS FAIR

Mrs McGovern reports: Mrs McGovern reports: "We hosted our annual Careers Fair this term at Bradon Forest, which saw over 800 keen students engaging with a packed room full of a variety of sectors. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to explore not only post-16 options, but higher education and the world of work. We would like to thank our visiting experts who took the time to inspire, motivate and support our students. There was a fantastic atmosphere on the day, with positive feedback from visitors, students and staff. Well done to all students for showing their Bradon values and for making the most of this opportunity!"



"The students were incredibly polite and asked some really good questions."

"We'd love to come back, we've really enjoyed this event."

"Students were well prepped for this event."

"Everyone has been engaging and very well behaved."

"We are always happy to support your students."



Our Careers Fair is a massive event for the school, catering for students in Years 8-11 (with a separate careers event for Year 7 later in the year). To be able to continually offer opportunities to talk to a wide variety of companies each and every year is a testament to the great work of Mrs McGovern - thank you!

Also, a massive thank you to the companies who gave up their time this year - we really wouldn't be able to do this without you:

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Cirencester College
 Gel Studios
 Bath University
 Oxford Brookes University
 Blunsdon House Hotel
 The Military Academy
 Malmesbury Sixth Form
 University of Gloucestershire

GWR Tokamak Energy
 RAF
 Bowmer & Kirkland Ltd
 Prospect Hospice
 Fish Bros.
 Bath Spa University
 Hall's Electrical
 Department for Education

The National Horseracing
 College
 Wiltshire College
 AE Smith & Sons Funeral
 Directors
 New College Swindon
 BAE Systems



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

A reminder that the **DEADLINE** for Pink Placement Forms is **TUESDAY 17 MARCH**

YEAR 8- YEAR 11 CAREERS FAIR
WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2026

Logos included: Wiltshire College & University Centre, Cirencester College, gel studios, Prospect Hospice, Oxford Brookes University, Hall's Electrical Ltd, Royal Air Force, Bowmer Kirkland, Dick Lovett, University of Bath, MPCT Military Academies, University of Gloucestershire, NHC, BSU, Bath Spa University, GWR, Tokamak Energy, BAE Systems, Department for Education, Blunsdon House Hotel, New College Swindon, Fish Brothers, Dignity Funeral Directors, and Bradon Forest School.

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REWARDS NEWS



BRADON BONUS

Staff are issuing Bradon Bonus raffle tickets for students who demonstrate respectful behaviour around the school to post in the box - every week we will draw a winner for a prize! For more information about our Rewards programme, see our [website](#). Congratulations to a selection of our Bradon Bonus winners this term - nominated by staff for being helpful, kind or respectful. Names are drawn from a raffle and the students are congratulated by the Headteacher in their lessons and receive a small gift of appreciation for representing the school community in such a positive way!



REWARDS INFORMATION

We believe that success for our students is achieved both inside and outside of the classroom. A holistic experience of education involves access to a positive learning environment and participation in extra-curricular activities.



[Click here for our 2025/26 Rewards Brochure.](#)

All Year 11 students are being given a 'Going the Extra Mile' card. For every 5 signatures they will be entered into a Grand Prize Draw to be drawn in their leavers assembly. The more signatures they gain the more often their names will be entered!

Signatures can be gained from:

- attending and actively engaging in a revision session
- supporting whole school events
- participating in a Whoosh activity
- Going 'above and beyond' around school

Please encourage them to get involved! Cards available from Tutors and Mrs Lister

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HOUSE POINT REWARD INITIATIVE

Think you've got what it takes?

From 23 February to 26 March 2026, you could be 'in it to win it' by earning house points and making positive choices every day!



THE PRIZE:

- ★ 5X £20 AMAZON VOUCHER
- ★ A WINNER FROM EACH YEAR GROUP

YEAR 7-11 IN IT TO WIN IT

**TERM 4 CHALLENGE:
23 FEBRUARY TO 26 MARCH 2026**

**LIVE DRAW ON THURSDAY
26 MARCH 2026**

★ HOW TO WIN ★

To be in the draw with a chance to win, you must:

- ✓ Be in the top 10 highest house points earners in your year group during Term 4
- ✓ Have no more than 10 negative behaviour points
- ✓ Maintain a good attendance during Term 4

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SOUTH WEST CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mr Bray reports: "On the weekend of 14 & 15 February, our Elite cross country runners competed for Wiltshire Schools' at the South West Championships in Exeter. After the constant rain the previous week the course conditions were not desirable and the athletes had to battle through very muddy ground that sapped the strength out of their legs. The undulating course was a real challenge but our students gave their all in some very exciting races. I was pleased to be Team manager for Wiltshire was very proud of all performances - they were a credit to the school!

Junior Boys:

Max J - 22nd
Corey C - 30th

Inter Girls:

Elsie S - 28th

Inter Boys:

James M - 10th
Alex L - 58th



Results

ALL FIVE will now go on to represent Wiltshire at the National Cross Country Championships in Liverpool on 13/14 March. Good luck to them all."



The weather was complete contrast to the qualifying event in January... as Mrs Evans reports: "On Saturday 10 January morning, 11 Bradon Forest students represented North Wiltshire at the Area Cross Country Championships at Sheldon School. In perfect running conditions, Andrea W, Will H, Harry J and Ayden D ran in the Minors races with Andrea finishing 13th. Max J and Corey C ran in the Junior Boys race, and both gave

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excellent performances to finish in 3rd and 4th place respectively. Elsie S ran in the inter-girls' race and finished an excellent 6th. Finally, James M, Alex L, Zak C and Josiah H ran in the inter boys race with James finishing 2nd and Alex 7th, capping off a great day all round for Bradon. Massive well done to all runners. Thank you to Spencer L for all the refreshments again!"

More photos on our website.



TAG ARCHERY

Mrs Evans reports: "This term we've had the pleasure of welcoming Josh Cox for Target Acquired, Tag Archery, back to Bradon Forest. Year 7 students were given an introductory talk by Josh Cox about the concept of

the game along with safety, then fired away! They played in teams of 4 and all improved their accuracy and dodging skills."



ANNUAL GYM AND DANCE SHOW

Mrs Wilson reports: "Out of this world talent! WOW - Our Gym & Dance Show was truly unforgettable! So proud of every single student who gave their all and lit up the stage. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and incredible performances - you were all amazing. Let's make 2027 even bigger!" Lots more photos on website!

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BASKETBALL

Mr Matthews reports: "Huge congratulations to our Year 8 basketball team who battled hard and took the win against Commonweal in the semi-final of the Swindon Schools' Competition. An outstanding performance from every single player. They went on to the final on 20 January which saw a brilliant performance from Bradon Forest, who secured the win over LPA in a competitive and well-played final. The whole team showed real discipline, teamwork and composure throughout. Congratulations also to Final MVP Jayden F. A calm, confident display with smart decision-making and real impact at both ends of the court. Well done to both schools for a great final, and congratulations to Bradon Forest on a deserved victory."

On 15 January, our Year 7 Bradon Forest squad put on a huge performance, taking a well-earned win over Commonweal in their semi-final. Fast breaks, tight defence, and brilliant teamwork made all the difference. An excellent performance from all involved and a special mention to Cam W for being named the MVP for the match. Then on to Monday 19 January and the Year 7 Swindon Schools Basketball Final.



What. A. Finish.

Bradon Forest and Ridgeway went toe-to-toe in an absolute thriller, but it was Noah N who sealed the moment of the match - sinking a clutch free throw with just 2 seconds left to secure the win for Bradon. Huge respect to both teams for an incredible final, and massive congratulations to Bradon Forest on the victory.

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The U16 squad had a tough result, falling to LPA in the semi-final of the Swindon Schools' Cup. The boys left everything on the court and showed real determination from start to finish. They've been an incredible group throughout their time at Bradon, growing, competing, and representing the school with real class. Bradon Forest are proud to have had them represent the school."

DAY OF DANCE

Mrs Wilson reports: "What an incredible day at The Dean Academy's 'Day of Dance' on Monday 9 February. Our students had the amazing opportunity to take part in two inspiring workshops led by Daniel from Swindon Dance, who has worked as a backing dancer for Dua Lipa and Aitch. After a morning of learning, refining skills, and challenging themselves, the students then took part in an afternoon competition - and what a performance it was from all who danced."

We are so proud to celebrate:

1st Place – Sophie D & Isla H

2nd Place – Imogen H, Lucy K & Brooke F



BADMINTON

Mrs Evans reports: "This term saw the Swindon Schools Badminton competition held at RWBA where we entered three Bradon Forest teams. After the original pool rounds, all 3 teams qualified for the "championships " pool which demonstrated the depth of skill amongst the girls. With the

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teams now playing for a place in the county finals, the competition heated up amongst the Bradon players with the A, B and C teams having to play each other! Quality smashes and carefully placed drop shoots were all on display with the final match between Bradon A and Commonweal deciding who would qualify. Kelsey H, Jess C, Layla A and April S did not buckle under the pressure and won! Well done to the quartet who went on to represent Swindon in the Wiltshire County Finals in Melksham along with the KS4 Bradon Girls!"

Mrs Wilson reports: "This term also saw the annual KS4 girls Swindon tournament of which we had an amazing 3 teams representing Bradon. Some great play saw 2 of our teams go through to the play-off round in which a place through to the counties was up for grabs. Our winning A team came undefeated in all their games, securing a place in the county round on 6 February at Melksham. Well done you four - Eunice, Brigitta, Izzy & Maizey."



Izzy C-S reports: "Following the Swindon School competition, the Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 girls competed at the Wiltshire Schools County Championship. Each team played a total of three sets with five games with a mixture of doubles and singles. In the KS3 pool, we fell short in the first and second set, with a close 3-2 and a 4-1 loss. The girls played extremely well and were very close with each individual score. They never lost their composure and came out of the last set with a 5-0 win! The smiles did not come off their faces and there were some great smashes and brilliantly placed drop shots. Overall Bradon Forest KS3 came 3rd place and a very big well done to Kelsey H, Jess C, April S, Layla A and Maehar O who had some fantastic rallies and should be very proud.

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In the KS4 pool, we narrowly lost the first game 3-2, but some very close scores in each individual game. Once again the girls played with a smile and had some brilliant shots. The girls continued by winning their next two games 3-2 and 5-0! A very special well done to Eunice C, who was unbeaten in both her singles and doubles game. This placed Bradon in a very respectable 2nd place and Maizey D, Aekas O, Eunice C, Brigitta O and Izzy C-S had a great performance and should be very proud.”



PANATHLON SPORTS COMPETITION

Mrs Evans reports: "On Monday 2 February, eight Year 7 students attended a Panathlon Sports Competition held at Abbey Park. Eight different Sports stations were set up ranging from boccia to kurling and the girls made their way round the circuit participating with great enthusiasm!

Ten pin skittles and "Boccia blast" proved to be the most popular events. Captain Molly H

claimed: "It was an experience like no other!" Amy-L V scored the maximum points in "Harlem Hoops" which helped the girls finish a very respectable 4th overall. Molly Humphries summed up the afternoon brilliantly; "It was really fun and the Abbey Park young leaders were very supportive." Well done girls and thanks to all involved with the organisation of a fabulous fun sporting event.

Panathlon squad; Molly H, Sophie L, Charlotte L, Molly Humphries, Adonia M, Anaya R, Amy-L V and Daisy- Mae V."



BENCHBALL

Mrs Evans reports: "The Year 7 & 8 girls benchball team played in a tournament at Nova this term. Captained superbly by Elle S, the whole squad worked so well as a team, attacking and defending brilliantly. The girls drew 3



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and lost 2 with special mentions to Lacey G, Scarlett A, Lola RK and Evie S who were all nominated POM. Well done girls!

There was also a fantastic effort from our Year 9 benchball team, playing against 3 other schools and coming away undefeated. Full of height, encouragement and sideline chanting got them through till the end. Well done to our 3 players of the matches: Bessie L, Sofia R & Paris F.”



DODGEBALL



Mr Matthews reports: "Our Year 8 teams brought energy, teamwork, and serious determination to this term's dodgeball competition. Every match was full of fast reactions, bold throws, and brilliant sportsmanship. As Patches O'Houlihan famously said: *"Remember the five D's of dodgeball: Dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge!"* Year 8 definitely took that to heart. Huge well done to all players - fantastic effort from start to finish. You represented your year group with pride and enthusiasm!"

Mr Bray reports: "The Year 9 & 10 Dodgeball team represented the school at the Swindon Schools Championships. It was a very competitive tournament with 8 strong teams. The boys played extremely well in all their games drawing one and winning all the rest in their pool games. This put us into the final v Nova Hreod where they ducked, dodged and dived and caught their way to become Swindon Schools' Champions. It was a superb performance and a lovely Team spirit."

Team: Riley H, Jack R, Ethan R, Charlie M, Lachlan D, Shawn J, Ihsaan M, Sheldon V



SPORTS NEWS



TABLE TENNIS

Mr Matthews reports: "A dreary January afternoon saw a brilliant display of fast rallies, sharp reactions, and real determination from our Bradon Forest players at the KS4 Table Tennis Tournament at Commonweal School. They battled through the group stages with skill and composure, narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-finals - a result that doesn't reflect the quality of their play or the effort they put in. Huge credit to the whole squad for representing the school with pride and great sportsmanship throughout."



BRADON FOREST SCHOOL

SPRING OPEN MORNINGS 2026

We would like to invite families of Year 5 and 6 pupils to our Spring Open Mornings:



**THURSDAY 12 AND FRIDAY 13
MARCH 2026
9.15am - 10.30am**

**Booking is essential via:
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/
bradon-forest-school](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bradon-forest-school)**

Every student matters, every moment counts