

BRADON FOREST SCHOOL

TERM 4 NEWS

Term 4 - March 2026



NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mr Bray reports: "The Annual National Cross Country Championships were held at Sefton Park in Liverpool on Saturday 14 March, and Bradon Forest had four representatives who qualified to run for the Wiltshire team at this prestigious event. It was a sunny day and a lovely course to run on. All four students did amazing runs to help their team in a very competitive field of runners. As usual the start is always chaotic with a mass sprint to get into position, then settling in to their pacing to manage their effort over the gruelling distances (see our Facebook page for the video!)."

Results

Junior Boys:

Max J - 142nd / 350

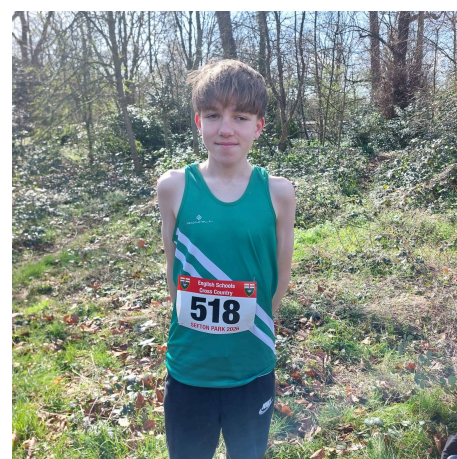
Cory C 149th / 350

Inter Girls:

Elsie S - 176th / 350

Inter Boys:

James M - 245th / 350



It was great to be Team Manager for the Wiltshire Team once again, and I was very proud of all their performances. It was so nice to see them compete at a National level and support each other throughout the day. Well done all!"

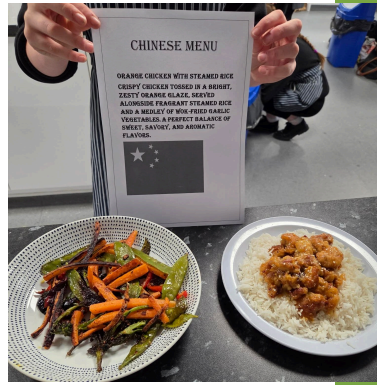


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INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

Mr Parkes reports: "These mouth watering dishes were created at the end of last term by our Year 10 class. Students researched, adapted and prepared international dishes from a range of different countries, using chicken off the bone. No doubt they tasted as good as they looked and smelt!"



UK MATHS TRUST

Miss Hayward reports: "The UK Maths Trust Regional Team Final was held at The Deanery on 12 March, and four of our enthusiastic and talented students put their maths skills to the test. Four hard fought and challenging rounds including; group, shuttle, crossword and relay. They worked exceptionally well as a team and

in their pairs. Unfortunately they didn't qualify for the next round but should be extremely proud of their achievement, well done girls.

We then took twelve talented and eager Year 9 mathematicians set off Sir William Romney for the Trust Challenge Day. Split into teams of four against the other schools in The Athelstan Trust, they approached the four rounds with enthusiasm and worked hard in their teams and as pairs. Congratulations to Bradon forest Team 1 who came third on the day: Elena A, Grace C, Evelyn B and Eira L."

LEAVERS HOODIES

Mrs Lister reports: "We were pleased to hand out the Year 11 Leavers hoodies at the start of term, where we saw a lot of excitement in the hall when they arrived! It was so lovely to see



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such happy faces and an array of wonderful colours! Year 11 students may now wear their hoodies in place of a blazer or sweater but will need to ensure they are in full school uniform when they start their GCSEs.”

HELP WITH EXAM STRESS

Mrs Clark reports: "A huge thank-you to our visitor from Kooth.com who joined our Year 11s this term to talk about coping with exam stress. Kooth is a free, safe online mental-health and wellbeing service where young people can access support, speak to qualified professionals, and find helpful tools to manage life's pressures. Our Year 11s were focused and listened thoughtfully throughout the session. It was fantastic to see them taking the conversation seriously as they prepare for the months ahead. If parents or carers have any concerns about their child's wellbeing, particularly with exams approaching, please get in touch with a member of our pastoral team. We're here to help every step of the way."

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Whether you are looking for advice or simply aren't feeling your best, Kooth offers a range of features and tools to support you.

<p>Magazine</p> <p>Helpful articles, personal experiences and tips from young people and our kooth team.</p>	<p>Chat with the team</p> <p>Chat to our helpful team about anything that's on your mind. Message us or have a live chat.</p>	<p>Discussion boards</p> <p>Start or join a conversation with our friendly Kooth community. Lots of topics to choose from!</p>	<p>Daily journal and goal setting</p> <p>Write in your own daily journal to track your feelings or emotions and reflect on how you're doing.</p>	<p>Mini activity hub</p> <p>Select from a growing menu of fun, therapeutic and useful activities.</p>
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- 3 Choose your **area** and **location** from the drop down menu.
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DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD

Mr Kershaw reports: "DofE Bronze Award: Myself and Mr Sturla had the honour of handing out another batch of DofE Bronze

Awards this term. More than just a certificate, the award demonstrates a long term commitment and contributing to making a difference in the community. Well done everyone!"

UPCYCLING PROJECT

Ms Mclean-Byron reports: "A group of students have been working on a furniture up-cycle project as part of their UAS (AQA Unit Award Scheme). This project covers 3 Unit Award Scheme (UAS) units: Up-cycling Furniture, Positive Engagement in a Woodwork Project and Health & Safety in the Workshop. The group worked together to plan the project with design ideas, repairing, cleaning sanding surfaces ready for painting.



They then applied paint, varnish and other finishes, including beeswax to top for a decorative and protective layer. They chose to line the draws with wallpaper to compliment overall look and added new handles to compliment the main colour. Congratulations to the following students for a fantastic job: Logan S, Landon B, Cameron P, Darcy B, Rufus E and Casey S."



HUB EASTER ACTIVITIES

Miss Pereira reports: "Here are some lovely Easter eggs made by students in the HUB, with a little help and guidance from myself. It was such reward to see the happiness and pride in the students, these were not easy to make!"

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH

Mrs Loxton reports: "The History department introduced a month long grid of activities to celebrate International Women's month this March. Any student who can show their History teacher they have done any of the activities will be given a house point.

MARCH 2026- WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITY GRID

1. Read about the history of International Women's Day (WHD) (https://www.internationalwomensday.com)	2. Watch a documentary by a female historian.	3. Read a poem by a female poet e.g. Amy Lowell or Maya Angelou	4. Find out about Elizabeth Blackwell, the first female doctor. (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell)	5. World Book Day: read a book by a female author or find out 5 interesting facts about them e.g. Mary Shelley or Eile McNeill	6. Find out about Elizabeth Lauder (https://www.100women.org.uk/Elizabeth-Lauder) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.100women.org.uk/Elizabeth-Lauder)	7. Watch a film with a female lead or find out more about the life of a famous actress e.g. Audrey Hepburn. (https://www.audreyhepburn.com/audrey-hepburn-biography) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.audreyhepburn.com/audrey-hepburn-biography)
8. Educate someone about International Women's Day using social media. (https://www.internationalwomensday.com/what-is-international-womens-day)	9. Find out about someone in your country in the world who was the first female MP and first female prime minister.	10. Find out about four female authors, a British agent during WW2, and a woman who was the first female MP and first female prime minister. (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell)	11. Watch a TED talk by a woman.	12. Listen to some music by a female artist/ band or find out more about their life e.g. Madonna. (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell)	13. Read a book with a female main character.	14. Visit a museum or exhibition to find out more about women in history. (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell)
15. Mother's Day: make a card for a mother figure in your life.	16. Watch a film by a female director or find out more about some.	17. Design a stamp for a woman you believe should be on a stamp who doesn't have her own yet.	18. Find out about the history of women's rights. (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell)	19. Look into women in STEM e.g. Rosalind Franklin or Katherine Johnson. (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell)	20. International Day of Happiness: celebrate a woman you know.	21. Choose a female leader from history and find out 5 facts about her life.
22. Find out about Rose May Blight (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell)	23. Colour in a page about women. (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell)	24. Find out about paleontologist, Mary Anning (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell)	25. Watch a historical film about an inspirational woman from history e.g. Helen Mirren (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell)	26. Find out about Elizabeth Magie, the inventor of Monopoly (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell)	27. Find out about women in sport e.g. Jackie Taylor or Evie Clark (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell)	28. Find out about women in journalism e.g. Nellie Bly (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell)
29. Find out about Mary Seacole (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell)	30. Listen to a podcast by a woman.	31. Find out about a female artist e.g. Frida Kahlo (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell) & Facts 1 & 2 (https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/elizabeth-blackwell)	Whether you do all 33 activities or just a few we want to thank you for making a positive difference to your own life and those around you.			

Complete 5 tasks for 3 house points. Complete all tasks and you'll be entered in a prize draw for a very awesome prize!"

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GERMAN WORLD BOOK DAY

Mrs Lister reports: "To mark World Book Day, my German classes discussed the importance and joy of reading, not only in English, but also in a foreign language. I started the lesson with a quiz of well known children's English story titles translated into German and by using current knowledge of German students tried to work out which books they could be. We then focused on Die Kleine Raupe Nimmersatt (the Very Hungry Caterpillar). This well known book is an excellent one to read in German as the story is repetitive so helps imbed the language and familiar words like days of the week and food and drink items are used which builds confidence in the ability to access the story. In addition it is very visual so students can draw the links between the pictures and the words. We watched/read the story via a Youtube link and then I asked them a series of true/false questions to test their understanding. All students really enjoyed this activity and it proved to them that with key words and visuals accessing a foreign language book is achievable. If your son/daughter enjoyed exploring this book there are some excellent ones available as both audio and video books at German Children's Stories with Slow Audio - The German Project" For lots more World Book Day goodness, see our Library Special on pages 11-13.

Die kleine Raupe Nimmersatt



Welttag des Buches 5.3.26 Die Kleine Raupe Nimmersatt



der Apfel -apple	Ei- egg
Schokolade -chocolate	hungrig- hungry
Eis - ice cream	die Sonne- sun
Wurst- sausage	klein- small
Melone- melon	satt- full
Orange- orange	grün- green
Gurke- gherkin/pickle	Kokon- cocoon
Schokoladenkuchen- choc cake	Schmetterling- butterfly

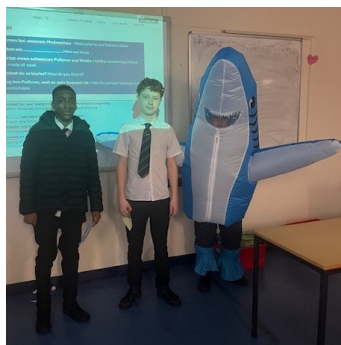
GERMAN FASHION SHOWS

Mrs Lister reports: "To mark the end of their unit on clothing, Year 8 German students put together their own fashion shows. Each group had a couple of models and a

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photographer. Each student produced a script, using some guided support and brought in clothes from home for their performance. The audience were then asked to give their feedback in German and score the performance. Much fun was had by all and the shark costume certainly provided some entertainment in the MFL corridor!”



CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 6

Congratulations to every Year 6 pupil who was awarded a place at Bradon Forest! We look forward to welcoming you in July for our Induction Day. You should have received a welcome pack from us. We have a very limited number of places available for a September 2026 start so if you were not happy with your allocated school, please contact us as soon as possible and our Admissions Officer, Mrs Rainbow, will be happy to discuss options with you: 01793 770570, admissions@bradonforest.wilts.sch.uk

Congratulations on your place at Bradon Forest!



Mrs Wilshire, Head of Transition with Year 7s



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SAYING GOODBYE AND THANK YOU

Last, but not least, this term we say farewell to two retiring colleagues who will be much missed at Bradon Forest. Denise Duckers, our school business manager, leaves us after 20 years and Gail Smart, one of our receptionists, after 25 years!

Staff paid homage to Gail - our leopard print queen - in an array of animal print attire and a leprechaun (who misread the memo)! We will miss these long serving friends who many of you will also know and appreciate for their hard work across the years. Thank you, Denise and Gail!



TUESDAY 5 MAY - FRIDAY 8 MAY 2026

NO

PEAK*

WEEK

* Or Reids Piece

**FOR
EVERYONE'S
SAFETY**

This is our third annual campaign to reduce parking around Bradon Forest and St Mary's schools by highlighting alternative carparks and drop off points in the village, in a bid to make the route to school safer for all!

**TAKE A LITTLE EXTRA TIME IN THE MORNING
FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE**

BE SAFE

REDUCED TRAFFIC AROUND SCHOOL IS
SAFER FOR ALL

BE HEALTHY

START THE DAY WITH FRESH AIR
AND AN EXTRA 1500 - 3000 STEPS

BE RESPONSIBLE

PARK IN DESIGNATED, SAFE
SPOTS AROUND THE VILLAGE

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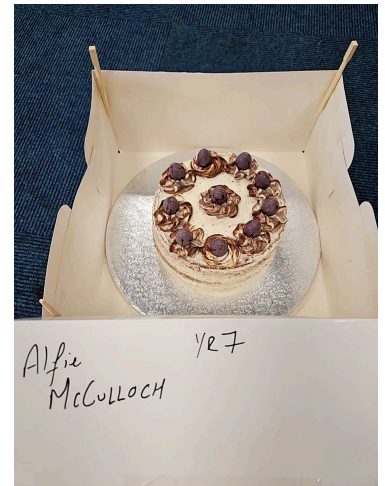


HOUSE NEWS

BRADON BAKE OFF 2026

The Heads of Houses (and some of the PE staff who were thankfully available at the time) had the absolute pleasure of judging the Bradon bake off entries and they did not disappoint! There were such a large selection and variety of bakes (we didn't eat them all – just a taste of each!) and it was so difficult to pick one winner so instead we picked four! Congratulations to the winners who won a £10 Costa gift card and big bar of chocolate each. The winners were:

- Bethany Phillips 9P2 - Overall winner (Under the sea cake)
- Elizabeth Holland 7R3 - Winner of Best Brownies
- Molly Humphries 7R2 - Winner of Best Cupcakes
- Alfie McCulloch 7R1 - Winner for Appearance



MARBLE RUN

Mrs Johnson reports: "We had 39 KS3 students take part in marble run on Wednesday 25 March. Well done to everyone who took part, as usual, this was a really fun event with lots of team work and innovation on display! Congratulations to the winners of the four categories."

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Contestant's favourite - Raine J, Riley S and Charlie R in 8B2

Most creative - Sophia M, Olivia C, Harper B and Flo J in 7P1 & 7P2

Longest timed run - Olivia K and Elizabeth H in 7R3

Most Ingenious - Nathan A and Andrew D in 7R1

Lots more photos online!



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LIBRARY NEWS

BOOKOPOLY WINNERS

Mrs Sirrelle reports: "What an incredible March Month of Reading Madness we've been having in the library this term! We launched on a strong note with our Year 7 and 8 reading competition 'Bookworms and Boosters' - we are now over 160 books read, 23 spot prizes won and 7 student book reviews logged as part of the challenge. We are so impressed



with all of our fantastic players and want to offer our [congratulations](#) to Ella-Lousie W, Reuben A and Sienna K who won book vouchers for finishing in the top three positions, as a result of a combination of some ladder-luck and some wonderfully dedicated reading! Thanks to the library's popularity, this term has also taken us well over 1000 book loans this academic year already.

We had a wonderful response to our World Book Day non-uniform day last Thursday, which saw a fantastic array of book characters walking around school. A huge thank you again to everyone who dressed up and donated - we raised more than £1000 to boost our library resources, an incredible amount. We had lots of on the day competitions to take part in too - [congratulations](#) to Lettie F who won our Scavenger Hunt Challenge, and to Harper B and Eva M who both won our World Book Day Quiz, with a joint score of 31/32 points! Further competitions throughout March



Month of Reading Madness have included our Read with a Pet photo competition (congratulations to our winners Elizabeth H and Izzy C) and our Design Your Own Book Cover competition (well done to winners Tabitha F and Olivia K). All of our winners received a £5 voucher to

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spend at our Scholastic Book Fair. Lots of smaller reading related activities will be remaining in the library for students to dip into, to earn extra house points throughout the year.

Other groups in the library have also been working really hard this term - our Spark Book Award team have been busy reading and reviewing four books

up for the award: *Nettle* by Bex Hogan, *Thirst* by Darren Simpson, *I Dare You* by Tamsin Winter and *The Uninvited* by Ross MacKenzie. Several students have entered their original poetry inspired by the books, into the Spark national competition this month, and more have started planning their ideas for the main competition opening next

term. For a bit of fun in our last session together, we had a go at creating the 'nettle' cloak, inspired by Bex Hogan's creation, and modelled our attempts on each other. Our Carnegie Shadow Jury will be starting up in earnest next term, with a combination of returning and new students making up our BFS Umbra panel.



We have so many students who enjoy using the manga and graphic novel section in the library, so we were very excited this term to welcome celebrated illustrator Nick Pavone and Charlie Smith in to school, to run workshops with KS3 students. These workshops focused on character creation, which slipped into fully detailed world building and discussions of how to turn simple illustrations into full story comic strips. It

was wonderful to see so many of our often quieter students get stuck in with sharing their fabulous ideas and each group came up with a character which was incredibly unique (and not a little crazy!) Feedback from the students was exceptionally positive, and we look forward to

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seeing their newly inspired work. A huge thank you to Nick and Charlie for their endless enthusiasm during the workshops, and to the Swindon Story Shed, who also donated lots of brilliant books to the library too! Our usual March visitor Francesca Tyer, who runs high quality creative writing workshops with students from Year 10, will be returning to Bradon Forest later this year, and we look forward to welcoming her back.



WORLD BOOK DAY
The reading for fun charity

5 March 2026

Choose your £1 book for free!
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Books are available in shops from 12 February until 15 March 2026.

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And finally but by no means least, we were thrilled for the Scholastic Book Fair to be back at Bradon! It was magical to see how many students have been excited to come and visit - it really demonstrates the incredible reading culture being built here. Thanks to the support of our students and staff we earned nearly £300 worth of free books, so we would like to give everyone an enormous thank you for coming to support us."

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How you can support your child's reading at home

Make reading a part of every day life, without the pressure:

- Have books, magazines and newspapers easily available around the house
- Share and talk about interesting articles or headlines with your child
- Listening to audio books when commuting

Model Reading. Teens can be heavily influenced by what adults do:

- Let them see you reading, whether it be Recipes, newspapers, books etc.
- Capture their interest by mentioning to them something interesting that you have read that day

Build a routine that includes reading:

- Consistency helps far more than long sessions
- 10-15 minutes before bed
- A quiet half hour on weekends
- Screen-free time where reading is an option.

Talk about books, don't quiz them

Conversations about reading matter more than testing comprehension, try asking:

- What part was the most interesting or surprising
- Would you recommend it to a friend?
- Does it remind you of anything you have read before?

These kind of questions can build deeper thinking and confidence

Support reading for pleasure, not just assignments - All and any reading counts!

Secondary school students often only read what the school requires of them. Suggest:

- Novels
- Manga
- Sports writing
- Fantasy or sci-fi
- YA (young adult) novels
- Non-fiction about their interests

Visit Libraries or bookshops together

Even occasional visits help students discover new genres or authors.

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Remove pressure and create positive associations

If reading becomes a battle ground students disengage. Try small choices:

- Do you want to read the graphic novel or the short story today?
- Would you rather read on your phone or a physical book?

*** Sparx Learning**

Support school reading projects

- Help students plan long reading assignments
- Encourage them to choose their own texts when allowed
- When completing their SPARX homework, focus on helping them find the right book
- SPARX allows students to select their own texts genres, enabling choice from a range of books that are likely to appeal to them most

Encourage reading linked to their hobbies

Students are motivated when reading something that connects to an interest:

- Football - sports biographies
- Gaming - fantasy/sci-fi, journals, lore books
- Art - graphic novels or design magazines
- Science - pop-science books or articles

Use technology if that works for them

Many teenagers prefer digital reading:

- Kindle or e-reader
- Reading apps with dyslexia-friendly fonts
- Library apps (e.g. Libby, Sora)
- Putting subtitles on for TV/Film or YouTube videos
- Audiobooks fully count as real reading - they build vocabulary and comprehension.
- Fantasy or sci-fi
- YA (young adult) novels
- Non-fiction about their interests

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CAREERS NEWS

CAREERS FAIR

Mrs McGovern reports: The start of March saw National Careers Week! Check out the NCW website for a range of resources and newsletters: <https://nationalcareersweek.com/the-career-download.../>

A reminder that we have a wide range of careers events at Bradon Forest throughout each year - not least our annual Careers Fair and Work Experience week! Appointments with Mrs McGovern, our Careers Advisor, are available to book through your Tutor, but remember, priority is given to Year 10 and 11 students.

WEX

Please note the deadline for 'pink slips' – placement form – is on MONDAY 27 APRIL 2026.

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FOR YOU.

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PHOTOGRAPHY COMP.



TIME

Congratulations to Year 7 student, Freddie Bevan, for his fantastic photograph pairing steam and diesel trains side by side. A great illustration of 'time'.

The next the competition theme is "Growth".

Closing date is after the Easter holidays. See Mr Vizor if you have any questions.

*"A camera is a
'save' button for the
mind's eye.
- Roger Kingston*

Growth

*Celebrate the Beginning of Spring -
Capture the Beauty of New Beginnings*



Share your vision of the emergence!

Submit your photos to evizor@bradonforest.wilts.sch.uk by 13th April

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ICE HOCKEY

Congratulations to Year 8 student, Willow S, who has made the u13 girls England ice hockey team after attending trials in Sheffield this March! She is first reserve so will be attending all the team training sessions and was selected for the Elite British Select camp on the 23/24 March in Nottingham. Willow will now be on the radar for team GB pathway! Best of luck, Willow!



BASKETBALL



Mrs Wilson reports: "On Tuesday 24 February, we saw some fantastic play from our Year 7 girls basketball team, including a number of debut performances. They put up a great fight against a strong GWA side, with some feisty performances from both teams. Great basketball on show from every player. The match ended in a 10-10 draw - nail biting! MVP goes to Ayla K."

Mrs Evans reports: "On Tuesday 3 March, the u16 Bradon Girls basketball team play their first game of the season against The Deanery. The squad consisting of five Year 10s and five Year 11s and Bradon started strong with some very accurate shooting by Lalya H. Deanery put Bradon under pressure with some fast breaks



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but Bradon worked hard to minimise their shooting opportunities with some solid defence by Jenna B, Myesha A and Kayleigh C in particular. Captain Rosie O was on fire in the second half shooting 6 baskets resulting in Bradon winning 41-34. Well done to Inaaya M, Grace A, Rosie O, Myesha A, Brigitta O, Layla H, Ceira W, Jenna B, Amelia R and MVP, Kayleigh C. Next match Wednesday 10 March v Commonweal at home."



Mrs Wilson reports: "A great game and win for the U16's against Commonweal on 10 March. Some proper basketball performances on display from the girls... lay-ups, outlet passes and fast breaks. Extremely proud of the girls for playing cool, calm & collective as well as being clever with their play. MVP goes to Inaaya M and 2 from 2 wins for this team so far."

Mrs Wilson reports: "Well done to our U14 team on a 32-32 draw against Commonweal tonight. It came down to the final whistle but the girls played with passion and great skill. Some great goals from all members of the squad, with MVP going to Lola T. Well done girls!"



Mrs Evans reports: "The Year 7 girls basketball team played Commonweal 11 March and came away with a 38-6 win! Captained superbly by Ayla K, the girls took a while to find their attacking form but MVP, Miley D led the way with some excellent shooting. Well done to all the squad!"

FOOTBALL

Mrs Carriero reports: "Year 8 boys football lost 2/1 against Commonweal on 6 March. Well done for a great effort!"



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Mr Matthews reports: "The start of March saw a brilliant afternoon for Bradon Forest Year 8 football at the RWBA tournament this term. The team worked hard, supported each other, and came away with three well-deserved wins. So proud of this group!"



Mr Matthews reports: "A huge well done to our Year 7 Football team who claimed a brilliant victory over Commonweal on Wednesday 11 March! The boys played with real determination, teamwork, and confidence throughout the match. We're incredibly proud of their effort and attitude — a fantastic result to continue their good run of form."

Mr Matthews report: "Tough result for our Year 8 football team against RWBA. After conceding two goals in the first half, the boys responded with a strong and determined second-half performance but couldn't quite find the net. A 2-0 loss, but plenty of positives to build on!"



Mr Payne reports: "The U16's put in a strong and disciplined performance against Commonweal School, going into half-time level at 0-0 after a well-organised and determined first half. The team worked tirelessly for one another, showing great teamwork and commitment both in and out of possession. Despite their efforts, the opposition managed to break the deadlock in the second half and went on to score



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three goals. The final score of 3–0 didn't reflect the hard work and spirit shown by the players, who continued to battle until the final whistle. Overall, it was a performance full of effort, resilience, and excellent team play."

Mr Matthews reports: "Bradon Forest's Year 8 footballers travelled to St Joseph's, taking two teams to compete in the Swindon Schools tournament. Both squads put in steady performances across their fixtures and represented the school with great attitude throughout the afternoon. Congratulations to all involved for their commitment and teamwork."



Mr Matthews reports: "A busy afternoon for one of our Year 7 football teams on Wednesday 18 March at Abbey Park School. The team worked hard in every game and supported each other well, making it a worthwhile outing with plenty to take forward. Congratulations to all involved for representing Bradon Forest so positively."

Mr Matthews reports: "Tough semi-final for the Bradon Forest Year 8 boys team at the end of term. A 3–0 loss to a strong Abbey Park side (last year's Swindon champions). Proud of the effort from start to finish. The team showed real resilience and worked hard right up to the final whistle."



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Robbie G (winning penalty scorer!) reports: "Bradon were victorious with a win against Dorcan on penalties in the Swindon Schools' Cup at the end of term. Captained superbly by Billy A, the team took a 3-1 lead to see out the first half. In the second half the team were determined but could only take a



3-3 draw. As it went to penalties the boys were victorious as they won 7-6. POM went to Hamid A for his outstanding hat trick." Semi final after Easter!

Mr Payne reports: "The Year 7 football team produced an excellent all-round performance in the Swindon Schools Competition quarter final, beating St John's Marlborough 3-0 to book their place in the semi-finals. From the first whistle, the boys showed exactly what makes this squad so difficult to play against: togetherness, hard work, and a real desire to compete for every ball. Their shape and communication were impressive, with players supporting one another in every area of the pitch and showing great discipline both in and out of possession. The goals were a reflection



of the team's approach. Each was built through smart passing, movement, and determination, with the team combining brilliantly to create chances. The opening goal settled the group and gave them confidence to keep playing positive football. As the match went on, the Year 7s continued to work as a unit, pressing well, tracking back, and showing composure when it mattered, before adding two more well-earned goals to secure the win."

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PROFESSIONAL NETBALL MATCH

Mrs Wilson reports: "What a night at Bath Uni watching Team Bath NXTGEN in action! A nail-biting game against top of the league Loughborough Lightning had us all on the edge of our seats - such a high standard of netball! Our students were fantastic throughout, representing the school brilliantly and soaking up every moment - lots having pictures with the players and getting their autographs as well as representing wearing the team memorabilia. A great experience and plenty of inspiration for our students."



RED NOSE DAY FUN RUN

Mrs Wilson reports; "Red Nose Day done right! Over 100 runners, incredible energy, and fancy dress that did not disappoint! From start to finish, the atmosphere was amazing — all for a brilliant cause. So proud of everyone who took part, cheered, and made today so special as well as raising lots of money for a brilliant cause. Special shout out to Mr Duncan for running with the students!" *Lots more photos online!*





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