



BRADON FOREST SCHOOL
PARENTS' BULLETIN
FRIDAY 15 MAY 2026



WHAT'S ON	
Week 2	
Monday 18 May 2026	
Tuesday 19 May 2026	Subject Training 3.30pm Y7 Boulogne Trip Information Evening 6.30pm
Wednesday 20 May 2026	
Thursday 21 May 2026	Y9 DTP/MenACWY Immunisations Pastoral Meeting 3.30pm
Friday 22 May 2026	Y11 Leavers Event (see below) LAST DAY OF TERM 5
END OF TERM BREAK	
Week 1	START OF TERM 6
Monday 1 June 2026	Sports Leaders – Primary Dynamos Cricket at Cricklade Manor
Tuesday 2 June 2026	
Wednesday 3 June 2026	
Thursday 4 June 2026	
Friday 5 June 2026	

SCHOOL NOTICES

YEAR 11 LEAVERS EVENT

The Year 11 Leavers Event will be taking place on Friday 22 May 2026. Students will be expected to be in normal lessons Period 1 in full uniform (hoodies allowed). In Period 2 they will be in the hall for their Leavers Assembly and weather permitting, will move to the field in Period 3 for shirt signing and presentation of awards (we will return to the Hall if it rains). Shirt signing should only be taking place in Period 3 and students may wish to bring a spare shirt for this occasion. Students will need to be collected at 12.30pm and the buses have been scheduled to arrive at this time.

UPDATES TO UNIFORM POLICY SEPT 2026

Following our school uniform consultation with parents, students and staff earlier this year, please see attached at the end of this bulletin some minor updates to our uniform policy for September 2026. Following our blazer/jumper/cardigan trial, the short list of compulsory items below ensure we are in compliance with the new DfE guidance. Compulsory branded items are now:

- 1x BFS tie
- 1x BFS jumper/blazer/cardigan (students can wear a combination of these if they wish)
- 1 x BFS PE polo shirt
- 1 x BFS PE shorts/skort/leggings

As we think about potential long-term amendments to our uniform policy that reflect the national desire to make uniform more practical, affordable and inclusive, please email Mrs Clark at cclark@bradonforest.wilts.sch.uk if you have any feedback or suggestions. We will also be having a second-hand uniform sale during the Year 6 Parents transition evening. If you're unable to come into school during that time, please email reception with the item or sizes you need and our stock of good-quality second hand uniform can be checked.

TRUSSELL TRUST FOODBANK

We have received the following information from the **Trussell Trust Foodbank in Cricklade**, which is the designated foodbank for Purton residents.

“As a trial, are currently able to offer a **free bus service** to the foodbank. Full details of this pilot are outlined in the email below from **Lucy, Foodbank Manager**.

We now have a **Family Navigator drop-in at Purton Library every Tuesday from 2:30pm–4:30pm**, who can support individuals and families with foodbank referrals, as well as wider support needs.



Live in Purton? You're welcome at Cricklade Foodbank.

If you're finding things tough,
we're here to help.



**Free Transport - may be available,
please speak to your referrer.**

What the Foodbank offers



1. A warm and friendly, safe space
You'll be welcomed with respect and kindness.



2. A food parcel
Three days' worth of emergency food.



3. Fuel vouchers
(for people with prepayment meters only).



4. Direct access to Citizens Advice
Get help with money, debt, benefits and more.



Foodbank session
Fridays, 10.00am–11.30am
Jenner Hall, Cricklade



The transport service is intended for residents who have no other means of travelling to the Foodbank.



**Speak to your referrer for a Foodbank voucher
or contact us directly.**



01666 826 982



info@malmesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1157896)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to let you know about an important change to financial support available during school holidays.

The Government's Household Support Fund ended on 31 March 2026. This means there will no longer be automatic free school meal holiday vouchers provided through this scheme.

From April 2026, support is now available through a new scheme called the Crisis & Resilience Fund (CRF). Families experiencing financial difficulties may still be able to receive help, but support is now assessed on individual circumstances.

Applications will need to show that the household is experiencing financial hardship due to a recent crisis or unexpected change in circumstances. This may include:

- a sudden loss or reduction of income
- unexpected essential costs
- difficulty paying for food, heating, energy, or other essentials

If you feel your family may need support during the school holidays, please contact your child's school or another supporting professional to discuss whether a referral may be appropriate. Alternatively, you are able to self-refer by following this link: [The Crisis and Resilience Fund | Swindon Borough Council](#)

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,



Kashif Nawaz
Service Director for Education

BRADON FOREST SCHOOL UNIFORM

UNIFORM ITEM	SCHOOL POLICY	CLARIFICATION
Blazer	Black blazer with Bradon Forest logo on the pocket.	<i>These can be purchased from our school uniform provider (see below). Students can choose if they would like to wear a BFS branded blazer, cardigan or jumper. They can wear a combination of these if they wish.</i>
Bradon Forest branded Tie		<i>These can be purchased from our school uniform provider (see below)</i>
Jumper or Cardigan	Black v necked jumper with Bradon Forest logo or black cardigan with Bradon Forest logo.	<i>These can be purchased from our school uniform provider (see below). Students can choose if they would like to wear a BFS branded blazer, cardigan or jumper. They can wear a combination of these if they wish. No hoodies or non-BFS branded jumpers or cardigans.</i>
Shirt	Plain white shirt.	<i>These can be purchased from our school uniform provider, but alternative shirts can be sourced as long as they button up fully to the neck and can tuck into skirt/trousers/shorts.</i>
Trousers	Black Trousers – straight leg style. (Styles DL965 or GTN)	<i>These can be purchased from our school uniform provider, but alternative trousers can be purchased from another supplier as long as it is of a straight leg style and similar to the styles suggested. Skinny or jeans style, jeans and leggings are NOT ACCEPTABLE. Trousers should be full length and reach the shoe.</i>
Skirt	Black skirt – Henley style.	<i>These can be purchased from our school uniform provider but an alternative skirt can be purchased from another supplier as long as it is of a pleated style similar to the style suggested and covers at least two thirds of the upper leg.</i>
Shorts	Plain black, knee length tailored shorts.	<i>No tight, low fitting or cargo style shorts permitted.</i>
Belts		<i>Belts should be plain, black and threaded through the trouser or skirt belt-loops.</i>
Socks		<i>Plain black, white or grey socks or plain black or natural tights.</i>
Shoes/ankle boots	These must be smart, black (leather or imitation leather) and suitable for walking around school grounds. Conventional school shoe with no logo. Flat or low heeled.	<i>Heels should be no higher than 3cm/ inch. Canvas/ mesh shoes/daps are NOT ACCEPTABLE. No coloured laces. No excessive adornments (including tags) to shoes or boots. Please see our acceptable items list for more information on suitable footwear.</i>
Coats and Jackets	These should be waterproof and of a plain colour.	<i>No denim, leather or fur. Tracksuit tops, hoodies and sweatshirts are NOT ACCEPTABLE as an alternative to a coat/jacket.</i>
Jewellery	Watches may be worn but not in exams. Smart watches can be worn but not used to access social media or the internet. Jewellery should not be worn other than one pair of small sleepers or studs one per earlobe only. Spacers/plugs are not allowed. Earrings must be removed for PE; no tape over earrings permitted. Other facial piercings are not allowed.	<i>Additional jewellery eg necklaces, bracelets, should not be worn including any piercings in the lip, nose, eyebrow, top of the ear, tongue or any other facial area. Students will be asked to remove any additional items, and these will be confiscated as per school policy. For health and safety reasons it is vital that these restrictions are observed.</i>
Hair and Make Up	Hair should be of reasonable length and style. There should be no extremes of colour/style.	<i>KS3: Make up is not permitted. KS4: Make up must be natural and only clear nail polish. Students wearing heavy make-up and colourful nail varnish will be expected to remove it in school. Students will be expected to remove acrylic nails and false eye lashes.</i>

PE KIT

UNIFORM ITEM	ESSENTIAL FOR START OF YEAR 7	SCHOOL POLICY	CLARIFICATION
BFS Polo Shirt	Y	Bradon Forest branded Black and green polo shirt OR Bradon Forest branded cap sleeve fitted polo shirt	These must be purchased from our school uniform provider.
BFS Shorts OR BFS Skort OR BFS Leggings	Y	Bradon Forest branded black and green shorts OR skort (<i>skirt with fitted shorts inside</i>). No non- BFS branded leggings.	These must be purchased from our school uniform provider.
Rugby top OR fleece top		Bradon Forest branded Black and green reversible Rugby top OR black and green ¼" zip top	If worn, rugby tops and fleeces must be Bradon Forest School branded and can be purchased from our school uniform provider. No non- BFS branded jumpers or fleeces.
Socks	Y	Black football socks	These can be purchased from any retailer.
Trainers AND football boots	Y		Trainers are required for indoor and outdoor activities
Sports bra			Where appropriate, girls should be encouraged to wear a sports bra on the days they have PE for their own comfort and dignity.
Shin Pads		Strongly advised for football	
Gum Shields		Strongly advised for rugby	

Students who fail to meet uniform expectations will be treated in line with school behaviour and disciplinary procedures and parents/carers will be contacted to support the school accordingly.

SCHOOL UNIFORM PROVIDER DETAILS

ADDRESS: Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists
Unit 1B, Plaza 21
Sanford Street
Swindon
SN1 1HE

TELEPHONE NO: 01793 520843

OPENING HOURS: Monday – Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm

WEBSITE: <https://www.monkhouse.com/>

Please note that new uniform cannot be ordered directly from Bradon Forest School. Some branded items may be available second-hand subject to availability. Please enquire via Reception for details. We have termly second-hand uniform sales and our PE department also run a swap shop where outgrown PE kit can be exchanged.

Monkhouse Offer - 15% Off

We wanted to let you know that Monkhouse (our branded school uniform supplier) are running a 15% off offer on uniform from Monday 18th May for one week. Online purchases can receive the discount by using the code SAVE15.

We know that supply of ties has been an ongoing issue and we understand how inconvenient that has been for families. Monkhouse have advised us that online orders are currently being prioritised, with shop stock only being replenished after online demand is met. As a result, little stock is making it into the physical shop. To avoid delays, we recommend placing an online order rather than waiting for items to appear in store. Thank you for your patience while the supplier works through these shortages.



Limited time only! In-store & Online

Use Code: **SAVE15 at checkout.**

**We're making back-to-school easier
(and cheaper!) for you.**

Promo starts Monday 18th May for a limited time only,
enjoy **15% off everything!**

Whether you're stocking up or prepping ahead, this is
the perfect time to grab everything you need.



Shop early and avoid
the summer rush



Built to last - sustainable
and high-quality products



Worried about growth
spurts? Don't be - we've
got **extended returns**



One-stop shop:
All your school essentials
in one place.

Shop online today and start saving!

Use Code: **SAVE15 at checkout.**

monkhouse.com

[SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH AUDHD - YOUTUBE](#)

In the latest episode of the podcast, SENSational, Dr Annie Clements, Founder of Autism & ADHD, draws on both professional expertise and lived experience to explore AuDHD. She explores what it is, how it can present in children and young people, and how the diagnostic process works. Plus, she also offers practical guidance on how to help families understand and support their child.

Other episodes available here: [Neurodiversity Podcast](#) | [SENSational: The Special Educational Needs Podcast \(SEN\)](#)

7 Quick Wins:

Helping Neurodivergent
Children Make & Keep Friends

[7 Quick Wins: Helping Neurodivergent Children Make and Keep Friends Tickets, Wednesday, May 20 • 4 PM - 5 PM GMT+1 | Eventbrite](#)

Free event for parents and carers on Wednesday 20 May, 4-5pm

Jane Hurkin & Pooky Knightsmith

Stop Saying "Calm Down"

What to do when a child is spiralling

On Instagram: [Instagram](#)



7 Quick Wins:

Supporting the Child
Who Shuts Down

Parents are welcome to join this free event on Tuesday 16 June at 4pm

[7 Quick Wins: Supporting the Child Who Shuts Down Tickets, Tuesday, June 16 • 4 PM - 5 PM GMT+1 | Eventbrite](#)

Jane Hurkin & Pooky Knightsmith




THE SPRINGBOARD SERIES

Helping families move forward with knowledge and confidence

Exposure Anxiety with Paul Issacs

A **free** webinar for parents, families and carers
Wednesday 20th May, 10am-11.30am

Paul Issacs is an autistic speaker, trainer, consultant and author. His career as a public speaker started in 2010.



Paul was diagnosed with autism at the age of 24 in 2010 and visual perception challenges, scotopic sensitivity syndrome & learning difficulties in 2012. Paul didn't gain functional speech until he was 7/8 years old.

This session will explore autism and exposure anxiety (a syndrome which was coined by the late Donna Williams in her autobiography 'Nobody Nowhere' in 1991).

Paul will explain the mechanics of Exposure Anxiety, it's presentations, overlap with other similar conditions and look at strategies to aid and empower individuals and make meaningful connections.




Book your place via [Goodhub](#), scan the QR code or email community@springfieldsacademy.org

NEURODIVERSITY NETWORK


Understanding, including and accepting all neurotypes

JUNE 24TH 4-6PM


The Springfields Academy
Curzon Street, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 0DS.

- Parking available on-site.
- Light refreshments provided.
- Neurodivergent and Neurotypical individuals welcome. [Book your place here.](#)

Autistic at 51 and I didn't know!
With Jo Dennis-Minns, SEND Consultant



A Journey Through the ADHD Diagnosis: How I Discovered my Neurodivergence, with Gemma Drinkall, Supervisor in Education and ADHD Coach



This event is free to attend as part of our commitment to celebrating neurodiversity. Book your place [here](#), scan the QR code or email: community@springfieldsacademy.org

KEY STAGE 3 HOMEWORK TIMETABLE: TERM 6

YEAR 7						
w/c 01/06	w/c 08/06	w/c 15/06	w/c 22/06	w/c 29/06	w/c 06/07	w/c 13/07
English Maths Drama MFL Science	Design English History Maths MFL Science	Art English Geography Maths MFL RS Science	English Maths MFL Music PD Science	Design English History Maths MFL Science	Art English Geography Maths MFL RS Science	Optional

YEAR 8						
w/c 01/06	w/c 08/06	w/c 15/06	w/c 22/06	w/c 29/06	w/c 06/07	w/c 13/07
Art English Geography Maths MFL RS Science	English Maths Drama MFL Science	Design English History Maths MFL Science	Art English Geography Maths MFL PD RS Science	English Maths MFL Music Science	Design English History Maths MFL Science	Optional

YEAR 9						
w/c 01/06	w/c 08/06	w/c 15/06	w/c 22/06	w/c 29/06	w/c 06/07	w/c 13/07
Design English History Maths MFL Science	Art English Geography Maths MFL RS Science	English Maths Drama MFL Science	Design English History Maths MFL PD Science	Art English Geography Maths MFL RS Science	English Maths MFL Music Science	Optional