

FAMILY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2025



Here's what is happening at Bidwell Brook School until the end of the term:

w/c 10th November - Multi-Faith Week

Thursday 13th November - PTFA Meeting

Meeting starts at 9.30 am. We look forward to seeing you there! The focus of the meeting is to confirm the plans for Christmas and think ahead to the Spring Term activities!

Friday 14th November - Children In Need Day

Students to wear non-uniform, dress up or wear something colourful and spotty! If you would like to make a donation, please send some cash in an envelope or donate via the Gateway app. There will be music in the Hall in the afternoon.

Thursday 27th November - "Transitions"

Transitions for our children can be tricky, especially for those starting school for the first time, or moving to a new classroom with a new teacher after the summer break. We invite you to come into school on Thursday 27th November at 1.45 pm to meet with Monika and share your experiences on transitions. Thinking back to the summer term and September - what went well with regards your child's transition? What could we do to make the experience for your child and your family even better next year? This event is open to everyone to come along. If you wish to take your child/young person home afterwards, please inform your Class Teacher and/or School Transport beforehand. Thanks.

Thursday 4th December - Christmas Fayre

The Fayre starts at 10 am and as usual, our students will be on hand to sell the delightful arts and crafts they have made. BB's Christmas Fayre is a very special event for everyone involved, so we hope to see lots of faces this year! Raffle tickets will be coming home soon. The raffle draw will be held at 11.15 am so if you are able to make a donation of a prize or two, the PTFA would be very grateful. Thank you.

Tuesday 9th December - Lower School Performance

Our Lower School families can enjoy a welcome refreshment from the PTFA in the foyer prior to taking their seats for the 10.30 am Christmas performance. The usual safeguarding notices will apply - no mobile phones / photos / recordings please. Invites will follow from school.

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Students, staff and visitors are invited, if they wish, to wear their fav Christmas Jumper or festive top into school on this date.

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Thursday 11th December - Upper School Performance

In the afternoon, after a PTFA foyer refreshment, Upper School families are invited into the Hall from 1.45 pm for the 2 pm Upper School Christmas performance. Invites will follow. This event is for KS3 and KS4 families (Lower Seniors and Seniors).

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Lunch Day

Students can enjoy a delicious lunch in the decorated hall, with table service from support staff.

Thursday 18th December - Blazing Taiko Performances

Students will be making their way to the Hall in the morning, to enjoy one of two Blazing Taiko performances. Chris and his Taiko group will be showcasing their talents to both the Lower School and Upper School students.

Thursday 18th December - Sixth Form "Crafts & Carols" Afternoon

In the afternoon, Sixth Form families are invited into school to participate in a "Crafts and Carols" session with the students. Invites will be sent to you but this event will start at 1.45 pm. Please let your Class Teacher and/or School Transport know if you would like to take your young person home afterwards.

Christmas Grotto

Although it is a very busy time of year for Elves, fingers crossed they will be able to create a special BB Christmas Grotto for our students to visit. Christmas Presents, funded by the PTFA, will be handed out to all students as part of this experience.

Friday 19th December - Sixth Form Applications deadline (Year 11 families)

Leading up to Year 11, conversations and meetings take place about a student's future for their post 16 education. It may be that Bidwell Brook is not the best setting for their continued education and if so, there are many other provisions and options available. However, if remaining at Bidwell Brook and moving into our Sixth Form dept is in the best interests of your Year 11 young person, we need the application form to be completed and returned by Friday 19th December. Thank you.

Friday 19th December - Last Day of Autumn Term

Monday 5th January 2026 - First Day of the Spring Term

Friday 9th January 2026 - Date for your Diary!

This is an invitation for a 'family only' Coffee Morning. A few parents and carers have pencilled in Friday 9th January at 10 am to meet up to share their SEND experiences and talk about support services which are available. It's also a good way to meet other families from across the school and put some faces to names! The venue is likely to be at Meadowbrook, Dartington. We'll share the details nearer the date.