

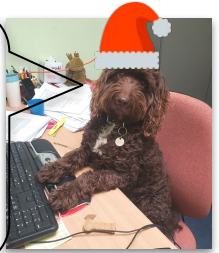


# Bridge School Malvern Newsletter - Autumn 2 - 2024



It is Christmas already. Thank you to Claire for putting our newsletter together again, to remind us of what we have been up to. It has been a term of fun, growth and working together. I would like to express my gratitude for the support of parents and the commitment of our talented staff. Together with the pupils, you all make the Bridge a really special place to learn.

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas. I look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.



This term, we embarked on an exciting journey to rename the two groups at the Bridge, Hanley. After engaging in several GMBs focused on inspirational figures and holding a vote, we're thrilled to announce the new group names: **Sinfield** and **Tommies**. Pupils chose Tommies (the nickname given to young people who served in World War 1) because they worked as a team, showed commitment, bravery and demonstrated forgiveness after the war. The older pupils chose Kevin Sinfield as their inspirational figure, because he pushes himself to achieve, is determined to help others, and was a true friend to Rob Burrow in his fight against motor neurone disease. Pupils took time to consider who they wanted to name their cohort after, and we are sure you'll agree, they chose great characters with admirable qualities to aspire to.



## Worcester Girls Can Campaign: A Day of Fun and Fitness

Some of our students recently participated in the Worcester Girls Can Campaign, where they had the chance to try a variety of exciting activities, including pom-cheer, Glow Beats, yoga, and Pilates. It was a fantastic day filled with energy, laughter, and new experiences.

The event provided a wonderful opportunity to explore alternative fitness activities while connecting with other girls in the local community. A great time was had by all!

## A Special Coaching Opportunity with Harry Smith

This term, some of The Tommies have been fortunate to receive weekly coaching sessions from Harry Smith. Harry recently achieved an incredible milestone by becoming the coach of the England Girls Amputee Football Team.

His expertise and dedication have been truly inspiring, and we're thrilled to have him share his knowledge with our students!



## Horticulture

This half term, we've been busy growing cut flowers to bring beautiful colour into our school all year long. We're thrilled to share our very first harvest of vibrant chrysanthemums! It's just the beginning of what promises to be a year filled with gorgeous, homegrown blooms.



## Exciting news



Mumma Pig has once again shown she's the ultimate super-mum by giving birth to 10 adorable piglets just a few weeks ago! Our students have loved being part of their care and watching them grow. A huge thank you to all the staff who stepped in for bottle-feeding shifts—your dedication is truly appreciated!



This year's Santa Dash was a huge hit, with both staff and students taking part. It was fantastic to see so many students enthusiastically embracing the challenge, with many even completing multiple laps. Well done to everyone involved!



### Santa Dash



### Christmas Dinner



Our fantastic outdoor team have been working extra hard planting trees, vegetables and generally making our site look amazing. These sprouts formed part of our delicious Christmas dinner.



### Creative Construction

Construction pupils were given a challenge this term by the sports coaches to make 'Cornhole' scoreboards. The pupils certainly rose to the challenge and we now have two beautiful scoreboards to use in the summer months. Well done to all that worked on this project. We can't wait to play Cornhole in the summer.



### Green Woodworking

One of our talented Green Woodworking students recently completed an incredible project—a beautifully crafted stool! We're so impressed by his skill and creativity. Great job!



### Warmest welcome



Ian and Mantina are joining the Functional Skills team after Christmas. They both have lots of experience working with young people and are excited to be joining the team.

We were all treated to a delicious Christmas dinner on Wednesday 18th. A fantastic team of budding chefs joined Jon in the kitchen. Thank you to those students involved.



### Fond farewells



This term, we bid a fond farewell to Carrie, Dani, and Sarah (Apples). They have been a wonderful part of The Bridge community and will be greatly missed.

We thank them for their hard work and dedication and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

### Our New Chair of Governors

We warmly welcome Sarah Slater as our new Chair of Governors, succeeding Helen Attree. Helen has dedicated 18 years of outstanding service to Bridge School Malvern and we thank her for her commitment. Sarah looks forward to working with students, parents, staff, and governors as we start 2025 together!

### Spring term 2025

TE Day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Term commences Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Half Term Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Term last day Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025




We wish all students, parents and carers a great Christmas break. For some though, this can be a hard time with a lot of pressure, and missing normal routines. Please know that there are people who you can speak to if struggling with your mental health or with thoughts around suicide. These include:

Your GP and health services  
NHS- Now we're talking- 0808 196 9127.  
Or text SHOUT to 85258



## Questions about mental health?

We provide information on mental health problems, where to get help, treatment and advocacy.

 **Call our Infoline on 0300 123 3393**

 **Chat to us at mind.org.uk**

 **Email us at info@mind.org.uk**  
Open Monday to Friday 9am - 6pm



# THE FORGE

## Malvern

Free creative workshops for ages 11 to 18

Explore your creativity! Whether it's painting, sculpture, fashion design or something else, you choose the activities that interest you.

### The Octagon 5pm - 6:30pm

Mondays: 27 Jan,  
3 Feb, 10 Feb, 24  
Feb & 10 Mar

### The Vale Community Centre 4:15pm - 5:45pm

Tuesdays: 28 Jan, 4  
Feb, 11 Feb, 25 Feb &  
11 Mar

### Malvern Cube 5pm - 6:30pm

Thursdays: 30 Jan, 6  
Feb, 13 Feb, 27 Feb,  
6 Mar & 13 Mar

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