

OFFICE BRIDGE

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NEWS

**FRESH
INSIGHTS & UPDATES**



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Welcome to the 5th Edition of Office Bridge News!

April is finally here and with it the promise of brighter days and better weather ahead we are another step closer to getting back into the beer garden at the weekends!

As we step into the new financial year, it's a great time to look forward, refresh business plans and get set for a busy and exciting few months at Office Bridge

We are starting to gear up towards our busy period and hopefully we will inspire you to get organised and put a spring in your step!



We're also shining a spotlight on our wonderful team, giving you the chance to get behind the scenes, and really get to know the people who work hard to support you every day!

In this issue,

we're sharing details of some special offers, updates on the next exciting hospitality day for you at our big conference - **Office Bridge Live 2026** - (make sure you register for your tickets before May and get entered into the big prize draw!)

"We hope this edition brings a bit of spring energy and inspiration as we move into the warmer months ahead."

Looking forward to catching up with you all soon.

Mike and the OBG Team



OBG Live 2026

Your Sneak Peek Ahead of the Event and What To Expect in 2026!

Take a deep dive with us and have a closer look at what's planned for OBG Live 2026 and why it's an event worth attending.

This year, OBG Live is revamped and fully designed to help your business grow.

Arrive from 8.30am and enjoy your complimentary breakfast!

Whether you're developing your team, scaling up, or looking to embrace a growth mindset, this is your opportunity to access bigger opportunities for smaller businesses, all with the strongest OBG team yet supporting you every step of the way.

Meet expert manufacturers, get advice tailored to your business needs, and explore products you can purchase directly from OBG to make smarter decisions for your workplace.

Don't Miss Out: Book Your OBG Live Tickets Early!

Book before the end of May and you'll be entered into our Early Bird Prize Draw, with three fantastic prizes up for grabs! This will be drawn on the day and you won't want to miss out on the prizes!

Book early, plan your day, and let us help you grow your business with confidence.



“OBG Live is more than an event – it's a hospitality day dedicated to celebrating our customers and supporting your loyalty”



School Leavers Hoodies & More

Make this year's memories last with personalised school leavers hoodies!

EARLY BIRD OFFER*
Order before 17 April to receive a **FREE** teacher hoodie!

Child Sized Hoodie with Back Print ... from **£16.00**

Child Sized Hoodie Back Print and embroidered badge ... from **£17.50**



Reasons to Choose Office Bridge Leavers Hoodies

Celebrate the Moment and Create Lasting Memories

Comfortable and Practical - British weather ready

Affordable Keepsake.

Builds Team Spirit - who you are and where you belong.

- *Everyone Gets Their Name On It*
- *Fun Colour Choices*
- *Perfect for Group Photos*

Easy to Order for Groups – Bulk orders don't have to be intimidating, we make it simple, everyone gets their size and personalisation. Simply fill in the online form and we do the design for you.

Not only are hoodies perfect for school leavers, but also available for sports teams, event days, or any group wanting to celebrate together – our hoodies let everyone show their identity and pride.

From logos and slogans to full-colour designs, we make it easy for everyone to have their branding on show (and look great while doing it!)

Personalised for Your Group with Flexible Branding – Logos, names, numbers, or slogans – works for clubs, societies, staff groups, and events.

Great for Team Sports – Perfect for squads, clubs, and teams to show unity on and off the field.

Ideal for Event Days – Team Building Days, Fundraisers, Celebrations – everyone can be coordinated



Starting the New Financial Year with Confidence

April - The start of a new financial year, and the perfect opportunity to review how your business operates and look for ways to make the year ahead smoother, more efficient, and more cost-effective.

While it's often a time focused on budgets, forecasts, and targets, it's also an ideal moment to simplify the day-to-day processes that keep your workplace running.

One of the easiest ways to reduce pressure on your team is by consolidating suppliers. Managing multiple suppliers for everyday essentials can quickly become time-consuming – with different orders, delivery dates, invoices, and contacts to keep track of.

By bringing these requirements together under one trusted supplier, businesses can streamline their ordering process and create a far more organised system for the year ahead.



“Consolidating suppliers not only saves time but also helps reduce unnecessary costs, fewer delivery charges, and less administrative work for your team.”



Aligning your workplace supplies and services at the beginning of the financial year also creates consistency. *Regular orders can be scheduled, stock levels can be managed more effectively, and you can be confident that essential items arrive when they're needed. This reduces the risk of running out of important supplies and prevents last-minute, costly emergency orders.*

With the right support behind the scenes, those responsibilities can be handled for you, freeing your team to focus on the work that really drives your business forward.

By reviewing your current suppliers, we can help streamline your orders, ensure deliveries arrive in full and on time, and keep your monthly supplies running smoothly.

We give you confidence that everything you need is taken care of quietly in the background, and you can focus on what matters most – running and growing your business

Book Office Bridge Group for your Audit today!



Hello



SUMMER

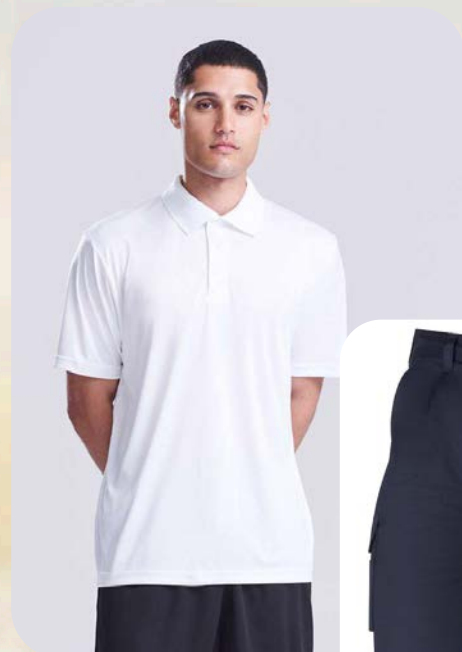
Summer-Ready Workplaces:

As temperatures rise and days get longer, now is the ideal time for workplaces and schools to prepare for the challenges of the summer months.

A little forward planning can make a big difference to comfort, wellbeing and productivity.

Uniform & Workwear

Lighter, breathable uniforms and workwear help staff and students stay comfortable in warmer conditions. Now is also a good time to check sizing,





Cooling Solutions

Fans and portable cooling options can provide welcome relief in classrooms, offices and communal areas.

Ordering early helps avoid shortages when hot weather arrives unexpectedly.



Hydration & Water Coolers

Access to fresh drinking water is essential during hot weather. Ensuring water coolers are serviced, positioned correctly and stocked can help prevent dehydration and keep everyone feeling their best throughout the day.



PPE for Warmer Weather

Summer-appropriate PPE, such as breathable gloves, lightweight hi-vis clothing and comfortable head protection, supports safety without compromising comfort—especially for those working outdoors or in warm environments.

Outdoor & Shaded Spaces

For schools and workplaces with outdoor areas, shaded spaces are increasingly important. Whether it's canopies, umbrellas or shaded seating, these areas offer a cooler place for breaks, learning or outdoor working.



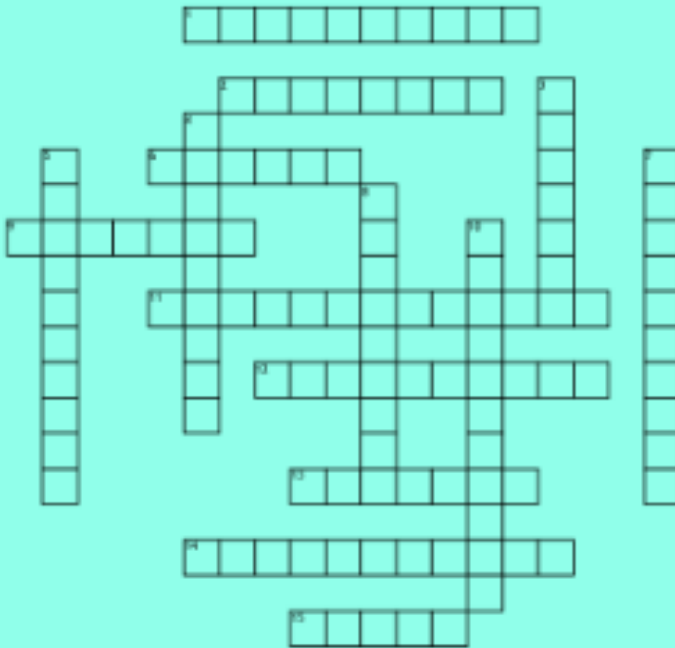
Planning ahead ensures you're ready for whatever summer brings—keeping people safe, comfortable and productive.

A prepared workplace is a happier one

Challenge

Corner

CRISS CROSS PUZZLE



Across

- 1. to place or come between
- 2. basically angered
- 6. to roam in search of plunder
- 9. to behave oneself
- 11. additional items of dress worn by a person

12. not given to action

13. small amounts

14. relating to usefulness rather than beauty

15. animals of region or period

Down

3. having great wealth

4. a member of the nobility

5. a natural inclination

7. to disrupt the self-possession

8. feeling a sense of injustice

10. relating to the treatment of a disease

Find 3 Hidden Words



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Fun Questions

- 1) I can fill up a room but take up no space.
- 2) What kind of coat can only be put on wet?
- 3) what has a head and tail but no body?

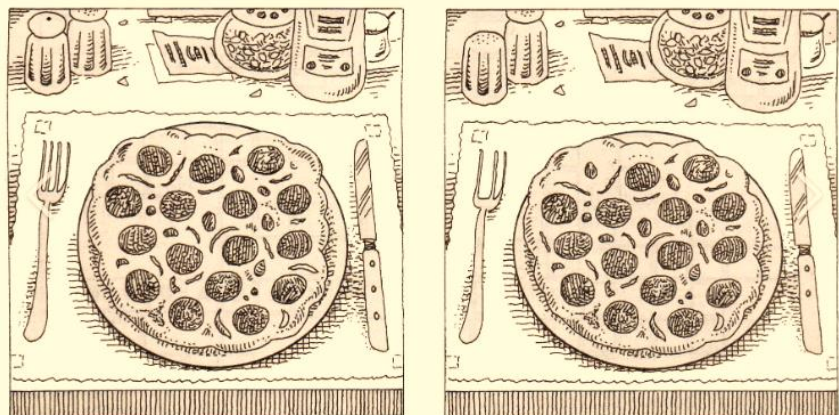
BRAIN TEASERS

Solve these visual word puzzles by looking for clues in the placement, color, or number of words. Have fun!

T O W N	STOOD MISS	league
BIRDS	→ Spring Summer Autumn Winter	Must Get Here Must Get Here Must Get Here
gnirlooJ	BE	B B O W W

DID YOU KNOW : Between us, OBG have 27 Children, 14 Grandchildren and 25 Pets!

See if you can find the eight differences.



Are pencils...

Fun A



Just For Fun



The Great Stapler Heist

It started on a Monday—Obviously.

Sandra from Accounts swore her stapler had vanished. One minute it was there, proudly perched beside her colour-coded highlighters. The next, gone.

Naturally, suspicion fell on **Steve** from Sales. He was last seen near her desk "borrowing a pen" (again). But Steve swore on his Bluetooth headset he hadn't touched it. The mystery deepened when **Kevin** from Marketing also reported his hole punch missing.

On Tuesday, a memo went out:

Subject: Office Supplies Missing - Please Return

(Tone: passive-aggressive / Font: Comic Sans -/ Text Colour: RED!)

Karen from Admin was *fuming*

By Wednesday, a full-blown investigation was underway. Sandra created a spreadsheet.

Kevin built a conspiracy board in the breakroom, There were arrows... There were Post-its.

Then, on Friday, Phil from IT opened the printer cupboard and found...

The Missing Office Supply Graveyard: 3 staplers, 2 hole punches, and a fork from the kitchen.

No one claimed responsibility. Steve muttered something about "rogue magnetic fields."

But one thing was clear: never underestimate the chaos a missing stapler can cause.

How many of these every day items are you missing!
If any of this sounds familiar – stock up on your core products today!

Hard Sudoku Puzzles

	2			7	3
3			2	8	
9	1	7		5	
			7		8
	8	5			4
		9	1		
			3	6	4
		1	8		2
5					

Still considered stationary if they can roll?

Answers



Welcome our Sponsors of Office Bridge Live 2026



Dams boasts one of the largest and most highly automated office furniture factories in Europe, manufacturing our wooden furniture products right here in the UK.

As a wholesaler, we scour the globe so you don't have to, strengthening our portfolio with the best products that the world has to offer.

Our portfolio of products is bursting at the seams, spread amongst two brands and further filtered through categories focused on function



CTS Wholesale Ltd has been trading for 28 years and counting, we are family-owned, set up by Steve Clayton. We are a trusted wholesaler for stationery and print which prides itself on fastidious customer service, reliable competitive products and our route to market is exclusively via trade resellers generating that all-important trust with our customers.



We help you work smarter, learn with confidence, and play with more joy because life is too short for anything less. Empowering you to feel good when you work, learn and play. We create tools that make your everyday challenges easier - when you are in the office, in the classroom, or at play!

Founded in 1903, we have a rich, multinational heritage. For generations, our family of brands has been supporting you, whether you're a professional, a student, an artist, or a gamer. We make products that help you fulfill your potential! Our pioneering past paves the way for a purposeful future

Stand Out. Be Remembered.

Conference and exhibition season is nearly here — and the right promotional items can turn passing footfall into real conversations and impulse sales. Branded giveaways don't just look good on your stand — they work hard for you.

A cleverly thought out, useful promo item grabs attention, starts a chat, and keeps your brand in hands (and minds) long after the event doors close. Something useful will always be useful – Put your brand on it!

Big impact, small price — maximum return.



Smart planners plan ahead; the best stands don't leave it to chance.

Lock in the best ideas at the best value and give yourselves time to create something unique that truly represents YOUR brand.

From crowd-pleasing classics to bespoke head-turning options, Office Bridge can help you choose items that get picked up — not passed by.

Want something tailored to your event, brand, audience or budget?

Ask us about bespoke pricing. We'll help you create promotional products that make noise, spark interest and help you stand out from the crowd this exhibition season.

Top 10 Bespoke Giveaways :

- Pens
- Water bottles / Thermal Cups
- Notebooks
- USB Charger / Power bank
- Shopping Trolley Coin
- Lip Balm
- Shopping Bags
- Umbrella
- Tape Measure

Top 10 Branded Eye Catchers :

- Roller Banners
- Light Boxes / Light up Signs
- Bespoke Podium
- Balloons
- Workwear
- Table Talkers
- Literature Holders
- Product Display stands
- Tablecloth
- Media Wall



Behind the Scenes!

Summer is typically our busiest time of year.

With large school stock orders, bespoke exercise books, and new school uniforms being embroidered ready for the new intake of pupils - our teams are working at full pace.



“While you’re placing orders from your office or school, there’s a lot happening behind the scenes at Office Bridge. ”

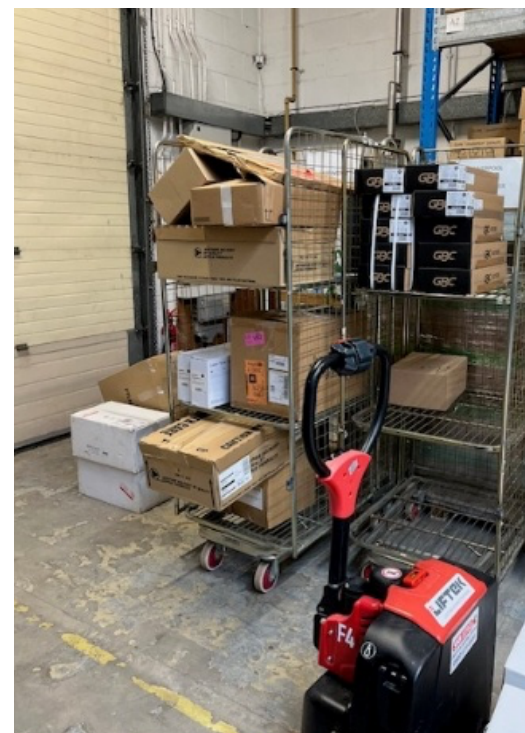


From carefully checking stock and customising items, to picking, packing and scheduling deliveries, every order follows a well-organised journey to make sure it arrives accurately and on time.

During peak periods, our warehouse, embroidery, and delivery teams work closely together to manage increased volumes

without compromising on quality or service. Extra planning, additional checks, and teamwork across all departments help keep everything running smoothly — even at our busiest.

We thought you might like a glimpse behind the scenes to see how your order travels from your workplace, through Office Bridge, and back into your hands.



We're here to help make your Summer Education Ordering process as smooth as possible.

*We are open throughout July and August so can deliver to site managers when the school is closed to pupils if you prefer. Unlike other education suppliers we offer a **custom delivery service** - your class orders will arrive boxed and labelled just how you need them, ready to go straight to the right destination, no sorting into classes - **nothing going missing - no hassle!***

We understand the pressure you are under with reduced budgets and want to make life easier for you however we can

Thank you for choosing Office Bridge Group for your school supplies, we truly appreciate your trust and support, especially during peak season.

To make your order, please visit our dedicated educational supplies website at www.officebridgeeducation.com

Use your existing login details to access the portal and browse our wide range of products. (If you've forgotten your login details or need any assistance, don't hesitate to contact us on 01928 238503)

No hassle!

Don't forget - Educational orders need to be in early to beat the rush... Are YOU ready?

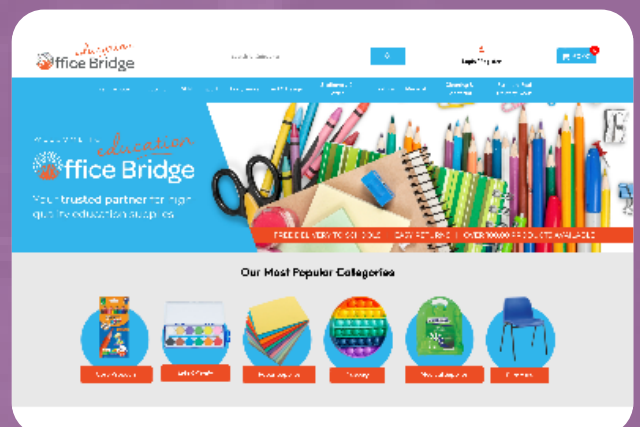
Leavers hoodies - Can take up to 14 days from approval of print design

Academic Diaries - Stock runs out fast!

Summer Stock Orders - Time to start getting your class / key stage lists together

Bespoke Exercise Books - Can take 4-8 weeks depending on design

(Orders guaranteed to arrive before you break up in July need to be in and authorised by end of May)



Special thanks to all the OBG staff - your hard work and dedication to getting our important customer orders out in full and on time during the busy period is appreciated and noticed.



These are the products our customers keep coming back for. Tried, tested, and trusted – each one is a firm favourite for good reason. You've tried them, loved them, and you come back for more



WX01593
Correction Tape



WX26039
Blue Biros



PEL21
A4 Paper



PR149
Blue Centrefeed Roll



BL53BS
Heavy Duty Bin Bags



WX10502
Sticky Notes



PR1126
Toilet Rolls



SPD70
Hand Towels

CUT OUT AND KEEP ON YOUR DESK

Writing Supplies

- Pens
- Pencils
- Permanent Marker
- Highlighter
- Dry Wipe Marker
- Eraser
- Correction Fluid / Tape
- Mechanical Pencil

Filing Supplies

- Ring Binders
- Lever Arch
- Punch Pockets
- Cut Flush Folders
- Dividers
- Hole Punch
- Manilla Folders
- Suspension Files

Desk Supplies

- Desk Organiser
- Post it notes
- Drawer Organiser
- Paperclips
- Sticky Tape
- Rubber Bands
- Stapler
- Staples
- Blue Tac
- Ruler
- Scissors

Paper Supplies

- A4 Paper
- A3 Paper
- Notebooks
- Writing Pads
- Envelopes
- Mailing Labels
- Address Labels
- Letter Head
- Comp Slips
- Business Cards

Meet The Team! - Liam

Operations / Warehouse / Occasional Deliveries!

Liam has joined us in the operations and warehouse team where he will be helping keep everything running smoothly— from managing stock and preparing orders to making sure everything is ready to head out to you on time you may just get to meet him when he's making the occasional delivery!



How long have you been a part of the team?

Started 5th Jan 2026 – new year new job!

Early Bird or night owl?

Night Owl

What's your go to work snack?

Squares Bar

What's the best concert you've been to?

Lewis Capaldi

Favourite TV series or Film

The Warriors

Do you prefer Summer or Winter?

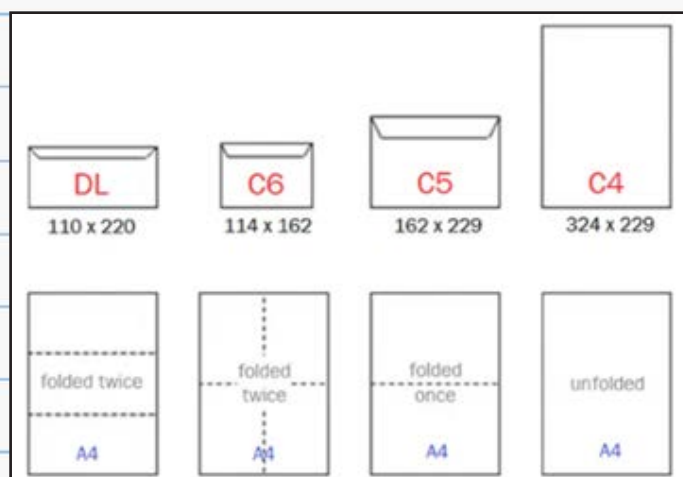
Winter

What do you like to do to unwind after a busy day?

Eat food and watch YouTube!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - LIAM SHARES HIS KNOWLEDGE ON ENVELOPES - WHICH IS THE RIGHT ONE FOR THE RIGHT JOB?

- C4 - FLAT A4 OR A3 FOLDED ONCE
- C5 - A4 FOLDED ONCE
- DL - A4 FOLDED TWICE (LETTER)
- WINDOW / NON WINDOW
- SELF-SEAL / PEEL AND STICK
- MANILLA / WHITE



THE ALPHABET GAME ... A CHILDHOOD FAVOURITE!

How to Play

A letter of the alphabet is chosen (randomly or in order).
 Players must write one answer per category, starting with that letter.

Timing

Set a time limit (usually 30-90 seconds per letter).
 When time is up, everyone stops writing....no cheating!

All answers must be:

A real word
 Clearly fit the category
 Start with the chosen letter

Scoring (Optional)

You can score it or just play for fun.
 2 points - unique answer (no one else has it)
 1 point - same answer as someone else
 0 points - no answer or invalid answer

Make it your own - choose your own categories!

LETTER	BOYS NAME	GIRLS NAME	JOB TITLE	FILM/TV	ANIMAL	OFFICE SNACK	OBG/TSS PRODUCT	COUNTRY
O	Oliver	Olivia	Operations Manager	Orange is the new Black	Orangutang	Oranges	Overalls	?
B	Ben	Betty	Bin Man	Bad Boys	Bengal Tiger	Biscuits	Branded	Brazil
G	Glen	Glenda	General Manager	Goldfinger	Great White Shark	Grapes	Green Highlighter	Germany

Stationery - Janitorial and Catering Products - Water Coolers - Confidential Shredding - PPE and Branded Workwear - Flyers, Posters and Business Cards - Branded Promotional Gifts - Office Furniture Break Room and Kitchen Equipment - Medical Supplies and much more!!