

**Reminders:** Children may wear non-school uniform on Friday 20th July for a small donation to TBPS  
Early finish on Friday 20th July is 1pm. Arrangements will need to be made to collect children at this time.

What's on in school next week...				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Y6 Leavers Performance 3.05pm Uniform Shop	TBPS Disco	Early Finish

**Letters sent home this week:** If your child has not received their copy of these letters or the 'Bugle' please contact their class teacher or the office

**Letters sent home this week: All—** End of year arrangements

## Record High for end of year achievements at Birchwood

We are approaching the end of another fantastic year at Birchwood. As well as beginning to look forward to our summer and making plans for our return to school in September, it is a good time to look back at all that we have achieved in school.

Our 'Show and Share' evening on Thursday was a huge success. We were really pleased with the vast numbers of parents, grandparents and children who took the opportunity to come back into school to celebrate all the learning and progress made by our wonderful pupils during the course of the year. It was really nice to be able to share all the huge amounts of work that our pupils have completed and to discuss the progress children have made. Staff were also very pleased to receive lots of thanks and gratitude from parents and children.

This week we received our school end of year attainment data. We have had another brilliant year across the whole school and have achieved our highest results ever.

### Early Years Foundation Stage

**78%** of pupils at Birchwood made a good level of development. This is more than ever before and is expected to be above National Average, which last year was 71%

### Year 1 Phonics

**97%** of pupils at Birchwood passed the phonic screening check. Again this is expected to be above National Average, which last year, was **81%** of pupils nationally.

### Year 2 - KS1

**Reading - 80% of Pupils reached the Expected Standard and 27% are working at Greater Depth.** This is higher than National average last year which was 76% expected and 25% at Greater Depth.

**Writing - 71% of Pupils reached the Expected Standard and 17% are working at Greater Depth.** This is higher than National average last year which was 68% expected and 16% at Greater Depth.

**Maths - 76% of Pupils reached the Expected Standard and 27% are working at Greater Depth.** This again is higher than National average last year which was 75% expected and 21% at Greater Depth.

**Science - 81% of Pupils reached the Expected Standard.** This is similar to National average last year which was 82%.

### Year 6 - KS2

**Reading - 81% of Pupils reached the Expected Standard and 27% are working at the Higher Standard.** This is higher than National Average which was 76% at the Expected Standard.



**"Seymour" Terrible Tudors Inside ...**

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Please see the school office for details.

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**Writing - 90% of Pupils reached the Expected Standard and 31% are working at the Higher Standard.** This is higher than National Average which was 78% at the Expected Standard.

**VGPS - 87% of Pupils reached the Expected Standard and 44% are working at the Higher Standard.** This is higher than National Average which was 78% at the Expected Standard.

**Maths - 81% of Pupils reached the Expected Standard and 31% are working at the Higher Standard.** This is higher than National Average which was 75% at the Expected Standard.

**The number of pupils achieving the Expected Standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined was 74%.** This is **10% higher** than this year's National Average of 64% of pupils reaching the Expected Standard in all 3 subjects.

I am absolutely delighted with our results across the whole school and I am really pleased for everyone involved. My thanks go out to all staff for their effort, commitment and hard work in supporting our pupils to achieve their very best. I would also like to thank our parents for the contribution they make to their children's learning, and last but not least I would really like to thank every single one of our children for their fantastic efforts this year. All we ever ask is for our pupils to do their very best and I can honestly say that I think they have all achieved that again this year.

**Neil Coleman - Headteacher**

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## Academic Year 2017-2018

### Summer Term 2018

Year 6 Leavers Performance	Wednesday 18th July
TBPS End of Term Disco	Thursday 19th July
School Finishes (1 p.m. Finish)	Friday 20th July

## Academic Year 2018-2019

### Autumn Term 2018

Professional Development Day	Monday 3rd September
Children return to school	Tuesday 4th September
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 29th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 5th November
Children return to school	Tuesday 6th November
Term Ends for Christmas (2 wks)	Friday 21st December

### Spring Term 2019

Professional Development Day	Monday 7th January
Children return to school	Tuesday 8th January
Half Term (1 Week)	Monday 18th February
Professional Development Day	Monday 25th February
Children return to school	Tuesday 26th February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 12th April

### Summer Term 2019

Children return to school	Monday 29th April
May Day	Monday 6th May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 27th May
Children return to school	Monday 3rd June
Professional Development Day	Friday 21st June
Term Ends for Summer	Friday 19th July

These dates may be subject to change if necessary.

**New and amended dates shown in bold.**

Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

**Please Note Early Finish : Friday 20th July 2018**

Arrangements will need to be made to collect children earlier than usual.

Please let us know if this causes any difficulties.

## Area Athletics Competition

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 40 children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 represented Birchwood in the Area Athletics Competition. Overall there were 14 schools that entered which were split across two competitions - small schools and large schools. Within the large schools competition there were nine schools competing.

Each child took part in at least two events; the events consisted of sprint, distance, long jump, ball throw, javelin and relay. We came home with 8 first place medals in total, a special mention to the medal winners: Freddie (year 6), Mikey (year 5), the year 6 boys relay team and Harvey (year 6) who won 3 of the medals, well done! We came fourth overall which is an amazing achievement, all the children tried their very best, were exceptionally behaved and showed amazing sportsmanship. Well done! I would like to thank everyone that helped and came to support us at the event.



## Spotlight on musical talent in school



This Monday saw not one but two musical events celebrating our fantastically talented musicians here at Birchwood. Straight after school our Playtastic Orchestra performed a concert for parents of their repertoire from this year followed at 6pm by a concert featuring our individual instrumentalists on drums, flutes, clarinets, keyboards and violins.

It was amazing to see how far our children have progressed this year, and how confidently they performed in front of a large (and very appreciative) audience of parents, friends, staff and family. We saw duets, children playing songs from memory, accompanied by both backing tracks and teachers, and playing solos. I never cease to be surprised by how talented our children are here at Birchwood and these events were no exception. Thank you to all of the parents for their ongoing support of your children on their musical journey. They are a credit to you all.

If you would like your child to take up an instrument then we do have spaces available, including the opportunity from next year to take lessons in recorder, which is an ideal instrument for younger children to start with before moving onto larger woodwind such as clarinet or flute. If you are interested please come and speak to me or let the school office know.

**Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher**

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## TBPS NEWS ...

End of year Disco is almost here! We would really appreciate some more volunteers to help run the event. It's such a fun event and great to watch your kids having fun with their friends, so please get in touch if you can help at either Disco. **Call Leanne on 07919431220.**

We will be collecting good/wearable condition outgrown or no longer needed uniform from Monday next week. This will be for a pre-loved uniform sale to be held in the spring next year. Collection will be on going. A box will be in the reception area. Thank you.



**HELP WANTED**

## Library Books and Library Information

If your child has a school library book at home, could parents / carers please remind children to return them to school next week as early as possible.

Our school library **will not** be open next week after school on Monday or Thursday but will re-open as normal in the new school year. Details will follow.

# OUR FABULOUS FARMERS' MARKET



A huge thank you to Team Birchwood, Hillaina and Chris for supporting us by running stalls, parents and grandparents who donated products and helped set up and a big well done to both pupils and staff who created some wonderful products.



# 'TUDOURING' OUR CHILDREN ABOUT HISTORY



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This week Year 4 have enjoyed a trip to Mary Arden's Farm to learn all about life during the Tudor Times.

Children were given the opportunity to bake, paint and dress up in period costume. All the children had fun and learned many new facts.

**Urgent Reminder**  
**Sport Kits**

If your child has been a member of a sports team over the last school year they may still have a Birchwood team kit at home. Could you please check and ensure these are washed and returned to Mrs Atkins by Wednesday 18th July.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Important Information**  
**Support During the Summer Holiday**

Are you registered for Free School Meals? If so, the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme can support with the cost of food for your children through the summer holiday - applications will be taken from Monday 23rd July to Friday 31st August.

**Contact Number - 0800 408 1448 / 01926 359182**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME**  
**UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

*Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.*

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s). All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service of Warwickshire County Council.

**It is important to note**, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996. Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

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Friday evenings in The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

**NEW Juniors 6 ½ - 8yrs 5:15pm - 7:15pm**  
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**Birchwood Primary School Website**

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**App of the week**

**TOCA KITCHEN MONSTERS**

Pick and prepare ingredients for hungry monsters!

**Warwickshire Young Carers' Project**

Total raised so far  
**£1187.04**

Please note that although we check the suitability of Applications, they can be changed without notice. Parents should therefore check the Application BEFORE children go on to them.



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