

Reminders: Weather permitting Sports day will take place on Monday 2nd July - Please remember to bring a t-shirt to match your house colour

What's on in school next week...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Keyboard/Violin lessons 3.05pm Dance Club 3.05 pm Orchestra	Guitar lessons 3.05pm Aston Villa club	Woodwind lessons 3.05pm Elite Football Club 3.05pm Uniform Shop	3.05 pm Multi Sports 3-6 3.05 pm Eco Club 3.05pm Library	Drum Lessons 3.05 pm Eco Club 3.05 pm Multi Sports Club

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 Classes for 18/19, Warwickshire Moving Up Day

Year 5 trip to Partner School - Lanchester EP

Last Thursday and Friday our Year 5 pupils went up to Newcastle to visit our Partner School - Lanchester EP for the very first time. This was the next part of the process in establishing our very exciting and purposeful link with another primary school in a contrasting locality.

Lanchester EP Primary School is very similar to Birchwood in lots of ways, but also very different. It is a good school with outstanding features and serves the community of Lanchester village, of which it is centrally located. Lanchester EP is a Church of England school with a strong Christian ethos. It has a strong link with All Saints Parish, a beautiful medieval parish church that was founded in 1147.

In the past, staff from both schools have visited each other and our Digital Leaders from both schools met up at the Bett Show in London in January, but this was the first time any of our pupils got to visit Lanchester and meet their Year 5 pupils and staff.

On the way up to Lanchester School we stopped off at the Angel of the North to have our picnic. Over the two day visit the children created ebooks of their trip using iPads. The photographs and videos taken at the foot of the Angel of the North made a great start to their work.

From there we visited the Quayside in Newcastle. The children walked through the Sage Music venue and viewed the River Tyne and it's collection of bridges from the Baltic Flour Mill viewing platform. The children all then got to experience a boat cruise down the river finding out all about its famous shipyard building past and the history behind the 7 bridges that cross the Tyne.

We then made our way to Lanchester EP School where we all enjoyed playing in their wonderful school grounds and eating our take away food together on their school field. After a tour of the school and a few games of cards, we settled in for the night in their two school halls. In the morning we were treated to a fabulous breakfast organised by Mrs Davis - Lanchester's Headteacher, before going on a walk around the village and joining in with a P.E lesson and an Art lesson with Lanchester Year 5 pupils and staff.

Our trip to the North East was topped off with a wonderful visit to Durham Cathedral. The children had their packed lunch in the Cathedral grounds before spending time inside the Cathedral taking in its magnificence.

The children all had a brilliant two day trip which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. They were all fantastically behaved and were a real credit to our school and their parents. I really look forward to welcoming the staff and pupils of Lanchester to Birchwood in the Autumn term where we can look to repay their kind hospitality and continue our exciting partnership link between our great schools.

Neil Coleman
Headteacher

It was the best two days of my life and it was lovely to meet the people from the other school. - Katie-Jo



Great Memories Made on Year 5's trip to Lanchester Primary School

All photographs can be purchased for £3 per A4 colour copy.
Please see the school office for details.

Spotlight on music lessons in school



As well as being great fun, did you know that **evidence** shows that learning a musical instrument can **actually** improve your child's performance in their school work?

At Birchwood, we offer the opportunity to learn a range of musical instruments in school including drums, violin, keyboard, guitar, clarinet, flute and saxophone. Brass lessons are also available on request.

Weekly lessons with our music provider, IMS, are taught in small groups or individually. The children then have the opportunity to show off their skills at an end of year concert as well as joining our Playtastic Orchestra here at school as soon as they start learning their instrument. Orchestra also regularly perform at Bedworth Civic Hall along with other local schools as part of Warwickshire Music concerts.

If your child is interested in taking up an instrument in September please contact the school office for further information. If your child is in receipt of free school meals then lessons are subsidised by the school, so there is no cost to you.

We would love to have even more children enjoying making music in school next year!

Mrs Day
Associate Headteacher

Academic Year 2017-2018

Summer Term 2018

Year 2 Class Assembly	Thursday 28th June
Sports Day	Monday 2nd July
Sports Day (Reserve)	Tuesday 3rd July
TBPS Meeting	Wednesday 4th July
Moving Up Day	Thursday 5th July
Farmers' Market	Friday 6th July
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

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.

Holiday Dates

Parents, please be aware that we are not the only Birchwood Primary School. We are aware of at least one other school with the same name, based in Ipswich. Can we ask parents to check our school web site which is

www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com and also weekly newsletters for important information including holiday dates. Holiday dates can also be accessed via the Warwickshire County Council web site www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolholidaydates

Farmers' Market Friday 6th July 2018

Our Eco club will be selling the produce they have grown in school, e.g. carrots, broad beans, strawberries, lettuce etc. If any parents grow fruit and vegetables at home and would like to support the children's stall by donating any spare produce, then please bring this in on either Thursday 5th July or Friday 6th July. Our Eco Club children would be very grateful.

We are pleased to announce that Smiths butchers from Polesworth and Hillaina from Scrumptious will be having stalls.



Garden Party

Saturday 23rd June 2pm
in the lovely gardens of
The Old Post Office
2 New Street, Birchmoor



Variety of stalls

Cake sale White Elephant Barbeque

Tombola Refreshments Books

Entertainment

Birchmoor Academy of Dance

View the recent improvements to the Church Centre

Offers of white elephant items and help on the day to

Fay Cotterill 2 New Street (01827 906716)

or Ann Hadley 180 Green Lane (01827 896090)

(If wet will be held in St John's Church Centre)

Funds raised will be used to develop the community use of St John's Church Centre in Birchmoor

School Photos

If you would like to order a copy of your child's class photo, please ensure orders are received with payment by **Friday 29th June 2018**. Thank you.

Parent Pay

Could we ask all parents to make sure that there are no outstanding debts on their children's ParentPay accounts. All meals taken, swimming lessons, activities and trips need to be paid for by **Friday 29th June 2018**. If you need a Paypoint card to pay for school dinners or a barcoded letter for other activities please contact the school office who will be pleased to help.



School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a School Crossing Patrol Operative outside of Birchwood School. Times are to be confirmed, but the position will require morning and afternoon cover, at the busiest times of the school day. Usually shifts are around 30 minutes each. The position is for Monday to Friday term time only (38 weeks per year spread across 12 monthly payments.) Pay for this position is £8.61 per hour plus holiday enhancements. A uniform and full training will be provided.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please contact the School Crossing Patrol Service for more details, on 01926 412661 or email scp@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Application packs can be downloaded at <https://warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolcrossingpatrols> or collected from the school office.



ANGELS IN THE NORTH



It was the best trip because of the boat trip and playing rugby with Mr Coleman. The best trip ever! Kieran



The trip was amazing especially the cruise! The view from the top deck was breath-taking! Katie



I loved their playground, it was so fun with the climbing frame and obstacle course and the sandpit. So much fun, I can't wait for Manor Adventure. Cassidy



I loved the game of cricket! I also loved how we all became really close friends. Isabella



Hay Ewe!!

Eco Club and Class Councillors went to Southfields Farm last Friday to learn about the farming process. The children explored different soil types, ground their own flour, hunted for wildlife in meadows, woodlands and ponds, fed the animals and travelled around on a tractor trailer to see the different methods of growing crops. They were enthusiastic and a credit to the school. Well done!

My favourite activity was collecting the wild flowers on our journey. Elsie

I really enjoyed using the nets to hunt for insects. Bobby

The donkeys were my favourite animal. Lily



'It doesn't matter if my child is late for school'

Not what the children would say! They absolutely hate being late. They arrive after all their friends are already sat down in school and enter a classroom of 30 others looking at them. At the start of the day teachers take registers, explain to the children what they will be doing for the day and all sorts of other important instructions about what will be happening around school. Apart from this being late is NOT an authorised absence. Persistent lateness will often result in contact from Education Social Workers who inspect our registers and will prosecute for persistent cases.

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Fun Children's Dance Classes held in Polesworth

Little Dancers 2 ½ - 6yrs 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Friday evenings in The Tithe Barn, Polesworth

Tuesday evenings in The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

Juniors 6 ½ - 10yrs 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Friday evenings in The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

NEW Juniors 6 ½ - 8yrs 5:15pm - 7:15pm

(From 6th Feb 2018)

Tuesday evenings in The Memorial Hall, Polesworth

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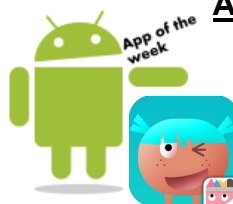
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