

Reminders: Children should bring their PE kit to school on a Monday morning and take it home on a Friday.

What's on in school next week...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Violin & Keyboard Lessons 3.05 pm Embody Dance Playtastic Orchestra	Drum & Guitar Lessons 3.05 pm Aston Villa Multi Skills Y1-3	Woodwind Lessons 3.05 pm Elite Football Y1-3	3.05 pm Top Score Football Club Y4-6	Cello Lessons 3.05 pm Top Score Multi Sports Y 4-6 3.05 pm Musical Theatre

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—Census Day Menu

We welcome our new intake into our Birchwood Family

Our new Reception children have made a great start to their time at Birchwood. They have very quickly got into excellent routines and have had a very positive impact in school. It is lovely to see all the children so happy to be in school.

Our Early Years Foundation Stage Leader Mrs Willis and the rest of her team, Miss Aston, Mrs Stockton, Mrs Spong and Mrs Tweed have all been hugely impressed with the children. They have commented on their outstanding learning behaviours, their excellent listening skills, their co-operation and sharing skills and their overall positive attitudes.

Our induction process for our new Reception intake starts long before the children enter school in September. As soon as Warwickshire Local Authority Admissions department inform us of children who have been given a place at Birchwood, we set about contacting families to share details of organised events that we run. We begin with a welcome meeting for parents led by Mrs Willis. We also organise for all the children to attend 3 story time sessions in school, where the children and the parents have the opportunity to get to know our key workers. We also hold a meeting for parents on induction day, where myself, the school nurse team, County Caters and Team Birchwood (our PTA) share some important information to help support families with the process of starting school.

The children have all had an extremely busy couple of weeks in school that began with a home visit by their key workers. During the first two days of school each family was visited at home. This is a really important part of our induction process and has many benefits. Children are more comfortable in their own environment, staff get to share key information about our school and processes and parents get an opportunity to have some quality one to one time to discuss any queries or concerns they may have.

The children have all spent 3 mornings and 3 afternoons in school learning all about our routines and how our school works. Having only half of the children in at a time enables our Early Years team to really get to know the children well and gives them an opportunity to show them in detail all the fantastic learning that they will be doing. The routines that are established in the first few weeks are used by children all the way through school.

Today was the children's first full day at Birchwood. It was lovely to see them join the rest of the children at Birchwood during dinnertime. The children all had a brilliant but very tiring day and fully deserve their rest over the weekend. I am sure all of our new Reception children are going to have a brilliant first year in school and make lots of progress.

Due to a low birth rate locally, none of the local Primary schools around this area have a full intake of children this year, including us. This is the first year that we are not full and still have a couple of places available, so if you know of any families moving into the area please pass on our school details. We are always keen to get children into Birchwood so that our wonderful Early Years team can work their magic on them as soon as possible!

Mr N Coleman – Headteacher



We welcome our new Reception children

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

Spotlight on our new Trim Trail



This week has seen the opening of our new Trim Trail on our Key Stage 1 playground. This new outdoor play equipment will not only be great fun for the children, but help them to develop their co-ordination, teamwork and their agility.

Over the summer holidays it has been great to see the trail all come together piece by piece. One of the sections, the 'pick up sticks' was funded by Team Birchwood as a result of all their fundraising over the last year, with the other sections being funded by school.

This is the latest part of a project to improve the outdoor environment for our children, making it as outstanding as the learning which takes place inside our school. We are planning to create a more challenging 'trim trail' for key stage 2 on their playground area in the near future so that they can build on their collaborative and motor skills as well.

Mrs Day—Associate Headteacher



Parking

Please may we remind parents/carers that parking is not permitted in the schools car park. Please park courteously on the roads surrounding school. It is also important to ensure that driveways and pavements are not obstructed as this can prove dangerous for other road users, pedestrians and be frustrating for our neighbours. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Academic Year 2018-2019

Autumn Term 2018

Year 6 Class Assemblies	Thursday 27th September
School Photographs	Thursday 11th October
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 29th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 5th November
Children return to school	Tuesday 6th November
Nasal Flu Immunisations	Friday 9th November
Late Parents Evening	Wednesday 14th November
Early Parents Evening	Thursday 15th November
Year 5 Class Assemblies	Thursday 29th November
TBPS Christmas Fair	Friday 7th December
Lower School Christmas Perf.	Monday 17th December
Lower School Christmas Perf.	Tuesday 18th December
Upper School Christmas Perf.	Wednesday 19th December
Upper School Christmas Perf.	Thursday 20th December
Term Ends for Christmas (Early)	Friday 21st December

Spring Term 2019

Professional Development Day	Monday 7th 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 (Early)	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 the 1 pm early finish on 21st December and 19th July. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

Our School Library

Our school library is open every Monday (with Mrs Hill) and Thursday (with Mrs Willis) from 3.10pm until 3.40pm. This is an exciting opportunity for you to visit our library to read and change books with your child. All children using the library during these times must be accompanied by an adult.

Please access the library through the library doors from the car park. If you are unable to visit the library during this time, your child can still visit the library during school hours.



Myths and Legends....

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes face

'My child is too young for homework, they should be out enjoying themselves!'

Actually if the homework set is boring, lacking in challenge and a complete waste of time, we agree!!!

We set homework that engages the children, recaps on the days learning or really motivates them to 'find out more'. Clearly, setting homework which achieves these aims, when the teacher can't be present, is a challenge. We do however, do our very best and our teachers are regularly monitored to ensure that we don't slip into tasks which do little to improve children's progress.



Birchwood Primary School



Birchwood Primary School Website

Want to know what's happening in school? Go to www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages, photos and much more.

Click on the parent tab to open the ParentPay shop, where you can order school uniform, book bags and water bottles.

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.



Tuck Shop

Tuck is provided on a daily basis by our own Birchwood Bistro and is available to children in KS2 during break time.

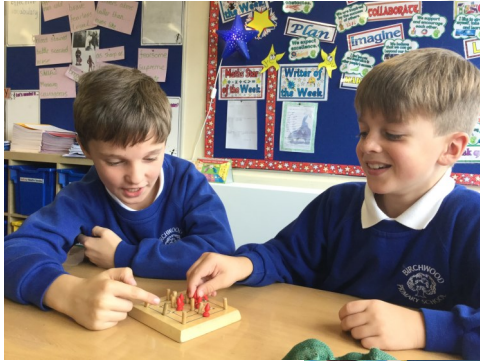
Children may purchase the following items:

Milkshake— 45p
Fruit Drinks—35p
Sultanas—30p
Toast—20p



There is fruit available to KS1 children on a daily basis.

Vikings Visit Y4



"The chain mail was really heavy"
Archie



"I loved the real boar skin and weapons he brought in"
Autumn



"Nine Men Morris was really fun"
Noah

Gregolf the Viking paid a visit to Year 4 on Tuesday to teach them the ways of a Viking warrior. Like all true warriors he introduced the children to his full range of weaponry, informing them of the many ways the instruments could be used to kill and maim an opponent. Year 4 showed they were made of stern stuff by trying on many of the pieces and forming defensive walls, although when the sling shots were used, they almost took out some of their own team by firing them backwards. Later they learned how Vikings relaxed by playing board games such as Nine Men Morris or skill activities such as the target game Kubb. The day ended with a traditional Viking myth and some very tired warriors. Well done Year 4, I'm sure you would make excellent Vikings.





Permanent Vacancy

Birchwood Primary School is seeking to appoint a Cleaner for 12.5 hours per week term time, plus two weeks holiday cleaning (times to be discussed/40 week contract). Actual salary £4907.26.

Birchwood is a very popular successful school recognised as an 'Outstanding' school (OFSTED 2014/15). We are looking for someone to join our friendly, enthusiastic and committed cleaning team on a permanent basis, working with our well behaved and happy pupils.

Full training will be given, as well as all the support you need.

Application form and a job description are available from the school office or on our website

www.birchwoodprimaryschool.com. Please return completed forms to school no later than 9.00am on Monday 1st October 2018.

Asthma Inhalers

If your child has been prescribed an asthma inhaler by a doctor they MUST have it IN school at all times, even if they have:

- 'Never used it'
- 'Only have it because they went through a bad patch'
- 'Only get asthma in winter'
- 'Have grown out of it'

For children who have been prescribed an asthma inhaler and do not have it in school, parents will be contacted immediately to bring one in. Asthma is far from a minor ailment and is in reality a killer when it all goes wrong.

Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between **01/09/2007** and **31/08/2008** are due to start Secondary School in September 2019. **The deadline for on-time applications is 31st October 2018.**



Warwickshire residents can make an on-line application for Primary and Secondary places at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool. You can also apply by calling 01926 742037 or 01926 742047.

Procedures following a child's absence

Following a child's absence please follow the below procedures

- A telephone call should be made to school before 8.30am giving the reasons why your child is absent.
- If no contact has been received, a text message will be sent to the first contact on the child's records asking why the child is absent.
- If we do not receive a response to the text message, a member of the office staff will telephone the child's contact numbers to establish why he/she is not in school.
- An absence note should always be sent into school upon the child's return. This should include the child's name, class, date of absence and reason for absence.

It would be beneficial for you to provide one of the following (wherever possible) which may enable the Head Teacher to authorise your child's absence:

- Medical appointment card
- Sight of Medication prescribed by a GP
- Copy of prescription
- Letters concerning hospital/dental appointments

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App of the week



Lets do Mental Maths !!

Practise mental maths skills against the clock

This years chosen charity to be revealed soon!!

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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