

Letters home this week: Y6 Kooth Workshop, Y3 -DVD

## What's on in school next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Willow Performance-1.30pm Y1 - Gardening Y3 - Football Y4 - Embroidery Y5 - Quick Cricket Y6 - Running	CAT Challenge Cup R - Aston Villa Y2 - Board Games Y6 - Rounders	Yew Performance-1.30pm Y2 - Top Score Y5 - Recorders Changemakers	Yew Reserve Date 1.30pm R - Storybox/Forest Schools Y1 - Top Score Y2 - Team Games Y4 Now Press Play Y5 - Tennis	Willow Reserve Date 1.30pm Y3 - Top Score Y6 - Ukelele

If your child has not received their copy of these letters or the 'Bugle' please contact their class teacher or the office

**REMINDER : Please can you ensure any outstanding balances on ParentPay are paid, thank you.**

## Birchwood Sports Week

Sports Day is always a highly anticipated event in the academic year and this year at Birchwood we have managed to have a week of sports days. Many of our classes have enjoyed a great morning or afternoon of sporting activities when taking part in their annual Sports Day with a difference. Due to Covid restrictions Sports Days have been taking place, behind closed doors, within year groups.

The children have enjoyed the opportunity of competing only against their peers as this has enabled them to take part in more sporting events. This has allowed them to have more successes and achievements, as you will have seen with all the stickers that have come home. They were competing to gain points for their houses.

The children took part in a variety of races such as: sack race, egg and spoon race, sprint, balancing quoits race, space hopper race and skipping race. You will be able to see photos on our school website very soon. The children competed brilliantly and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the days. Sports Days take a lot of organising and our thanks goes to all of the staff for their help and support.

We missed having friends and family come and join us in school. It is always great to have support from our school community on the side lines, but the children did a brilliant job of cheering on their peers and class mates. We hope next year we will be able to invite you all back into school to support us in these events.

A few of the year groups will be taking part in their Sports Days next week, once all year groups have completed their Sports Days we look forward to finding out which house is the winner of the sports day trophy.

Our week of sport has been topped off by our sponsored walk/run and our Football Shirt Friday. Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation into school or on ParentPay, towards our chosen charity – Zellweger UK. We just need the England Football Team to do their bit now on Sunday and bring football home!

**Mrs Brelsford and Mrs Atkins**

– PE subject leaders



## READY STEADY GO!

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

## Spotlight this week is ...

### The Holiday Activities and Food Programme

With the summer holidays approaching, we are sure that many parents will be looking for activities for children to get involved with during the break. This summer, Warwickshire County Council are running a range of activities to support children and families and keep children active and engaged over the summer. The latest information on activities which are available can be found on their Summer Activities website at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory/46/summer-holiday-activities>

These activities are available to all children, and for families who are in receipt of Free School Meals, there is an entitlement to access up to 16 sessions of these activities, including a lunchtime meal, for free across the summer holiday period. If you are eligible, Warwickshire County Council will send a booking code directly to you by email or text, and you can make your bookings directly with the activity provider of your choice at no cost to yourself.

For any further information on activities over the summer holidays, please contact the Family Information Service on 01926 742274.

**Mrs Day- Associate Headteacher**

## Who's Who this week ...

Hi, my name is Mrs Mills and I work as a 1-1 Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor at Birchwood. After nearly 20 years as a Graphic Designer, I opted for a change in career and 5 years ago re-trained and qualified as a Teaching Assistant, I have been working as one ever since.



Over those 5 years I have experienced working within every year group from Nursery EYFS up to Year 6, within classes, intervention groups, SEN 1-1 needs / Complex needs and Key groups. I really enjoy feeling like I have been able to help and support the pupils I work with and help them achieve any target or goals they are set. My aim has always been to treat the children I work with in the way I hope my own 2 children are treated at their school and to give them confidence to believe in themselves.

At home we are a busy family who are all creative, active, scientific and engaged in learning— next year I will complete my BA (Hons) Degree in Art History. We all enjoy going for walks with our dogs of a weekend and spending time together making, baking, creating art, doing science experiments, or generally being daft after a hectic week.

## Birchwood Best Practice

### Learning Through Play

Backing up and applying the techniques and theories of learning with practical engagement really helps to embed what is learnt within children's memories. Learning through play can be seen across all year groups within adapted forms and really does work.



Within Early years it is much more prevalent and children can be seen taking part in playtime activities without them even realising that they are cementing their learning. Our learning each week covers different topics within the national curriculum and we make sure that there are numerous fun activities that the children will want to access, which compliments their learning, so it becomes something more meaningful than just 'play'.

For example when learning the story of Jack & The Beanstalk, the children enjoyed many activities that enabled them to access many subject areas. Creating bean patterns (Maths), cutting, creating and labelling a flower (Handwriting, English, Phonics), building castles with bricks (Design / Maths), measuring the giants footprints (Maths), watching and retelling the story (English, Phonics, Maths-ordering) and so much more.

– Mrs Mills

## RECEPTION CLASSES VISIT BROOMEY CROFT FARM

With wellies and sunhats at the ready, Birchwood's Reception classes enjoyed a day at Broomey Croft Farm. They enjoyed feeding the animals, a tractor ride, and playing on the playground. They also acted out the 3 Billy Goats Gruff story with real billy goats and Arthur had a new born baby goat named after him.





# SPORTS WEEK!!

Due to restrictions, Sports Day was a little different this year. It was actually Sports Week, as classes enjoyed their competitions in their year group bubbles on separate days. Fortunately the rain held off when it needed too and the children got to enjoy joining in lots of fun activities.



## Academic Year 2020-2021

### Spring Term 2021

Y6 Performance Willow	Monday 12th July
CAT Challenge Cup	Tuesday 13th July
Y6 Performance Yew	Wednesday 14th July
Yew Reserve Date	Thursday 15th July
Willow Reserve Date	Friday 16th July
Y3 Botanical Gardens Visit	Tuesday 13th July
Y6 BBQ	Tuesday 20th July
Term Ends for Summer, 1pm	Wednesday 21st July

## Academic Year 2021-2022

### Autumn Term 2021

Professional Development Day	Thursday 2nd September
Professional Development Day	Friday 3rd September
Children Return to School	Monday 6th September
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 25th October
Professional Development Day	Monday 1st November
Term Ends for Christmas	Friday 17th December

### Spring Term 2022

Staff Inset Day	Tuesday 4th January '22
Children Return to School	Wednesday 5th January
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 21st February
Professional Development Day	Monday 28th February
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 8th April

### Summer Term 2022

May Day	Monday 2nd May
Half Term (1 week)	Monday 30th May
Professional Developments Day	Friday 24th June
Term Ends for Summer	Friday 22nd 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 early finish on 21st July 2021. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.

## Birchwood Primary School Website



### Class Photographs

Please be advised that NextGen School Photography will be collecting any photograph orders which parents chose to send into school, on Monday lunchtime. Any last minute orders must be brought into school on Monday morning. Many thanks.

### Our registered charity 2020/21

**ZELLWEGER UK. Amount raised so far:**  
**£1750.14**



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### Hospital-Doctors-Dentist-Opticians appointments in school time

We ask parents to avoid booking appointments during the school day because of children missing important work in school. Please book appointments before or after school or in school holidays. However, we do understand that this is sometimes unavoidable.



We would ask parents to let us know of any appointments **in advance** and send in a copy of the appointment card/letter for school records.



**Jolly Phonic Letter Sounds**  
Helping children to read.



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## YOUTH CLUB

Wednesdays  
Under 12years  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

### Sports activities Dance classes

Pool Table

Xbox

Food and Drink

Milkshake Bar



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