

Letters sent home this week— All—Club Letters, Sponsored Read

What's on in school next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.05pm Playtastic Orchestra 3.05pm Y6 Netball Club 3.05pm Embody Dance Club Y1-6	Guitar Lessons 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3 3.05pm Bubbles Club Y4-6	Woodwind Lessons 3.05pm Football Club Y1-3 3.05pm Bubbles Club Y1-3	Violin & Keyboard Lessons	Cello & Drum Lessons 3.05pm Musical Theatre Y3-6 3.05pm Multi Sports Y4-6

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

REMINDER: Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name.

Birchwood – An outstanding school led by many.

Successfully leading and managing Birchwood Primary requires a commitment to develop and distribute leadership at all levels, among adults and children in school. At Birchwood we encourage everyone to be leaders and find opportunities and experiences for all to learn, manage and grow as leaders. There are many examples of leaders in school: Office Staff, Mid-Day Supervisors, Play Leaders, Subject Co-ordinators, School Councillors, SENDCO, House Captains, Team Birchwood and Teaching Assistants.

An important part of our leadership structure is our Senior Leadership Team (SLT). Our SLT work tirelessly to secure the best outcomes for all the children in our care. Each member of the SLT has responsibility for different aspects of school, but work collaboratively so that everyone has a clear understanding of the position of the school and the direction moving forward. The SLT at Birchwood consists of:

Mr Coleman – Headteacher.

Has strategic responsibility and overall accountability for standards and performance in school, including H.R and finance.

Mrs Day – Associate Headteacher.

Deputises for the Headteacher and has responsibility for SEND provision in school, liaising with external agencies and line managing Teaching Assistants.

Miss Purdy – Maths Co-ordinator.

Has responsibility for standards in maths across the whole school.

Miss Mould – English Co-ordinator.

Has responsibility for standards in English across the whole school.

Mrs Willis – EYFS Leader.

Is responsible for standards in the Early Years Foundation stage.

Our SLT are part of a wider network of leaders at Birchwood who together are committed to securing the best possible outcomes for our children.

Mrs Jackson – Office Manager.

Organises and co-ordinates office administration and communication procedures to ensure school effectiveness, efficiency and safety.

Mr Jackson – Caretaker.

Responsible for the maintenance and security of our school building and grounds.

Mrs Haskell – Senior Mid-day Supervisor.

Ensures the security, safety, care and wellbeing of children, making dinnertimes count.

At Birchwood we have high expectations, a no-excuse culture and a single-minded focus on making our school an outstanding place of learning for all. It is the collective efforts of all our leaders that makes Birchwood so great.

"No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself, or to get all the credit for doing it." - Andrew Carnegie

Neil Coleman
Headteacher



Junior Librarians - Leading developments in our school Library

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

Spotlight on Excellence this week is: Birchwood Best

Over the last couple of weeks I have been really impressed with children from across school demonstrating 'Birchwood Best' both in school and when representing school at events and on trips.

Our one word school rule, 'Consideration' is what we expect all our children to be demonstrating at all times. In addition, we ask children to be doing their 'Birchwood Best', trying to be all that they can be. I have seen so many examples of that from our Year 4, 'Fly to the Line' team proudly representing Birchwood at the National Finals at RAF Cosford; Lewis's determination in his run at the Warwickshire Cross Country finals to finish 16th; our swimming team being complimented on their outstanding sportsmanship and behaviour at the schools swimming gala; the outstanding behaviour of year 2 and 3 when they visited Blakesley Hall and Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Also, any one of the huge number of children in school I have seen for fantastic work, presentation or effort over the last few weeks. The list could go on. Well done to all of those children for showing Birchwood Best – keep it up!

We know that this does not happen without the support of parents at home, and we value that continued support in making sure your children are in school on time, in the correct uniform, with their hair looking smart and their bags and PE kits all ready to go each day to look, as well as show, their Birchwood Best!

Mrs Day - Associate Headteacher

Reminder for Parents **Leave of Absence during Term Time**

As you will be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Headteacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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

It is for the Headteacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional', and it is at their discretion, if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. If the leave is granted, the Head teacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

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 of Absence can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s). Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and 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.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.

Accidents and Child Safety



Accidental injuries are a major health problem throughout the United Kingdom. They are one of the most common cause of death in children over one year of age, however, most of these accidents are preventable through increased awareness, improvements in the home environment and greater product safety.

For further advice and information on accidents and safety please visit www.rospea.com or www.capt.org.uk.

Information regarding personal safety, bullying and online safety can be found on www.safetynetkids.org.uk.

The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and The School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245 204 Option 3.

Manor Adventure—Year 6

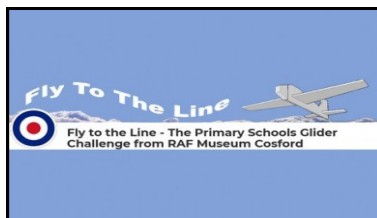
With only 9 weeks to go until we depart for our exciting weekend at Manor Adventure, may we please remind parents that the final payment is due no later than Friday 12th April.

Thank you.

Y4 Fly to the Line



We made it to the 'Fly to the Line National Finals' at the RAF Museum in Cosford! Our two teams, Glider Riders and Unknown Eagles, designed and crafted their own gliders using the inspiration from aircraft around them. Fantastic engineering, resilience and great support from all of the RAF staff and volunteers. Well done Birchwood.



Cooking Club

Over the past 4 weeks, parents and grandparents have attended the Birchwood Cooking Club along side the pupils. They have developed their skills and enjoyed the experience of cooking together.

Our thanks go out to Mrs Wright and Mrs Webb for organising and running this club.



"It has been fun and the food is always delicious"

- Aimee-Louise

"It has been a very insightful experience and it has a lovely friendly atmosphere" - Leanne

"It has been a life changing experience that has been fun for both adults and their children" - Autumn



"I love taking all the yummy food home with me" - Finlay

"It has been a really enjoyable experience and my son has loved it" - Elaine



"It is the most extraordinary experience at cooking club" - Ethan

"It is lovely to do cooking together. You forget how much fun cooking can be" - Emma





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.



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Academic Year 2018-2019

Spring Term 2019

Lower School Easter Hat Parade	Friday 12th April
Upper School Egg Creations	Friday 12th April
Own Clothes Day	Friday 12th April
Term Ends for Easter (2 weeks)	Friday 12th April
Payment due for Manor Adventure	Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2019

Y1 Class Assemblies

Manor Adventure Trip

Children return to school

May Day Bank Holiday

Grandparents Lunch

Manor Adventure Meeting

Half Term (1 Week)

Children return to school

Class Photographs

Y2 Class Assemblies

Professional Development Day

Warwickshire Moving Up Day

Sports Day

Reserve Sports Day

Show and Share Evening

Y6 Leavers Performance

Y6 Disco and BBQ

Term ends for Summer (Early)

Thursday 9th May

Friday 7th June to Monday 10th June

Monday 29th April

Monday 6th May

Friday 17th May

Monday 20th May

Monday 27th May

Monday 3rd June

Tuesday 18th June

Thursday 20th June

Friday 21st June

Thursday 27th June

Monday 1st July

Tuesday 2nd July

Thursday 11th July

Monday 15th July

Thursday 18th July

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 1pm early finish on 19th July. If this will cause you any problems, please speak to a member of staff.



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