

Letters home this week: YR 6 Relationship Education, Leavers event, Transition ALL - Sports Day, Transition Arrangements

What's on in school next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1 - Gardening Y3 - Football Y4 - Embroidery Y5 - Quick Cricket Y6 - Running	R - Aston Villa Y2 - Board Games Y6 - Rounders	Y2 - Top Score Y5 - Recorders Changemakers Y5 Drayton Manor Visit	R - Storybox/Forest Schools Y1 - Top Score Y2 - Team Games Y4 Now Press Play Y5 - Tennis	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 :Year 6 parents, please remember to book your Year 6 Performance ticket.

End of Year Events

The end of a school year is always a very busy time for everyone involved in school. There are many events planned in our school calendar to celebrate the end of the academic year, but at the same time we are also busy putting plans together for the start of next year.

This year has been even busier than most as many of our events have had at least a Plan A, B and sometimes C. For many weeks we were waiting on announcements regarding the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions nationally and were hoping that this would also apply to schools, enabling us to run our usual end of school events. Unfortunately, that has not been the case and we have had to look at other possibilities.

I know that for some schools they have had to make the difficult decision not to hold some of their usual events. We know how important these are for children at Birchwood and so have been keen to look for alternative ways of still being able to put these on. Unfortunately, one of the areas we have not been able to resolve is having parents in school to watch and take part in these events first hand. I know that this will be disappointing for many, but we hope to be able to share photographs and videos of the events where we can.

Sport Days will now take place in year groups on the week beginning 5th July and with reserve dates (in case of poor weather), on the week beginning 12th July. These will be held on our school field and photographs will be shared on the class pages of our school website for parents to view.

Instead of our usual 'Show and Share Evening' a collection of photographs taken of children's learning throughout the year, will be shared on class pages of our school website. Children will start to bring home their learning books for parents to view on the week beginning 12th July.

Our moving up day for children will still take place on Wednesday 7th July. Parents will be informed of their child's next year's Class, Teacher and Teaching Assistants on Friday 25th June. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite our new Reception intake and their



ALL SMILES AS THE YEAR 6 PRODUCTION MOVES OUTSIDE!

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parents into school on that morning, but will be delivering a welcome meeting to parents virtually instead. Our Year 6 children are also not able to spend the day at The Polesworth School and instead will have a day of virtual activities.

We are still holding our Year 6 end of year production, but this year it will be held outside – weather permitting. We will hold this twice, once on Monday 12th July for Willow class parents and once on Wednesday 14th July for Yew class parents. This will be restricted to one family member ticket per child, but we will be filming 5 of the songs from the production and posting one of them each day starting on Monday 12th July, onto our school website for our children and families to watch.

Wednesday 21st July is our last day in school and will be a 1:00pm finish. A special leavers assembly, just for our Year 6 children and retiring staff, will still take place. This will enable us to say goodbye and good luck properly and will give us an opportunity to share some of our memories of our time at Birchwood.

Mr Coleman - Headteacher

Birchwood Best Practice

Starting School

Some children are really ready to start 'big' school others find it more of a challenge, but soon begin to enjoy it when they see how much fun it is.

Our Early Years area is spread across two classrooms and an outdoor space and once the children have been shown all the areas and classroom routines they can access these areas independently.

Here at Birchwood we like to ease the children into school life by sharing our story time sessions each week. These consist of coming into school accompanied by their grown up and enjoying a story and some songs. This helps the children to get to know the EYFS staff who will be teaching them. These sessions end with an hour in the classroom. You can see the children gaining in confidence each week.

We follow up the story times with a school visit a few days before they start school. We hope all our children and parents enjoy these visits and that we answer all the questions you want to ask so both grown up and child can start their school journey with us feeling happy and confident. - Mrs Tweed



Spotlight this week is ...

Every Child as an Individual

Our children are without doubt the best thing about Birchwood, and every one of them is unique and different in their own way. Perhaps the best part of any day in school for me is when children share their stories, learning or ideas with me. Sometimes it is about what they are doing right now, on other occasions it might be about events from home or places they have been, and sometimes asking questions to help them about the world around them. Our celebration assemblies allow children to share their achievements in all their forms and it is always lovely to see what children have been up to.

Children's own personalities, likes (and dislikes), backgrounds, cultures and views are what make our school such a vibrant and great place to be. Perhaps what is more special is the respect that our pupils show to each other everyday, which we focus on through our one school rule 'Consideration and Respect'. It is vital in today's global society that children grow up with an understanding that the world is, just like our school, a brilliant jigsaw made up of unique pieces which fit together even though they are quite different to create a rich tapestry when combined.

Mrs Day

Associate Headteacher



Our Eco Councillors have been working very hard reminding classes about all of the things we do at Birchwood to make our School a much greener and more eco friendly environment.

Eco Council



We collect paper from the classrooms and recycle this with a company called Business Waste. This goes to make paper towel rolls, that you may see at fuel stations or service areas.



We recycle food waste through Re-Food. This goes to make bio energy and is sold on.



We collect clothing for Warwickshire Air Ambulance. You will see the big yellow collection bank to the right of our school drive. All donations are gratefully received. This helps to keep our air ambulance flying.

We recycle batteries through Duracell, this stops harmful chemicals going into landfill sites.



We collect spectacles, which we donate in bulk through a local optician and these go to developing countries, giving them access to improved vision through the countries own schemes.

We recycle ink toners through AOS which are refilled and re-used. We have also just registered with a company called Recycle 4 Charity, who collect the ink cartridges predominantly used in small desktop printers and pay the school cash for them! Please feel free to send in any spent ink cartridges for our collection, we do love to raise extra funds, to spend on the children.



Our kitchen garden is all planted and growing well, thanks to the hard work of the children attending gardening club, our Office Manager and our Caretaker who take turns watering the plants.

TIME FOR TRIPS!



This week has seen the start of Birchwood's school trips. Year 1 enjoyed seeing the animals at Ash End farm, Year 2 got active with a day at Conkers and Year 4 got their thinking caps on at the Thinktank in Birmingham. We were happy to see all of their smiling faces as they boarded their coaches and hear their excited chatter on their return. Next week we will share Year 6 and Year 5's visits in the newsletter.



Year 1 children had a fun filled day at Ash End House Farm. They enjoyed feeding the animals and learning lots of new facts about them from Farmer Jo and Farmer Kerry. The children got to feed the goats, ducks and sheep. They sang 'Happy Hatch Day' to a baby chick and saw lots of other animals. They even had time to have a play in the park. The children's behaviour was impeccable all day, well done Year 1!



Year 2 had a fantastic day exploring the woodlands of Conkers and learning all about the secret life of seeds.



As part of our Year 4 learning journey, we took the children to Thinktank for a full day discovery experience. We participated in three main learning workshops:

1. Under Your Skin: Pupils discovered all about the human body.
2. Amazing Animals: Children learned about classification, predators and prey, and camouflage.
3. We Made It: children learned about how their local area has impacted the wider world.



Academic Year 2020-2021

Spring Term 2021

Y5 Drayton Manor Visit	Wednesday 30th June
R Broomey Croft Farm Visit	Monday 5th July
Transition Day	Wednesday 7th July
Y3 Botanical Gardens Visit	Tuesday 13th 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.



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ABSENCE

An issue that remains a real problem for us is over absence reporting.



The vast majority of our parents understand the importance of telephoning the school before 8.30am and leaving a message to let us know children will not be in and the reason for absence. If parents do not do this it causes worry and unnecessary time wasted.



Please help us by reporting absence as soon as possible.



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