



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed ...
...to be the best 'me' I can be.



Key Dates for June 2025/July

31/5/25

Dear Parents,

I hope this Newsletter finds you all well and relaxed after the break...we didn't get too lucky with the weather, but hopefully, you all managed to get out and about and enjoy some time with loved ones....seems the weather likes to return as we come back to school-again!

It was such a short term but, again as always action packed- Science Days, Parents Lunches, LOTS of Educational Trips and a lovely craft session in Nursery with loved ones. We are now entering the last half term and will begin to start transition sessions to pave a smooth start in September! The PFA are busy preparing for the Summer Fayre and look forward to seeing you all there! Here's to a fantastic final half term!

Thank you for your continued support.

S Varricchione

Headteacher

June

Monday 2nd June: SCHOOL CLOSED- INSET DAY

Thursday 5th June: **YN/R** September 2025 INTAKE INDUCTION EVENING

Friday 6th June: **D-Day**- In School Activities

Wednesday 11th/18th: Reception and Nursery Visits for September 2025 Starters

Thursday 12th June: Bring in a Bottle Day

Friday 13th June: **OWN CLOTHES DAY in return for bringing a bottle!**

Monday 23rd June: Sports Day EYFS 9am, Y1/Y2 10.30am

Tuesday 24th June: Sports Day - Y3/Y4 9am

Wednesday 25th June: **MOVE UP DAY-Details Below**

Sunday 29th June: Birches Summer Fayre 12pm

Monday 30th June: SCHOOL CLOSED

July

Wednesday 2nd July: **MOVE UP DAY-Details Below**

Thursday 10th July: **Open Afternoon-See Below**

Monday 14th July: **Y4 Leavers' Evening Performance (Y4 Parents Only) 6.15pm start**

Friday 18th July: **Final Celebration Assembly Invite Only**

Monday 21st July: **Break Up: Nursery/Reception 1pm**

Year 1/Year 2 **1.05pm**

Year 3/ Year 4 **1.10pm**

RETURN TO SCHOOL:- TUESDAY 2nd September

Key Notices and Reminders:

Sun Protection

As the weather becomes warmer, we are aware that some children may be particularly sensitive to exposure to the sun. Please apply an all-day sunscreen before your child comes to school. Children should not bring sunscreen into school, thank you.

Move Up Day/Transition Day

We will look forward to welcoming our new Reception children into school for **all day** of **Wednesday 25th June** and **Wednesday 2nd July**.

Whole school transition will also take place on these days with children visiting their new classes and teachers.

CURRENT CLASS	Moving to:-	Collection	Collection Time
Reception	Y1	Year 1 Door (around the back by Nursery)	3.05pm
Year 1	Y2	Playground Door	3.10pm
Year 2	Y3	Playground Door	3.15pm
Year 3	Y4	Year 4 Mobile (back door by canopy)	3.15pm

Children who have a place at Codsall Middle School (CMS) will attend CMS for the 2 days. Any children not attending CMS are to come to Birches as normal.

In the morning, to ease with transition, Year Group Signs will be placed on the playground for children to line up and teachers will come to greet their new classes. I will be on hand to help and direct any parent/carer for **collection!**

I am sure the children will all enjoy their induction and transition opportunities, helping to pave the way for a super, smooth, and successful start to 2025/2026!

Summer Fayre Sunday 29th June, 12-3pm

The PFA are busy with their preparations for the Summer Fayre.

Our next meeting **will be shared via Marvellous Me**. Please do come and join us to help with our biggest event. Last year really was a great afternoon for all! **We hope it will be a sunny, wonderful family day out!**

School Fund £1/Glue Sticks

As you are fully aware schools nationally are struggling with increased costs and the Birches' budget for the next financial year has been reduced significantly.

We are asking all families if they would be able to contribute via ParentPay (£1 per week) to assist with school purchasing resources and providing additional activities. If you could make one contribution within the school year, we would be very grateful.

Please could all children bring a **glue stick** to school for them to use in class. Please could you ensure that it is reputable one and not coloured! When your child's glue stick has finished, we will contact you for a replacement. Thank you.



September Information

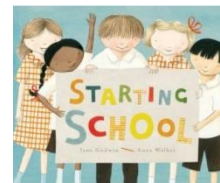
Please note the following times for September:

Nursery 8.30-11.30 (11.30-12.00 lunch) 12.00-3.00pm

Reception 8.30-8.40- 3.05pm

Year 1/2 8.30-8.40 – 3.10pm

Year 3/4 8.30-8.40-3.15pm



PE/Games Uniform

Please remember our **PE shorts are Red only**, White **Logoed** T-Shirt.

Games Tracksuit bottoms are **Black only**, **logoed** T-shirt and **Birches logoed** hoodie.

Trainers are White or Black for Games Day-NO LACES please!

As communicated throughout the year trainers are to be Black or White for their Games Uniform. Please DO NOT buy Black pumps for PE the children participate in bare feet!

Book Bag/PE Kit

Children again this year will ONLY need a book bag and if sandwiches, a lunchbox. Please bring PE kits into school in the Birches Red Pump Bag. Please ensure the children only have ONE Keyring on their bags!

Thank you.

School Uniform

This remains the same. Please see below for a link to the website for our school expectations.

<http://www.birches.staffs.sch.uk/uniform/>

Forest School

As communicated last month please do not buy any new items until you are informed when your session will run.

Water Bottles

Please bring in an **EMPTY** water bottle. Please label the bottle as we have several of the same!

Swap Shop

If you have any used jumpers, skirts, T-shirts that are in good condition, please do hand them into the office and we will place them on the rack -please then help yourself!

PLEASE LABEL ALL UNIFORM!

Please if you are thinking of having your child's ear pierced do so in the holidays!

Thank you!

S Varricchione
Headteacher

Key Dates for Next Academic Year 2025/2026

Please see below for the school calendar year and out INSET Dates.

INSET: School will be CLOSED for children on the below dates.

1/9/25

3/11/25

23/2/26

1/5/26

1/6/26

Autumn Term 2025

Inset day: Monday 1 September

Term Starts: Tuesday 2 September

Holiday: Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October

Term Ends: Friday 19 December

Holiday: Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January

Spring Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 5 January

Holiday: Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February

Term Ends: Friday 27 March

Holiday: Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 5 April

Summer Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 13 April

May Day: Monday 4 May

Holiday: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

Term Ends: Monday 20 July

Holiday: Tuesday 21 July – Monday 31 August

Autumn Term 2026

Inset day: Tuesday 1 September

Term Starts: Wednesday 2 September