



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed ...

...to be the best 'me' I can be.

Key Dates for May and June 2025

27/4/25

Dear Parents,

I hope this Newsletter finds you all well and relaxed after the Easter break...we didn't get lucky with the weather, but hopefully, you all managed to get out and about and enjoy some time with loved ones....let's hope the weather is saving itself for our Summer Holidays!

Looking back what a wonderful (and busy!) half-term, our children have had-we crammed so much into 7 weeks! With World Book Day, Red Nose Day, Educational Visits, School Disco, and the Easter Parade to name a few, it has certainly been an action-packed few weeks. I know you have felt how busy it has been, and I cannot thank you all enough for the support at home. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome the new children and families who have joined our amazing Nursery. If there is anything further you need to know, please do not hesitate to ask me at the gate in the mornings/afternoons or contact the office.

Thank you all again for your incredible support...here's to the final term....

S Varricchione

Headteacher

Diary Dates for May:

Monday 5th May: School Closed May Day

Thursday 8th May: VE Day Letter sent 1.4.25

Friday 16th May: Y4 National Arboretum Trip and Y3 Parent Lunch

Friday 23rd May: School Council Fundraising Day and BREAK UP

June

Monday 2th 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 – DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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

Sunday 29th June: Birches Summer Fayre

Monday 30th June: SCHOOL CLOSED

July

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

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 26th June** and **Wednesday 3rd 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/carers 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

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.