



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed ...

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

Sunday 4th January 2026



Key Dates for January and February 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, a joyous New Year and good rest! As we step into the year ahead, we are excited to welcome you and your children back to School for another busy half term! Please see below for important school dates to add to your diaries.

Diary Dates for January and February:

Monday 5th January: Return to School

Monday 12th January: Y3 Trip to Guru Nanak

Wednesday 14th January: Y1 Parents Phonic Screen Check Meeting- Letter to follow

Thursday 15th January: YR Live Phonics Lesson-information already sent

Wednesday 28th January: Reception Visit to Kingswood-Letter to follow

Thursday 29th January: Tag Rugby Event-Details to follow

FEBRUARY

Monday 2nd February: Mid-Year Reports Sent Out via Email-**please ensure we have your correct address!**

Tuesday 3rd February: Y3 Ancient Egypt Trip-Letter to follow

Friday 6th February: NSPCC Numbers Day - Details to Follow

Monday 9th February: Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February: Parent Interviews from 3.30-6.00pm- **Teachers will request appointments**

Tuesday 10th February: Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February: **Break Up for Half Term-** Normal Time

Monday 23rd February: **School Closed – INSET DAY**

Tuesday 24th February: Children Return to School

Thursday 26th February: Football Match (TBC) v St Nicholas

Key Notices and Reminders:

Mrs Burkitt's Clubs: Do sign up for Mrs Burkitt's Clubs if your child is interested.

Birches Before and After School Club: Remember to book in advance to avoid additional costs.

Y4 and Nursery Parents: Please ensure your applications for Schools are completed by **15.1.2026**.

Lunchboxes: Please ensure there are no sweets, grapes are cut -lengthways and children have an empty water bottle to fill in the mornings.

Birthday Treats: No sweets to be given out, fruit platters or stickers/pencils etc. are all a good alternative if you so wish to do this.

Looking ahead, please note that World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. More details will be shared soon via Mrs Kandola...please do not buy any costumes until Mrs Kandola has decided upon our theme!

It looks like a very cold week, please ensure that all coats/wellies/gloves/hat/scarves etc are all named! Mr Tomkinson will grit the playground, but please do take care, particularly on collection to the Y1 classroom. I will risk assess the site in the morning and inform you if there are any changes. Have a lovely last day and I will see you all in the morning.

Best wishes
S Varricchione
Headteacher