



Birches First School

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

7th April 2026

Key Dates for April/May 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope this Newsletter finds you all well and enjoying the Easter break...Looking back what a wonderful (and busy!) half-term, our children have had-we crammed so much into just 5 weeks! With World Book Day, Red Nose Day, Educational Visits, School Discos, 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 to our amazing School and 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....(a long one at that!)

April

Monday 13th April: Return to School

Tuesday 14th April: Y2 Trip:- **Brampton Museum**

Tuesday 14th April: Y3 Loved One Lunch

Thursday 16th April: National Offer Day for Reception and Year 5, September 2026 Intake

Tuesday 21st April: Y1 Trip:- **Wolverhampton Art Gallery**

Wednesday 22nd April: Y3/4 Girl Cross Country Finals-Good Luck!

Friday 24th April: Y4 Trip:- **Wolseley Centre**

May

Friday 1st May: SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 4th May: SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 8th May: **National Memorial Arboretum Visit Y4**

Pizza Express Visit Y3

Tuesday 12th May: Dental Health promotion Activity for Reception Class

Wednesday 13th May: Y4 Laches Wood- **2 Night Residential**

Wednesday 20th May: EYFS Open Day for September 2026

Friday 22nd May: Break Up- **NORMAL TIMES**

School Council Fund Raising Day

June

Monday 1st June: SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 2nd June: Children Return to School

Key Notices and Reminders:

Summer Uniform

Children are invited to wear their Summer Uniform on return from the Easter Holidays. Please note **Jumpsuits** and **Culottes** are not part of our school uniform. Girls are welcomed to wear grey shorts if they wish. For more details, please see our website.

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

Sun Protection

As the weather becomes warmer (hopefully), 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.

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.

School Council Purchases

We are delighted to inform you that the School Council have bought the following items with the money raised from Break the Rules Day:-

Two Large Chalk Boards to have on the gates (£243.98)

A bench to have under the canopy for colouring/games (£315.00)

Rope Swings for Forest School Area (£70.98)

We will then purchase a range of games to play and materials (chalk, crayons etc) to use to at lunchtime.

PFA

I would like to thank the PFA for their efforts over the last half term, a wonderful visit from the Easter Bunny, free tea and coffee on the last day of term, the Easter Egg competition- which was so well received-incredibly hard for the PFA to choose a winner the designs were amazing, and not mention the fabulous last day wave off from the unicorn! I can't thank the PFA enough for all the wonderful extras it really was delightful to see the children's little faces when the Easter Bunny and Unicorn came to school! Those lovely little extras really do make a difference and hopefully they will remember them fondly in years to come...Thank you so much!

Best wishes

S Varricchione,

Headteacher

Birches Values:

Belief **I**ndependence **R**esilience **C**uriosity **H**onesty **E**nthusiasm **S**uccess

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