



# Birches First School

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

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

## Key Dates for June 2026/July 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope this Newsletter finds you all well and relaxed-what glorious weather we are having, makes up for all the other awful holidays.... however, it seems the rainy weather looks to return as we come back to school-again! I can't believe I am writing June's Newsletter-this year has gone too fast!

It was such a short term but, again as always action packed- Science Days, Parents Lunches, STEM sessions and LOTS of Educational Trips- not to mention Y4's successful residential to Laches Wood. We are now entering the last half term and will begin to start transition sessions to pave a smooth start in September! Please see below for details and class teachers for 26/27. The PFA are busy preparing for the Summer Fayre (after school this year!) 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 1<sup>st</sup> June:** SCHOOL CLOSED- INSET DAY

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Year Group Photographs & Y4 Leavers' Photographs

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** YN Play and Stay Session-Invite only 10.30 – 11.30.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** INDUCTION EVENING 6pm, **Reception** September 2026

**INTAKE Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** Y4 Library Visit

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June:** Y4 Mandir Visit

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>:** Reception and Nursery Transition Visits for September 2026 Starters

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June:** **OWN CLOTHES DAY in return for bringing a bottle!**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June:** Nursery Trip-Wild Zoological Park

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June:** Birches ECO Committee themed event at Perkins Engine Facility

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Sports Day EYFS 9am, Y1/Y2 10.30am

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:** Sports Day - Y3/Y4 9am

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** **MOVE UP DAY-Details Below**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Birches Summer Fayre 3pm-6pm

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Y1 Dudley Castle

## **July**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July: **MOVE UP DAY-Details Below**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June: YR Hoo Zoo Trip

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July: School Disco

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Open Afternoon – **Details Below**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July: **Y4 Leavers' Evening Performance (Y4 Parents Only) 6.15pm start Friday**

17<sup>th</sup> July: **8.45am Final Celebration Assembly Invite Only**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Y4- Trentham Garden End of Year Trip

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July: **Break Up: Nursery/Reception 1pm, Y1/2 @ 1.05pm, Y3/4 @ 1.10pm**

## **RETURN TO SCHOOL: - WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026**

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> June** and **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**.

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

<b>CURRENT CLASS</b>	<b>Moving to: -</b>	<b>Collection</b>	<b>Collection Time</b>
Reception	<b>Y1</b> <b>Miss Cartwright</b>	Year 1 Door (around the back by Nursery)	3.05pm
Year 1	<b>Y2</b> <b>Miss Hulme/Mrs Kandola</b>	Playground Door	3.10pm
Year 2	<b>Y3</b> <b>Mr Jones</b>	Playground Door	3.15pm
Year 3	<b>Y4</b> <b>Miss Ayling</b>	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.**

In the morning, to ease with transition, Year Group Signs will be out 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 2026/2027!

## Summer Fayre Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 3-6pm

As you can see, we're changing the time of the Summer Fayre this year. We are hoping that as many parents will attend as it is straight after school! The PFA are busy with their preparations for the Summer Fayre. We have already asked if anyone has any teddies/books that they would like to donate. We are also having a Non-Uniform Day on **FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** in return for a bottle donation- please check the date and if it has already been opened, as we do not want out of date bottles or bottles that have been opened-a real Health and Safety concern! Thank you.

Our next meeting **will be shared via Class Dojo**. Please do come and join us to help with our biggest event to raise money for our wonderful children. Last year really was a great afternoon for all! **Let's hope it will be a sunny, wonderful family evening-finger crossed!**

### 3rd June School Photographs

Children will be having their Class photos on the above date and Y4 will be having their final Class Photo and their individual Leavers' Pictures taken by David from Lighthouse Photography.

### Forgotten Items

Please can I remind parents that there is a box outside the office to place any forgotten items (PE Kits/Lunchboxes etc). Mrs Lawley has said she is increasingly having to go to classrooms for forgotten items, and this is seriously impacting her workload. The items placed in the box will be collected in at until lunchtime when school monitors will help the office staff to distribute. Please ensure you have all items in the morning, lunch boxes, kits and water bottles to name a few! **ALL LABELLED!!**

### School Buzzer

If you have buzzed to collect a child, please note that a member of staff may have gone to fetch the child whilst you are walking up the path. Therefore, we are asking for your patience to wait outside the office doors whilst we collect your child. Mrs Lawley is very good, but not that good that she can be in 2 places at the same time! 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**



### Club Charges

Birches First School Before and After School Charges will increase to £5.75 per hour and £1.00 late Booking Fee. School Dinners will remain the same at £3.20 per day £16 per week.

### Lunchboxes

Please remember to only include what your child will eat- sweets or large chocolate bars are not allowed- we promote healthy eating at lunchtimes. Children bring their water bottles to the Dining Hall, if your child would like milk at lunchtime, please inform the school office so this may be organised for your child.

### PE/Games Uniform

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

**Games** Tracksuit bottoms (**NOT LEGGINGS**) 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

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!**

### EARS/Hair

Please if you are thinking of having your child's ear pierced do so in the holidays! Remember- Hair should be neat and tidy with no extreme hairstyling (tram lines/coloured hair).

I will write before the end of term once again, to end the year.... I still, finishing this Newsletter, cannot believe how quick the year has gone and that we will be saying Goodbye and Good Luck to our Y4s and some Nursery children....

Best wishes  
S Varricchione, Headteacher

## **Term Dates 2026- 2027**

### **INSET Days- Children NOT at school**

**Inset Day:** Tuesday 1 September 2026

**Inset Day:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026

**Inset Day:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027

**Inset Day:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2027 (enables a long weekend for all families)

**Inset Day:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027

### **Autumn Term 2026**

- Term Starts: Wednesday 2 September
- Holiday: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October
- Term Ends: Friday 18 December
- Holiday: Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January

### **Spring Term 2027**

- Term Starts: Monday 4 January
- Holiday: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February
- Term Ends: Thursday 25 March
- Holiday: Monday 29 March – Friday 9

### April **Summer Term 2027**

- Term Starts: Monday 12 April
- May Day: Monday 3 May
- Holiday: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June
- Term Ends: Wednesday 21 July
- Thursday, 2 September 2027 **INSET**

**Return Date Autumn Term 2027 are to be agreed by CMAT.**