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## **HELLO,**

It is our second week back at school, and what a busy one it has been. In this weeks newsletter, we have shared some photos of our new build, an update on our attendance and much more.

We hope you enjoying catching up with what has been happening at BMS, and if you have any ideas of what you would like to see in your newsletter then please email us [enquiries@birchensale.bmat.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@birchensale.bmat.co.uk)

## **FOREST SCHOOL**

Please can all year 5 and year 6 pupils bring in warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves to wear to their forest school lessons as the weather is getting a lot colder and they will be going outside.

Thank you

**HELLO**  
MY NAME IS

## **IF YOU LOVE IT NAME TAG IT**

We always have a lot of lost property from bags to pencil cases. Please name tag all your child's belongings so if they do get lost we can return it to them.

Thank you



## **PUPIL ABSENCE**

If you need to let us know that your son/daughter is unwell and cannot attend you can do this via

**My Child At School App (MCAS)**

Emailing us at  
[enquiries@birchensale.bmat.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@birchensale.bmat.co.uk)

Calling us on 01527 68430

Please let us know by 08.30am if you child is unable to attend school.

Thank you



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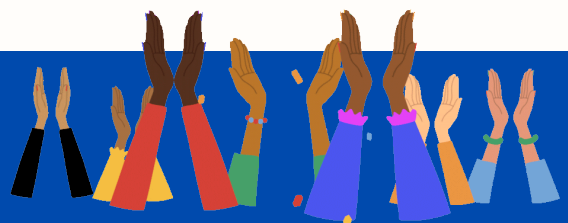
## AUTUMN TERM ATTENDANCE UPDATE

We are proud to share that our attendance for the autumn term stands at 94%—a strong start to the school year. However, we are striving to reach our goal of 97%, and with your continued support, we know it's possible.

We're delighted to celebrate the 294 students who achieved attendance above 97%, including an impressive 140 students with a perfect 100% record! These achievements reflect the dedication of our families in prioritising regular school attendance, and we are deeply grateful for your efforts.

We understand that illnesses happen, especially this time of the year, and when children are unwell it's important for them to rest and recover. However, please ensure they remain off school for as short a time as possible so they can return to learning quickly. If your child feels unwell during the school day, they can visit the school nurse, and you will be contacted if they are unable to remain in school. Building resilience is an important life skill, and attending school regularly, even when not feeling 100%, helps children develop this valuable trait.

If you have any questions or concerns about attendance, please don't hesitate to get in touch with our Attendance Officer Miss Rybarczyk.





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## **BMS NEW BUILD NEWS**

**Our new build here at BMS is coming along rapidly. We thought you may like to see some photographs of the work so far.....**



*We are sure you will agree it is looking fantastic. The building team are doing an amazing job with little to no disruption to the pupils*



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## SPORTS NEWS



Last week, our PE teachers took two teams to the KS3 Badminton Festival. It was a fantastic display of talent, as participants showcased their dedication and effort on the court. Utilizing a variety of shots and performing all of the skills they had been working on at practice over the last few weeks. A huge well done to everyone involved



## LIBRARY NEWS

**Top quizzers**  
year 5 - Talia 9 books  
Year 6 Izzah 7 books  
Year 7 - Ananya 7 books  
Year 8 - Ammar 4 books

**Top word scorers**  
Year 6 - Izzah 305,062  
Year 5 - Olivia - 301,805  
Year 6 - Sylwia - 291,153  
Year 7 - Mia 266,117  
Year 5 - Zachary 180,823

# Understanding your Teen

**Have you ever heard the phrase ‘the terrible teens’ and thought this is exactly what we are experiencing with our teenager?**

Bringing parents and carers of teens together to meet other families in similar situations and develop your knowledge through peer support.

This relaxed group is designed to help explain what happens to the brain as our children hit adolescence and understand changes in behaviour, and what you can do to help your teenager will explore:

- Understanding brain development
- Behavioural difficulties
- Parenting styles
- Relationships
- Ways to relax
- Exploring feelings
- Attachment



Suitable for families with children and young people aged 0 - 19 years old, with 2 hourly group sessions running over a 10 week period.

**This group runs across the county.  
Book by scanning the QR code to visit  
[www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/  
startingwellpartnership](http://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/startingwellpartnership)**



**For more details call 01905 520 032 or visit  
[www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/parenting-groups](http://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/parenting-groups)**

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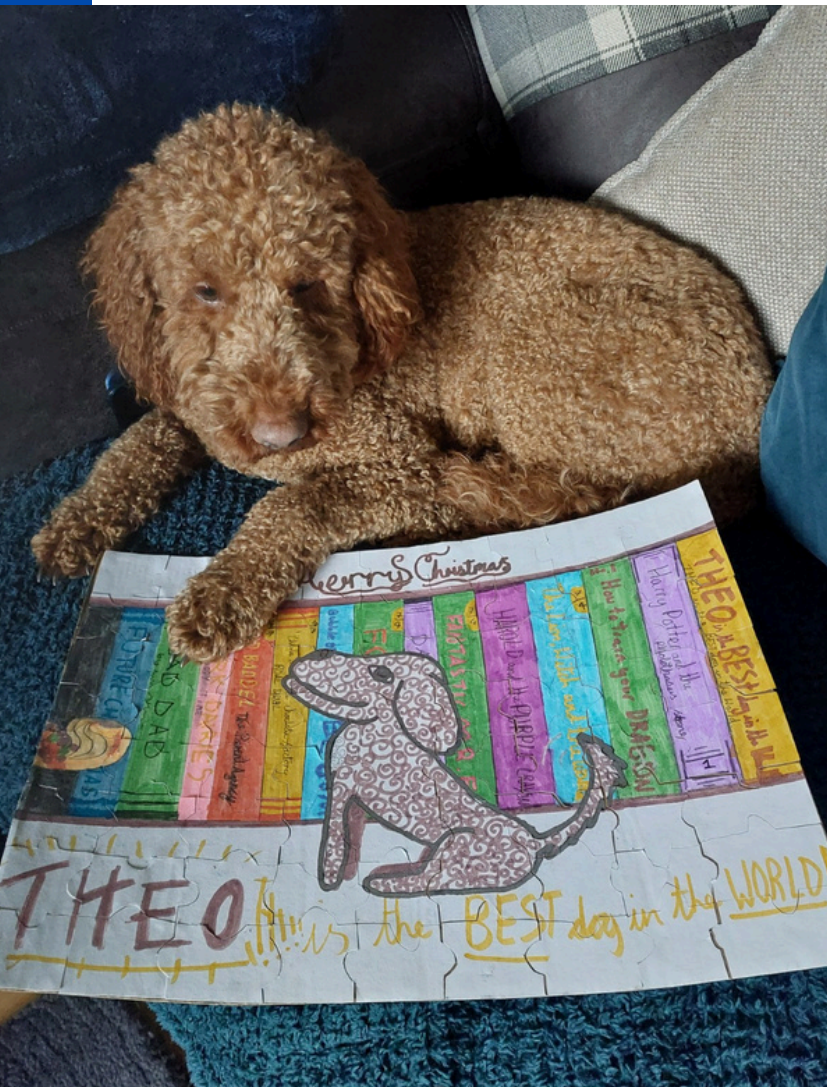
# PE CLUBS AND FIXTURES

## WEEK COMMENCING 20TH JANUARY

W/C: 20/01/2025	Before school 8:15– 8:45	Lunch <u>time</u> 12.40 – 1.10	After school 3.15 - 4.30
Mon		All Years Netball <u>Sportshall</u> (AWI)	Year 7 & 8 Boys Basketball <u>Sportshall</u> (JSP)  Year 7 Football @ Redditch United  KS3 Boys SELECTED PUPILS Badminton Tournament @ Tudor Grange 2:30pm – 5:30pm (AWI, ATA)
Tues		Year 7 & 8 Boys Basketball <u>Sportshall</u> (PHO)	Year 7 & 8 Girls Basketball <u>Sportshall</u> (PHO)  Year 5 & 6 Dance Dining Hall
Wed		Year 7 & 8 SELECTED PUPILS Indoor Athletics <u>Sportshall</u> (PHO)	Year 8 Boys SELECTED PUPILS Basketball Tournament @ St Bedes 3:30-5:30pm (JSP)  All Years Girls Hockey (AWI, ATA)
Thurs		All Years SELECTED PUPILS <u>Panathlon Practice sportshall</u> (ATA)	Year 5 & 6 SELECTED PUPILS Indoor Athletics Trials <u>Sportshall</u> (AWI, ATA)
Fri			Year 7 & 8 SELECTED PUPILS Indoor Athletics Practice <u>Sportshall</u> (PHO)  Year 7 & 8 Dance Dining Hall AEN)
		All Years SELECTED PUPILS <u>Panathlon</u> @ Arrow Vale KS2 (am) / KS3 (pm)	



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As you can see Theo and Ms Howard have been busy doing this amazing jigsaw, gifted to us by a Year 7 pupil. This colourful handmade jigsaw shows Theo in the library sitting very nicely waiting for the hand to give him a treat. It was kindly created by Florence in Year 7, and it had so much detail that it took us ages to get all the pieces in the right place. It kept us occupied for hours and then we had to carefully glue it together and Theo kept getting sticky paws!

We both would like to say a huge thankyou to Florence for your wonderful present.

The jigsaw is now on display in the library, so make sure you pop into to see it.

Our family support worker Justine is available for support over February half term.

If you feel you could do with some additional support  
Please get in touch to book an appointment  
[jfitzer@batchley.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:jfitzer@batchley.worcs.sch.uk)