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Middle School

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**Newsletter**

**14th February 2025**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support this half term. We have been very busy in school, giving children lots of experiences that hopefully they will remember forever. There has been lots of hard work from both staff and pupils to continue to make Birchensale better and better. We have had trips, visitors and exciting curriculum lessons. This term lots of children have been cooking and the smells coming from DT have been amazing- hopefully you got to taste the results!

We have been focussing on our good routines for learning and really insisting on full focus in lessons. This has been going very well indeed and all-around school the climate is calm and purposeful. We have had lots of external reviews, and everyone has been overwhelmingly positive about the children, their good manners and willingness to talk. They are excellent ambassadors for our school

Our new build is taking great shape and will future proof our school with state-of-the-art new classrooms. The dining hall is being extended, and we are continuing with our refurbishment of the existing classrooms. .

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 24th February.

Emma James  
Headteacher



## Attendance

We are very proud to share our attendance figures for this half term. A big 'thank you' to all parents, carers and students for their ongoing commitment to ensuring fantastic attendance.

**Whole School attendance  
94.3%**

**Year 5 95.6%**

**Year 6 94.7%**

**Year 7 94.2%**

**Year 8 92.6%**

**Well done year 5 for the best attendance this half term.**

Birchensale Middle School is a supportive and inclusive school of all LGBTQ+ community. We have friendly faces, supportive staff, supportive, safe spaces for all of our pupils and we recognise, promote and are proud of our diverse community, with an inclusive curriculum and wider curriculum for all. Watch this space for things to come in the future. We fly the flag!



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**  
6 MARCH 2025

Thursday March 6th is  
World Book Day

Birchensale will be celebrating World Book Day with an assembly, prizes and then taking part in reading activities during English. The pupils will receive a £1 book voucher and have an opportunity to buy a World Book Day book.

We invite all pupils to dress up in the following:

**Year 5 and 6** in pyjamas or their favourite book character.

**Year 7** in murder and mystery outfits

**Year 8** in gothic horror

Years 7 and 8, if you need any help with ideas please talk to your English teacher. These costumes can be put together with things you already have at home.

You can find more information on World Book Day by clicking on the yellow logo and following the link.

World Book Day Menu

Our wonderful kitchen ladies will be dishing up a special lunch menu for World Book day

Mad Hatter's Vegan Meatballs

Pepper Pig's cheesy pizza with clown's crispy cube potatoes and Peter Pans peas

Jumping jacket potatoes with beans or cheese

Followed by  
Charlie's chocolate mouse  
or  
Snow White's shortbread

Library News

Top Quizzers for 2025

Year 5 – Zachary (5CLE) – 19 books

Year 6 – Izzah (6FPE) – 20 books

Year 7 – Ananya (7JSP) – 38 books

Year 8 – Freddie (8LCR) – 12 books

Top Word Scorers for 2025

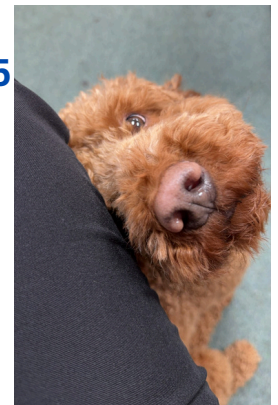
Olivia (5ROU) – 777,154

Izzah (6FPE) – 913,496

Sylwia (6PBA) – 836,583

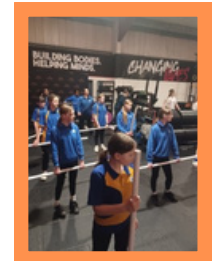
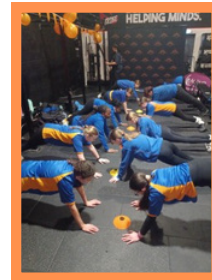
Zachary (5ROU) – 357,906

Mia (7MMA) – 352,630





**Congratulations to both of our Year 7 indoor athletics teams! After weeks of dedicated training, their determination, teamwork, and skill have led them to become district champions. Now, they have the exciting opportunity to represent Redditch at the county competition. Well done and good luck!**



**The KS3 girls fitness festival was a fantastic event where participants could explore new skills and engage in a weightlifting workshop. The festival not only provided a platform to learn and grow but also offered a chance to enjoy and embrace new experiences. Well done everyone.**



**Our students took part in the panathlon event, which involves a range of activities like: boccia blast, precision bean bag, poly bat, slam dunk and much more. We finished in 1st place at the district competition, and will now move on to represent Redditch at the county finals on the 18th March.**



**On Wednesday 26th March, all students will be taking part in an interhouse rowing competition. All students will need to come to school in their PE kit for the day. Each year group will have a time slot where they will come and compete against other children in their year groups. This is a fantastic event for all students to take part in.**



## After school PE clubs and fixtures Week commencing 24th February

	<i>BEFORE SCHOOL</i> 8.15AM TO 8.45AM	<i>LUNCHTIME</i> 12.40PM - 1.10PM	<i>AFTER SCHOOL</i> 3.15PM - 4.30PM
<b>MONDAY</b>		ALL YEARS NETBALL	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	YEAR 7 & 8 BOCCIA PRACTICE SELECTED PUPILS		YEAR 5 & 6 DANCE  ALL YEARS NETBALL
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		5 & 6 PANATHLON PRACTICE SELECTED PUPILS	YEAR 7 & 8 GIRLS HOCKEY @REDDITCH HOCKEY CLUB  YEAR 5 & 6 HOCKEY @ REDDITCH HOCKEY CLUB
		INTERHOUSE ROWING COMPETITION	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	YEAR 5 & 6 BOCCIA PRACTICE SELECTED PUPILS	YEAR 5 & 6 INDOOR ATHLETICS PRACTICE SELECTED PUPILS	YEAR 7 & 8 RUGBY
<b>FRIDAY</b>			YEAR 7 & 8 DANCE
		YEAR 5 & 6 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT @REDDITCH HOCKEY CLUB SELECTED PUPILS	

If your child  
wishes to take part  
in in any of the  
clubs, mke sure  
you sign them up  
via your MCAS app

## Dates for your diary

### February

17th - 21st Half term

26th Interhouse rowing competition

### March

3rd Girls interhouse football tournament

5th - 6th Worcestershire careers skills show

10th - 14th Bikeability

11th District swimming gala

Year 6 cinema trip

12th Badminton trip to the NIA

Year 7 cinema trip

Year 8 cinema experience in school

13th Year 5 cinema trip

18th Panathlon finals

27th Dance festival

31st Year 7 parents evening

### April

10th School spring games

11th Last day of term

14th - 25th Easter holidays

28th Children return to school

You can also find these dates on our website under news and events, calendar

<https://www.birchensale.worcs.sch.uk/news-events/calendar/?r34icsym=202504>

## Meet your safeguarding team



**Stephen Kearns**  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



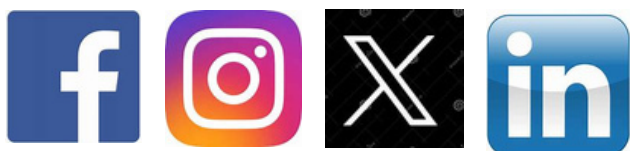
**Sarah Pugh**  
Lead Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Pete Clifton**  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Emma James**  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



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