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**Newsletter
28th February 2025**

BACK TO SCHOOL

We hope you all had a lovely half term break.

We welcomed back all students this week, and we hit the ground running, from speaking to NASA to our interhouse rowing competition. We have a busy term ahead with cinema trips, talks from West Mercia Police, bikeability and more.



The nurse will be coming in to school to check the weight and height of all year 6 pupils on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th March

YEAR 6 SATS EVENING

On Monday 17th March we will be hosting our annual SATS information evening where we will be sharing how our SATS programme will be running this year for all pupils in Year 6. We would like to invite all Year 6 Parents to attend the evening from 5pm in the school hall.

There will be refreshments provided and a chance to talk to key members of staff including the Year 6 team if parents and pupils wish to do so.

We look forward to seeing you then.

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 Pan's peas

Jumping jacket potatoes with beans or cheese

Followed by

Charlie's chocolate mousse

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) – 980,192

Izzah (6FPE) – 1,159,504

Mia (7MMA) – 372,021

Esther (8EBE) - 269,436

STEM WITH WINGS

BIG IDEAS ROYAL AIR FORCE Youth STEM

TO THE MOON

WITH BRANELLE RODRIGUEZ
Artemis II Vehicle Manager, NASA Orion Programme

50 minute
Digital
Workshops

Get behind the scenes with a NASA engineer
preparing to explore the moon!

Special events from STEM with Wings are an opportunity for schools to hear from a NASA expert about their journey to the moon.

Join us to hear about the work they are already doing, take part in creative activities and ask your burning questions.

SECONDARY EVENTS
MONDAY 24th & TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY

Click the buttons below to register

Briefing Event Monday @ 10am

Briefing Event Monday @ 2pm

Meet NASA Tuesday @ 2pm



In Science some pupils have been able to chat live with NASA and RAF STEM. This amazing opportunity gave them the chance to ask questions about Artemis 2 trip to the moon



Doorstep Sport Project

Redditch United in the Community are hosting Multi Sports & Crafts sessions FREE of charge thanks to the West Mercia Police Crime Commissioner!

Who? - Young people from year 5 to year 11
Where? - Birchensale Middle School
When? - Every Friday 5pm - 7 pm starting March 7th

Scan to Book Now!

Redditch United Football Club are hosting Multi Sports and Crafts at Birchensale Middle School every Friday from March 7th from 5pm to 7pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to join in with activities FREE of charge. If you would like to book your child in please click on the image above and follow the link.

PANCAKE PARTY

FREE PANCAKES, GAMES & ACTIVITIES
TUESDAY 4 MARCH
3:30-5:30PM
ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH
CHURCH GREEN, REDDITCH, B97 4DY

St Stephens Church are hosting a free pancake party on Tuesday 4th March from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. There will be games, activities and of course pancakes!! They would love to see you there.



Comic Relief are celebrating their 40th Birthday this year. To help celebrate this with them we are going to set up a cake baking competition.

All pupils are welcome to take part and bring their creation/cake in to school on Thursday March 20th.

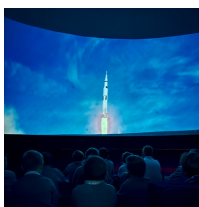
It can fit in with the 'theme of red nose day' or it can be any tasty treat. However it ***MUST NOT*** contain nuts and must come in with a list of ingredients.

After school on Thursday 20th, the cakes will be judged by SLT and will also be up for sale. We would like to invite parents/carers in to see the wonderful creations, buy some tasty treats and take part in some of the activities that will be taking place.

Please note all donations and money from selling cakes will go to comic relief.

WONDERDOME EXPERIENCE

We are trying very hard to bring our curriculum to life and give lots of exciting, memorable learning experiences to our pupils. The space dome visit in the last week of term for years 5 and 7 was a fantastic success. After school on Wednesday, we had several families come in and visit too. They were really impressed with the whole 'Out of this world' experience. Thank you to everyone who came.



Dates for your diary

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
- 17th Year 6 SATS information evening 5pm
- 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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