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**Newsletter
7th March 2025**

Be ready to learn: *The importance of being fully equipped*

Success starts with being prepared. When children arrive at school with the right equipment, they can focus on learning without distractions - for themselves and their classmates. That's why we ask every student to bring the essential items they need each day.

Essential daily equipment

Manuscript handwriting pens

Pencil

Ruler

Rubber and sharpener

Glue stick

Planner

Reading book

Pack of pencil crayons

A simple trick to stay organised

We know pupils can lose things from time to time. To avoid last minute stress, some students find it helpful to follow the "One to use, one to lose, one to lend" rule.

One to use - the item they need for class

One to lose - a spare in case one goes missing

One to lend - a back up to help a friend

By building great habits and staying organised, we can ensure that every child is set up for success. Thank you for your support.



Come along to our SATs parents meeting

There will be a meeting, with a cuppa and a biscuit, where staff will share information about SATs week, what the end of key stage 2 and assessments will involve and suggest ideas of how you can help your child at home.

There will also be a chance to ask questions after the meeting too as class teachers will be there for you to chat with.

This will take place on **Monday 17th March at 5pm**, we would really like to see you there.

SATs practice material available in the school shop

You can now buy workbooks that you can use at home to support your child's learning.

The books cost £2.20 each and can be purchased via the school shop on **MCAS**.

There are three books available, you can order all three or just one or two depending on what you would like to revise at home.

- KS2 English SAT Buster reading £2.20
- KS2 English SAT Buster Grammar Punctuation and Spelling £2.20
- KS2 Maths SAT Buster Maths Arithmetic £2.20

Please complete orders by Wednesday March 11th 2025

Stranger Danger

Why “Don’t talk to strangers” is not enough

Did you know that **1 in 3 children** would not tell their parents if a stranger approached them? Or that **7 in 10 abduction cases** involve someone the child already knows?

Teaching kids practical safety skills is more important than ever.

- **Teach the ‘Safe Adult’ Rule** - Not all adults are safe; kids should only approach trusted grown ups.
- **Create a family password** - If someone else picks them up, they must know the secret word.
- **Encourage gut feelings** - If something feels off, they should walk away and tell an adult.
- **Practice Role Playing** - Help them learn how to respond in different situations.

me, you, us
safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility



Please could you spare us a few minutes to complete our safeguarding and attendance review.

This survey is completely anonymous and will help our team receive valuable feedback from parents and carers.

To take part please click on the picture below and follow the link.

Many thanks.



Keeping Your Child Safe: Key Safeguarding contacts

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, here are key contacts that can help:

- **School - Your first point of contact. Speak to the designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) if you have any concerns, Mr Kearns and Mrs Pugh.**
- **CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) - For concerns about online safety, grooming, or exploitation. Report at www.ceop.police.uk**
- **NSPCC - Provides confidential support and advice on all safeguarding issues. Call 0808 800 5000 or visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>**
- **Kooth - Free, anonymous online mental health support for young people. Visit www.kooth.com**
- **Police - If a child is in immediate danger, call 999. For non-emergencies, call 101.**

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

Dates for your diary

March

- 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

April

- 7th Year 5, 6 and 7 parents evening
- 10th School spring games
- 11th Last day of term
- 14th - 25th Easter holidays
- 28th Children return to school

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

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



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Get Involved and Support Your Child

Join the PTA!

What we do

We fundraise for additional items and experiences for our children by putting on fun events.

Why join the PTA?

- ★ Be a role model for your kids!
- ★ Connect with other parents and teachers.
- ★ Make a difference to your child's school experience.

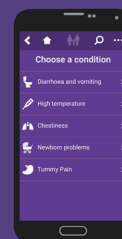
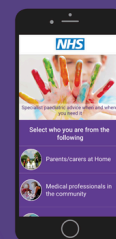
To learn more email Dr Austin:
austink@birchensale.bmat.co.uk



NHS

Not sure what to do when your child is unwell?

Download the free HANDi Paediatric app and get expert advice, support and guidance for common childhood illnesses.



Search "HANDi Paediatric"



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**



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