



Birchensale Middle School

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**Newsletter
10th April 2025**



Easter message from Mrs James

As we come to the end of a long spring term, we are super proud of all the success we have achieved this term. It has been lovely to see parents/carers come to our Space Dome event, Children in Need cake sale, SATs evening, achievement assemblies, parents' evening and SEND coffee morning. Your support is so important to us, and we are working hard to make school a place where parents/carers are happy to come and enjoy activities with their children. Our behaviour has become even better. Visitors who have come to our school say the behaviour is good and our children polite and well mannered. Our safeguarding is also good. Children's work in their books is so well presented, you can really see the pride and improvement in handwriting. We still have areas we are working on; however, we have come so far. We are getting closer to our aim that every child achieves to their full potential and develops a love of learning.

Have a lovely, restful, choc filled Easter and we look forward to an amazing summer term.

**Emma James
Headteacher**



Happy Retirement Miss Garey

We will miss you

After almost 15 years, today we say a sad farewell to Miss Garey. Working as a teaching assistant Miss Garey has looked after hundreds of children and seen them arrive in year 5 and leave in year 8. She has been an invaluable member of staff and she will be deeply missed by pupils and staff.

She is off to spend some much deserved time with her family and friends and we wish all the best and much happiness.

I am sure you will all join us all in thanking her for all she done and achieved here at Birchensale.

Thank you Miss Garey, you are amazing.





Happy Retirement Miss Smith

*We will
miss
you*

After almost 13 years, today we say a sad farewell to Miss Smith.

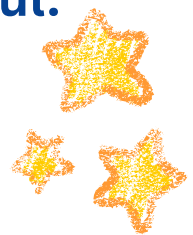
Being our SEND lead, Miss Smith has worked closely with pupils and their families.

Miss Smith has decided to take early retirement to spend more time with her young grandchildren.

We hope she makes lots of wonderful new memories with her family.

The staff, pupils and families at Birchensale wish Miss Smith a happy and peaceful retirement. She will be sorely missed and we thank her for the amazing work she has done.

Thank you Miss Smith, you are wonderful.



Mental Health: Is your child struggling in silence?

1 in 6 children now experience anxiety or depression, and **1 in 4** self harm cases involve a child under 14. Many mask their struggles until it is too late.

Check their habits - Sudden withdrawal, changes in sleep, or irritability can be red flags.

Normalise feelings - Let them know it is okay to talk about stress and anxiety.

Encourage small wins - Exercise, fresh air and a regular sleep routine can help.

You can find more information about children's mental health by clicking the images below and following the links:



Just a reminder....
Remember your
daily equipment so
you are ready for
every lesson



Is your child too unwell for school?

To tell us your child is unwell and will not be coming to school please

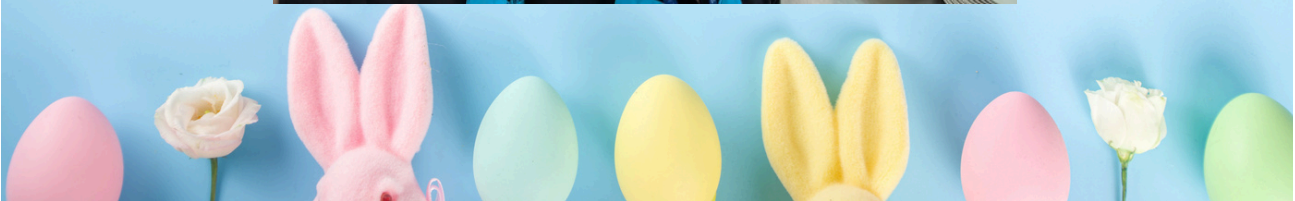
1: Use the my child at school app to report the absence.

2: If your app is not working then please call us on 01527 68430 and when prompted select **option 1**

Thank you



On Thursday our wonderful kitchen ladies served up a delicious Easter menu which was thoroughly enjoyed by pupils.



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELodge 6 PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER 6 BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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.**

me, you, us
safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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

Remaining school dates for 2025

Return to school **Monday 28th April**

Half term **Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May**

Return to school **Monday 2nd June**

School year ends **Friday 18th July**

Easter Special **FREE**
 Saturday 12th April
 1-3 pm
Games
 Meet the Easter Bunny!
Tombola
 Balloon modelling with Charlie Timbrell
Food
Stalls
 Bouncy castle and slide
Winyates Craft Centre

REACH CIC EASTER FUN DAY
 TUESDAY 15TH APRIL
 10AM-2PM
 THE LINK
 WINYATES CENTRE
 Easter egg hunt**
 Crafts
 Free Face Painting
Stalls
 Character balloons
 Easter Bonnet Parade
 Egg and spoon race
 Hook-a-duck
 Pin the tail on the bunny
 Games
 Free hot drinks
 Free lunch for children**
 And much more!
 **subject to availability
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EARLY HELP IN WORCESTERSHIRE
 Help and support for Children, Young People and their families or carers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE FAMILY HUB:
 WORCESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK/FAMILYHUB

Scan me with your smart phone

WORCESTERSHIRE CHILDREN FIRST

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"

Download on the App Store | Get it on Google Play

REDDITCH UNITED

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!

Follow us on social media
 click on the logos and follow the link