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Newsletter July 18th 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year and prepare to break for the summer holidays, we'd like to take a moment to reflect and celebrate.

It's been a busy and memorable year, filled with learning, laughter, and growth.

The past few weeks alone have been packed with exciting trips, awards evenings, and of course, the much-anticipated prom!

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year—it truly makes a difference.

To our wonderful Year 8 students who are leaving us today: we are incredibly proud of you. As you move on to high school, we know you'll go on to achieve amazing things. Go out there and shine!

And to our Year 5, 6, and 7 students: we look forward to welcoming you back in September, ready to move up a year and continue your journey of success.

Wishing you all a safe, happy, and restful summer break.

If any parents have any spare uniform that could be used by some of our families, please feel free to drop it in to the school over the summer, it would be much appreciated.

Warm regards,
All at Birchensale



Goodbye, good luck and thankyou



As the academic year draws to a close, we bid a fond farewell to some of our wonderful staff.

Miss Cross, Miss Oulmain, Mr Neale, and Mr Buxton are all moving on to exciting new opportunities, while Miss Small is beginning her journey into teacher training.

We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, passion, and care they have shown during their time with us. Each of them has made a lasting impact on the children they've taught and supported, and their presence will be deeply missed.

We wish them all the very best in their future careers and adventures. Thank you for everything—you'll always be part of our school family.

Recently, Miss Beeson, Ms Howard and Mrs English took eight pupils on a trip to Birmingham. Pupils were selected as a reward for their efforts with reading over the year.

We visited Waterstones so that pupils could select books for the school library and pupils were able to pick a book for themselves to take home.

After visiting Waterstones, we went to Birmingham library to look at the views of the city as well as visiting the Shakespeare room.

All this walking worked up an appetite and pupils were pleased to finish the day with a visit to McDonalds!



As we reach the end of the academic year, we're pleased to share a positive update on attendance at BMS. This year, our overall attendance has improved to 93.38%, up from 92.21% last year.

This is a fantastic step in the right direction and reflects the collective effort of our students, families and staff in recognising the importance of attending school every day.

Good attendance isn't just about the here and now - it also has a lasting impact. According to Department for Education research ([DfE, 2025](#)), students with strong attendance are more likely to achieve better GCSE results and go on to access higher paid jobs later in life. Every day really makes a difference.

While there's still room for improvement, we're proud of the progress we've made as a school community and look forward to building on this momentum in the year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students belong, stay motivated and succeed.

Wishing you all a safe and restful summer break,
BMS Attendance Team



Awards and Rewards

We celebrated the students who have top attendance and the fewest negative behaviour points, with Pizza, Ice lollies and games on the field.

A huge congratulations to all the pupils involved.



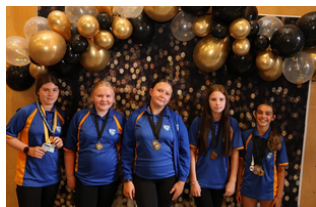
Birchensale Sports Awards

☀ Sports Awards Evening – A Night to Remember ☀

We are thrilled to share the success of our recent Sports Awards Evening, which was a truly memorable celebration of the talent, dedication, and spirit of our pupils.

The evening was filled with pride and joy as we honoured the outstanding achievements of our young athletes. A special highlight was the energetic and inspiring performance by the BMS Dance Troupe, which added a vibrant touch to the event.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents and pupils who attended and supported the evening. Your presence made the celebration even more special. Congratulations to all of our award winners—you continue to make us proud with your hard work and sportsmanship. And a sincere thank you to our wonderful staff, whose dedication and effort made the evening a night to remember.





Home/School Family Support in the summer holidays.

Some families may require support over the summer holidays, our home/school family support worker Justine Fitzer will be working over the summer to provide support if needed.

Justine has worked in the area for over eighteen years. She knows the journey of being a parent can take its twists and turns, and sometimes, we all need a little help along the way, that is what she is here for. If she can't help you, she will know somebody who can.

Justine's role is to work closely with children and families who may be experiencing difficulties. She listens and appreciates parent/carers issues and can offer suggestions and advice for individuals and families.

She can work with and support families during key school transitions including newcomers and moving to middle school. She works with families who are going through difficult times including relationship breakdown, bereavement and mental health issues. In consultation with parents/carers she can support children on a 1:1 basis (in school or in their home) or in a group, listening and working with them in different ways on managing their emotions, developing social skills and building their confidence

The following is a list of things Justine can help you with, however if you need support for something not on this list, you can still reach out

- Bereavement, grief and loss
- Transition to new school
- Change in family circumstance
- Attendance & Friendships
- Behaviour
- Parenting
- Self-esteem
- Confidence
- Mental health
- Relationship breakdown
- Anxiety and Trauma

Justine can be contacted through through Birchensale school, or alternatively you can contact her directly on:

Mobile: 07809330825

Email: jfitzer@batchley.worcs.sch.uk

If she is unavailable, please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

Summer Events across Redditch 2025

Arrow Valley Country Park www.redditchbc.gov.uk/events

Event	Date & Time	Location
Green Fair	Sat 14 June, 11am - 7pm	Arrow Valley Country Park, Battens Dr, B98 0LJ

The Boathouse Café <https://rubiconleisure.co.uk>

Event	Date & Time	Location
Water Activities - Swan Pedalos, Sport Pedalos, Kayaks, Paddle Boards, Row Boats	Daily, 10am - 7.30pm	Arrow Valley Country Park, Battens Dr, B98 0LJ
Murder Mystery Night	Fri 21 June	
Sounds on the Grounds	Fri 2 August	

Forge Mill Needle Museum www.forgemill.org.uk

Event	Date(s)	Location
Step Back In Time Weekend	Sat 14 & Sun 15 June	Forge Mill Needle Museum
80s Night in the Cloisters	Sat 5 July	
Teddy Bears' Picnic	Wed 9 July & Fri 11 July	
Titanic Exhibition	Sat 19 July - Sat 30 August	
Outdoor Theatre: Big Bad Wolf	Sun 31 August	

Abbey Stadium <https://rubiconleisure.co.uk>

Event	Date(s)	Location
Learn to Swim Crash Course (ages 4 - 10)	Mon 4 - Fri 8 August	Abbey Stadium, Birmingham Rd, B97 6EJ
Stroke Clinics (ages 8+)	Mon 4 - Fri 15 August	
Learn to Swim Crash Course (ages 4 - 10)	Mon 11 - Fri 15 August	

Pitcheroak Golf Course <https://rubiconleisure.co.uk>

Event	Date	Location
Beer Festival	Sun 24 August	Pitcheroak Golf Course, Plymouth Rd, B97 4PB

Reimagine Redditch www.reimagineredditch.org/whats-on

Event	Date & Time	Location
Bee Creative: Miracle of the Bees	19 - 22 July	Former Farm Foods, Kingfisher Centre (Lower Ground Floor)
Love Woodrow: Making Day	Sat 16 Aug, 2 - 4pm	Woodrow Community Centre

Redditch BID <https://redditchbid.co.uk/whats-on>

Event	Date & Time	Location
Redditch Summer Fest 2025	Sat 5 July, 1 - 9pm	12 Market Place, B98 8AA

All details were correct at the time of printing. Some activities may require pre-booking.

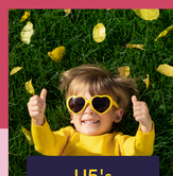
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Family Hub Picnics & Games

Come along for
some fun & games!

We have limited free picnics
available or bring your own.

Don't forget your blankets
& chairs.

Wednesday 6th August, 10 - 11.30am
Terrys Memorial Playing Field,
Abbeydale, Redditch, B98 8ET

Wednesday 13th August, 10 - 11.30am
Rowan Crescent Field,
Batchley, Redditch, B97 6ND

Wednesday 20th August, 10 - 11.30am
Willow Trees, Loxley Close,
Church Hill, Redditch, B98 9JS

Please message 07971 487571
if you would like a picnic.

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Free fun
challenges

Craft
table

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welcome



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME WATER SKILLS

JULY 29TH & 30TH
AUG 5TH & 6TH
AUG 12TH & 13TH

9:30AM - 1:30PM

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Water Safety & Life Skills - Led by our Rookie Lifeguard instructor, children will learn essential safety knowledge and basic life-saving techniques, all in a supportive, safe environment.
- Inflatable Fun & Floats - End the session with a fun-filled splash on our inflatable obstacle course
- Perfect for beginners - Minimum 25m swim distance required



AGES 8-12



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LUNCH
INCLUDED**

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COMMUNITY

EVENTS

Keeping Your Child Safe: Key Safeguarding

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



Sarah Pugh
Designated Safeguarding
Lead



Teresa Dawson
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Pete Clifton
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Emma James
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Dates for your diary

New term starts - Wednesday 3rd September

Meet The Teacher evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm - Monday 15th September

Open Evening 5.30pm to 7.30pm - Thursday 2nd October

School photographer all day - Thursday 23rd October

Last day of half term - Friday 24th October

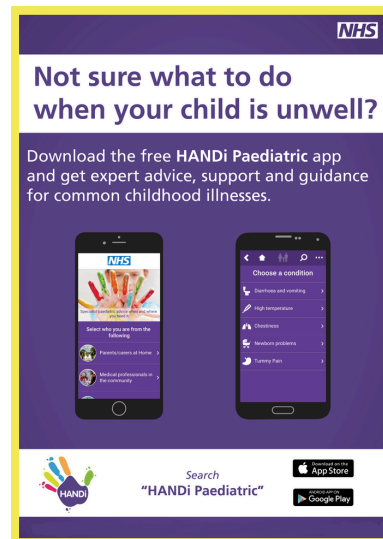
Pupils return to school - Monday 3rd November

School Christmas Fair (times to be confirmed) - Friday 21st November

Parents evening for years 5, 6 and 8 3.30pm to 7pm - Monday 1st December

Winter concert 5.30pm to 6.30pm - Monday 8th December

Last day of term - Thursday 18th December



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