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Newsletter September 12th 2025

School Councillor Speeches – A Celebration of Confidence and Leadership

We are incredibly proud of all the students who took part in the recent school councillor speeches. Each one showed great courage, confidence, and enthusiasm, making it a tough decision for our panel!

A huge well done to everyone who participated:

Jasmine, Charlie, James, Melanie, Mia, Thea,
Willow, Aliza, Aiza, Piper, Constanze, Sophie, and Isla.

You were all amazing!

After much deliberation, we are delighted to announce that Charlie and Jasmine have been selected to represent their peers as our new school councillors. Congratulations to both of them!





PE Uniform update

We would like to apologise if we didn't make it clear.
The section on PE socks in our uniform policy was confusing.

We wrote:

Gold football socks should be worn for all PE lessons and fixtures.
No alternative colours, plain white sports socks, or patterned designs are permitted.

We can see how this confused some parents and pupils. What we meant was:
Gold football socks should be worn for all PE lessons and fixtures. No alternative colours, no plain white sports socks, and no patterned designs are permitted. However, if you are unable to get gold socks for some reason, plain black socks will be permitted, these must be plain with no logos on.

Our everyday uniform is plain black socks with no logo.

Thank you for your understanding.

[Our full uniform policy can be found by clicking on the image and following the link](#)



Wraparound Care at Birchensale

United After School Club

Run by **Redditch United Football Club**, this wraparound care includes:

- Breakfast Club from 7.30 to 8.45am
- After School Club running from 3.15pm to 6pm
- At United After School help pupils can have help with homework, read, play games, meet new friends.
- For more information and to book please click on the image and follow the link
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Please note: booking is essential and fees apply.

End-of-Day Safety and Parking Guidance

To help keep our pupils, parents, staff, and visitors safe during the busiest time of the school day, we will be locking the car park gates between 3:10pm and 3:25pm. This allows pupils to leave the site safely without the added risk of moving vehicles.

If you are collecting your child by car, we encourage you to consider parking at Redditch United Football Club (Bromsgrove Road B07 4AU).

They offer ample parking, and pupils can exit through the field gate for a short, safe walk to the football club car park. You are welcome to meet your child at the field gate if you prefer.

For those who choose to park near the school entrance, please be considerate of our neighbours and local community. We kindly ask that you:

- **Do not block driveways**
- **Avoid parking on corners, which can reduce visibility and create hazards**
- **Refrain from parking in private spaces**
- **Drive slowly and carefully, especially during pick-up times**

When parking, please also consider whether you will need to turn around. We have many pupils leaving school on foot, scooters, and bikes, and extra caution is needed to ensure their safety.

Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe, respectful, and well-organised environment for everyone. Thank you for your continued support.



Worcestershire County Council

School admission applications for September 2026 are now open!

The deadline for High School applications is 31 October 2025.

The Primary, First, Infant, Junior and Middle application deadline is 15 January 2026.

For information and guidance on how to apply, please visit:

<https://worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

For families without internet access, Worcestershire Libraries provide free computer use and Wi-Fi at all library sites.



🎉 Save the Date! 🎉

Is your child starting Year 5 next September?

Join us at Birchensale Middle School for our Open Evening on Thursday 2nd October, starting at 5:30pm.

✨ What to expect:


- A warm welcome and talk from our Headteacher
- Guided tours of our school, including our stunning new build
- Meet our passionate teachers
- Sample some of the delicious food we serve at lunchtime
- Chat with our uniform supplier
- Learn about our wraparound care, provided by Redditch United Football Club

Come and see what makes Birchensale a fantastic place to learn and grow. We can't wait to meet you!

BMS Clubs

KS2 Gardening Club – Mondays at Lunchtime

Calling all budding gardeners in Years 5 and 6! Join Miss Gray every Monday lunchtime for our KS2 Gardening Club. It's a fantastic opportunity to get your hands dirty, learn about plants, and help make our school grounds beautiful.

 Meet outside the Art Classroom

Let's grow something great together!

KS3 Gardening Club – Tuesdays at Lunchtime


Students in Years 7 and 8 are invited to join Miss Gray for the KS3 Gardening Club every Tuesday lunchtime. Whether you're a seasoned grower or just curious about plants, come along to learn new skills and help brighten up our school environment.

 Meet outside the Art Room

Let's dig in and make a difference!

Year 5 Lunchtime Bingo Club – Tuesdays at 1pm

Eyes down for a full house! Year 5 pupils are invited to join the fun at our weekly Bingo Club, held every Tuesday lunchtime in Classroom C11. It's a great way to relax, enjoy some friendly competition, and maybe even win a prize or two!

 Starts at 1pm – Don't be late!

Whole School Gardening Club – Wednesdays at Lunchtime

Everyone is welcome! Join Miss Gray every Wednesday lunchtime for our all-years Gardening Club. Whether you're a seasoned grower or just curious about plants, come along and help us make our school environment greener and more beautiful.

 Meet at the Art Room

Let's grow together!

Choir Club – Wednesdays at Lunchtime

Love to sing? Come and join Miss Vernon every Wednesday lunchtime in Classroom A8 for Choir Club! Open to all year groups, it's the perfect place to build confidence, make friends, and enjoy making music together.

 Meet in A8 – All voices welcome!

Pupils must be booked into choir club on the MCAS app

BMS Clubs

Italian Club – Thursdays at Lunchtime

Ciao! Fancy learning a new language in a fun and friendly environment?

Join Miss Real every Thursday lunchtime in Classroom B5 for Italian Club. Open to all year groups, it's a great way to explore Italian culture, language, and maybe even a few tasty traditions!

 Where: Classroom B5

 When: Thursday lunchtimes

Year 5 Origami club - Thursdays at Lunchtime

Year 5 pupils are invited to learn the Japanese art of paper folding. Running every Thursday lunchtime join Miss Leonard in Classroom C2 to learn more about this clever skill.

 Meet in C2 - lets get creative!

KS3 Forest School Club – Thursdays After School

Adventure awaits! Pupils in Years 7 and 8 are invited to join Miss Gray and Miss Baller for our KS3 Forest School Club.

Running every Thursday from 3:15pm to 4:30pm, this is a brilliant chance to explore nature, build outdoor skills, and enjoy the fresh air in a fun and supportive environment.


 Meet at the Forest School Area

Dress for the weather and get ready for some outdoor fun!

KS3 Film Club – Fridays at Lunchtime

Lights, camera, action! Pupils in Years 7 and 8 are invited to unwind and enjoy a great film every Friday lunchtime in Classroom A4, hosted by Mr Turland.

Whether you're into classics, comedies, or adventures, there's something for everyone.

 Meet in A4 – enjoy the show!

Year 5 Card Club – Fridays at Lunchtime

Fancy a friendly game of cards? Year 5 pupils are invited to join Miss Amireh every Friday lunchtime in Classroom C12 for Card Club.

It's a great way to have fun, learn new games, and enjoy some relaxed competition with friends.

 Meet in C12 – All Year 5s welcome!

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

**Meet The Teacher evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm
- Wednesday 17th September**

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

**Year 6 trip to Bell Heath - Monday 13th
October to Wednesday 15th October**

**Second year 6 trip to Bell Heath - Monday
20th October to Wednesday 22nd October**

**School photographer all day - Thursday 23rd
October**

Last day of half term - Friday 24th October

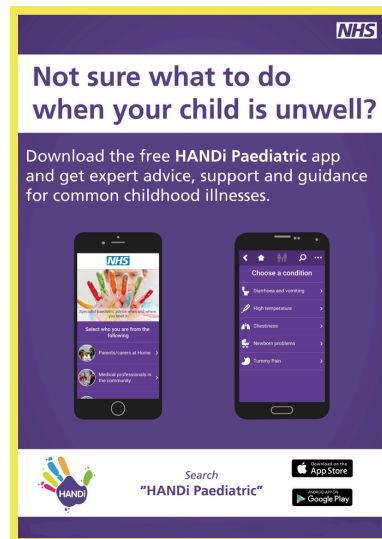
**Pupils return to school - Monday 3rd
November**

**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 -
Wednesday 10th December**

Last day of term - Thursday 18th December



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.

Two smartphone screens displaying the app interface. The left screen shows a 'Select who you are from the following' menu with options for 'Parent/carer of a child', 'Healthcare professional', and 'Nursing team'. The right screen shows a 'Choose a condition' menu with options for 'Common cold and cough', 'High temperature', 'Stomach problems', 'Respiratory problems', and 'Nursing team'.

Search "HANDi Paediatric"

Available on the App Store and Google Play.



EARLY HELP IN WORCESTERSHIRE
Help and support for Children, Young People and their families or carers.

Three circular images showing families and children. The first shows a woman and a child, the second shows a family of four, and the third shows a child playing with toys.

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

QR code linking to the Family Hub.

**WORCESTERSHIRE
CHILDREN FIRST**



**BEST START
WORCESTERSHIRE**

Visit the Best Start website for information, advice and services to support you and your family in pregnancy and the early years.

worcestershire.gov.uk/beststart

**worcestershire
county council**



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**Information, Advice
and Support Service**
**Herefordshire &
Worcestershire**



**LUMI
NOVA**
TALES OF COURAGE

For 7-12 year olds



Mosaics by the Pool

REIMAGINE REDDITCH

Batchley Pool,
Batchley, Redditch

Sunday 21st September, from 1-4 pm

Join us to celebrate the new community-
made mosaic for Heritage Open Days.



Live performances Make your own
mosaic Celebrate Batchley's
heritage



ALL FREE

Find out more
reimagineredditch.org



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Worcestershire Family Hubs Newsletter



Bromsgrove and Redditch edition

Family Hub News

Family Hubs can help connect you to the right support for you and your family in various ways.

The team can help you to access local support, community groups and activities. The Hub also offers: • Free or low-cost Healthy Start Vitamins • Breast Pump hire • Volunteering opportunities • Parenting support • First time parents' groups • Food parcels • Support and guidance with day-to-day concerns around money, childcare Funding.

Are you a parent or carer of a 0 - 5-year-old, or are you expecting a baby?

Family Hub Practitioners are here for you & your family. Do you need information and support around sleep, behaviour, fussy eating and other common issues parents face?

Our practitioners can meet you in the community, at a hub or in the home.

Call 01527 61360 (Redditch) or 01527 835775 (Bromsgrove) you can follow this link to complete an online request. www.redditchbc.gov.uk/familyhubrequest

Parenting Workshops

BEST START
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FAMILY HUBS



Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

Do you wish you could understand your child's behaviour better? Gain knowledge & learn skills to find out what works best for your child & why. Suitable for parents/carers of children aged 2 - 10 years.



Fussy Eaters

Gain support & ideas to enjoy happier & healthier family mealtimes. Suitable for parents/carers of children aged 2 - 11 years.



Sleep

Learn why sleep is important, how to develop good bedtime routines & get a restful night's sleep. Suitable for families with children aged 12 months - 10 years.



Understanding Your Teen's Behaviour

Tools & tips for a calmer life with your teenagers including: teen brain development, risk taking, communication & sleep patterns. Suitable for families with children aged 11 - 19 years.



Book these FREE workshops by scanning the QR code or via www.worcestershire.gov.uk/groups

Or please ask a member of the team for more information.



Bumps, Babies and You

WORCESTERSHIRE
FAMILY HUBS



A drop-in space for you and your children to meet and chat with other parents along with the Family Hub team.

Suitable for pregnancy - 2 years (siblings welcome)

Free
Toast

No need
to book



Wednesdays, 1 - 2.30pm
Holly Trees Family Hub
St Stephen's First School,
Mabey Ave, Redditch, B98 8HW
Tel: 01527 61360

Thursdays, 9.30 - 11am
Pear Tree Family Hub
Broad Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8LW
Tel: 01527 835775



*We look forward
to welcoming you*

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/virtual-family-hub

Starting in October at Holly Trees Family Hub on the first Wednesday of the month – the Physiotherapy Drop-in Clinic will be running 1-2.30pm. Suitable for children under 5 with any gross motor concerns.

Worcestershire Family Hub Webinar

Sign up to find out
more about what
your local family
hubs can do to
support families
you work with.

More dates
added

To book, please scan
the QR or visit
[https://www.trybooking.com/
uk/FBJZ](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FBJZ)



Sign up to find out more about what your local family hubs can do to support the families you work with. To book please use the QR code or link.

New drop ins available at Holly Trees and Pear Tree Hubs – No need for an appointment

CABR are part of the National Citizens Advice Charity, working locally to offer free confidential advice and information.

They have specialist advisors who provide quality, independent advice, free of charge, to people who live and work in the Bromsgrove and Redditch areas.

This advice covers a wide variety of issues including, benefits, debt, housing, work, family, discrimination, consumer issues and many more.

**citizens
advice** Bromsgrove
& Redditch

Citizens Advice
at
Holly Trees Family Hub

Every Thursday
2pm - 4.30pm

No appointment needed
*check social media for any changes

For help & advice at other times call
our Adviceline on 0808 278 7890
Visit our website: www.cabr.org.uk



Citizens Advice
Bromsgrove &
Redditch



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**citizens
advice** Bromsgrove
& Redditch

Citizens Advice
at
Pear Tree Family Hub

Every Tuesday
9.00am—12.00pm

No appointment needed
*check social media for any changes

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our Adviceline on 0808 278 7890
Visit our website: www.cabr.org.uk



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