



Birchensale Middle School

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<https://www.birchensale.worcs.sch.uk/>

Newsletter September 19th 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to all parents/carers who took the time to fill in the Ofsted parent view survey and the positive comments about members of staff. It is much appreciated. The Ofsted visit went well and the report will be ready within 30 days.

Kind regards
Emma James
Headteacher



Would you like to help us improve the lives of children through education and community involvement? Then join the BMS PTA!!

We are looking for passionate parents and carers to work with us to help strengthen the bond between families and school. By joining us you will

have the opportunity to:

- Be a voice for parents
- Support fundraising efforts
- Foster a vibrant school community
- Help shape the future of our children's education

Whether you can spare a little time or a lot your involvement will make a big difference, for more information and to express your interest please email

us enquiries@birchensale.bmat.co.uk

Come and join us - Lets make our school community even stronger.....**TOGETHER!**

End-of-Day Safety and Parking Guidance

We have received some telephone calls from residents this week about parking during pick up at the end of the school day.

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers to please be respectful to the local community when dropping off and collecting pupils.

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**
- **Please do not double park, this can cause difficulty not only for residents trying to pass by but also for emergency vehicles**
- **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.

★ **EVERY MONTH** ★

★ **SUNDAYS** ★

★ **FAMILY** ★
★ & ADULTS ONLY SCREENINGS ★

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★ **AT YOUR IDEAS THE DEN** ★

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£3 PER
SCREENING

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FREE TO JOIN MEMBERSHIP

YOUR IDEAS
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY
PROJECT

 **Redditch**
Borough Council
Working together for our communities

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: [Birchensale Middle School](#)

Date: [Friday 26th September 2025](#)

Time: [9-10:30am](#)

Contact: [Miss Brennan or Mrs Evans](#)

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



Parent/ Carer coffee drop in mornings

Does your child have SEND needs?
Do you want to support us to improve inclusive practice across our trust?
Please come along!

Joanne Mawby, Strategic Lead for SEND and Inclusion for the Trust, would like to meet regularly with parents and carers of pupils with SEND this academic year.

Experiences and feedback are important to us. We want to work more closely with you to ensure that every pupil in our trust feels that they belong, that they can achieve and reach their potential.

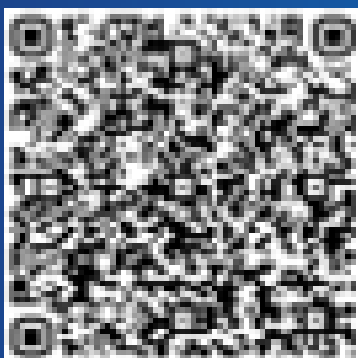
Coffee mornings are being planned across the year at our four school venues. Based on what you would like, guest speakers and specific sessions on SEND needs will also be arranged following the first meeting. We are also hoping to work more closely with Worcestershire's Parent Carer Forum.

Please come along to any session that suits you, regardless of which school your child attends.



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Sign up using the QR code or email send@bmat.co.uk to book



All sessions will be held at

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Wednesday 10th Feb

Wednesday 24th Ma

Wednesday 20th

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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

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

**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

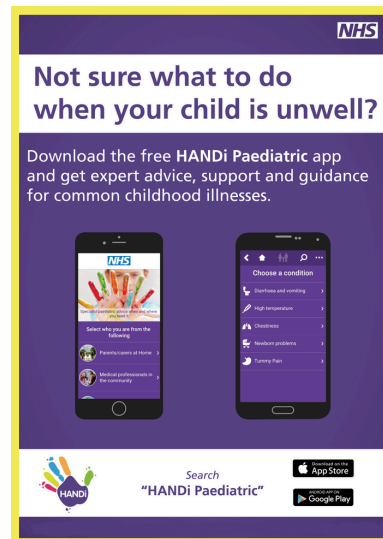
**Pupils return to school - Monday 3rd
November**

**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 'Choose a condition' menu with options like 'Febrile convulsions', 'High temperature', 'Stomach ache', 'Sore throat', 'Cough and cold', 'Allergies', 'Skin problems', and 'Other'. The right screen shows a 'Select who you are from the family' menu with options like 'Parent/carer of child', 'Child', and 'Family plan'.

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.

**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.

worcestershires.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

