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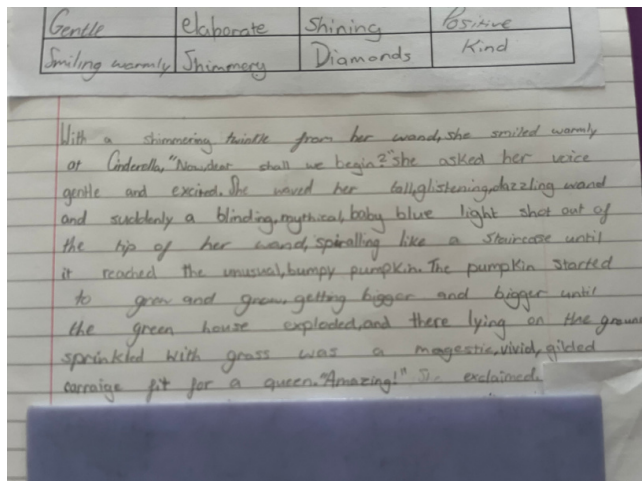
<https://www.birchensale.worcs.sch.uk/>

Newsletter October 17th 2025

Writing skills

Year 5 have been learning the writers skills of using speech, powerful adjectives and relative clauses.

A fantastic first paragraph of a Cinderella Narrative by Paige Power from 5REV



Anti bullying workshop

Some of our pupils and staff attended training on Tuesday on Anti-Bullying.

The pupils spent their day taking part in workshops to understand what bullying is and how to support others.

All the children took part and engaged really well with the activities.

They have come up with an action plan towards gaining our first wellbeing award.



We had some important visitors to school last week for the official opening of our new build. Along with trustees, governors and representatives from Leon's the building company, we had the Deputy Mayor of Redditch David Munro and Christ Bloore MP for Redditch. They praised the school for its fantastic environment and congratulated us all on our excellent Ofsted report.



School Photographs

Photographers will be in school on Thursday 23rd October, all pupils will have their photograph taken.

All pupils must come to school in full school uniform except for the following:

Pupils in 8EBE and 8ECR need to come into school in full PE kit, they need to bring their school uniform with them to change into for their school photograph.

Pupils in 7HLA need to come to school in full school uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into after their photograph.

Pupils in 5CAM, 5SJO, 5CLE, 6VED and 6KAU all have PE on Thursday, they need to come to school in full school uniform, however they can wear trainers, or they need to bring trainers with them to change into.



We have a lot of lost property in the school office, we have coats, cardigans, water bottles and more!!

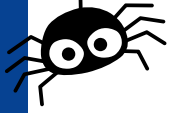
If your child has lost an item since September please can you ask them to come to the school office and check the lost property by the end of the day Thursday 23rd October. Any items not claimed will be given to the Redditch Clothing Bank.



SEN

If you've contacted our SEND team or filled out a referral form and haven't heard back, please get in touch so we can follow it up.

Thank you



HALLOWEEN



Spooktacular Menu



Friday 24th October

Join us at Birchensale's Kreepy Kitchen for our spooktacular menu



Main Courses

- Freaky Fish Fingers
- Vegan Mummy Dog
- (wrapped in pastry bandages!)
- Served with Buffy's Beaked Beans or Popping Peas



Desserts

- Creepy Chocolate Cake
- Scary Jumping Jelly
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Come and enjoy a frightfully fun feast!





Awesome Sports Camps Oct 2025

Open to Boys & Girls Ages 5 - 12

OPEN
TO ALL SCHOOLS

Awesome Sports Camps are a fun, exciting action packed programme of sports and friendly Competition. Our active and flexible programmes are designed for the different ages and experiences of the children attending. Children really enjoy the variety, choice and flexibility we offer, as it allows them to try new activities, learn new skills and make new friends.

Dates

Tues 28th Oct
Wed 29th Oct



FOR BOOKING FORM SCAN QR CODE

Times

Arrive: 8.45-9am
Activities: 9.00-3pm
Collection: 3.15pm

How Much?

£20.00 One Day
£35.00 2 Days

SPORTS ON OFFER*

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|----------------|------------|---------------|
| -Dodgeball | -Golf | -Boxercise |
| -Rounders | -Athletics | -Fitness |
| -Team Building | -Tag-Rugby | -Dance |
| -Cricket | -Football | -Soft Archery |
| -Basketball | -Tennis | -Badminton |

and much more to include crafts!!!

* Due to weather conditions and group suitability activities may vary

FUN - FITNESS - FRIENDS

Camps Run By Qualified Coaches with DBS,
1st Aid & Child Welfare Training



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Reminders

Important Reminder: Risk Assessments for Injured Pupils

To help us keep all pupils safe, any student returning to school with an injury must have a risk assessment in place. This ensures we can support them appropriately and minimise any potential risks.

If your child is injured outside of school, please contact us before they return to arrange an appointment with our First Aid Lead.

✉ Email: enquiries@birchensale.bmat.co.uk

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

Keep Your Contact Details Up to Date

It's really important that we have your most current contact information – including your address, mobile number, and email – so we can reach you quickly if needed.

If you've recently changed any of these details, please let us know as soon as possible.

Important: Student Health Information Update

To ensure we provide the best possible care for your child, it is essential that we have up-to-date information regarding any medical conditions or allergies.

Please inform us of any changes or updates to your child's health, including diagnosed medical conditions, allergies, or any other relevant information.

This will help us maintain accurate records and respond appropriately in case of an emergency.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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

Flu vaccines - all years - Tuesday 21st October

School photographer all day - Thursday 23rd October

Last day of half term - Friday 24th October

Pupils return to school - Monday 3rd November

Years 7 and 8 cinema trip - Friday 14th November

Year 6 cinema trip - Wednesday 19th November

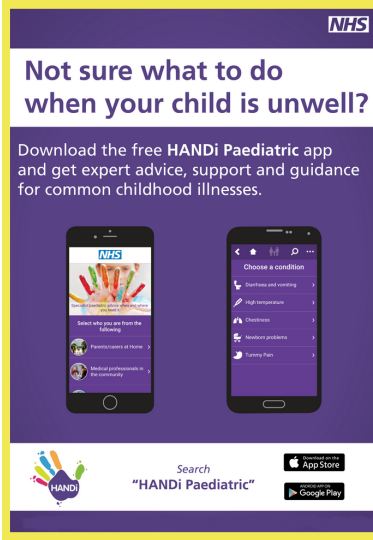
School Christmas Fair (times to be confirmed) - Friday 21st November

Year 5 cinema trip - Tuesday 25th 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 'Stomach and tummy', 'High temperature', 'Coughs', 'Respiratory problems', and 'Rashes'. The right screen shows a 'Select who you are from the family' menu with options like 'Parent/carer of child', 'Medical professional in the community', 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 family sitting together, the second shows a child being held, and the third shows a child playing with toys.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE FAMILY HUB:

WORCESTERSHIRE.GOV.UK/FAMILYHUB

Scan with your smart phone

WORCESTERSHIRE CHILDREN FIRST



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

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SEND

Information, Advice and Support Service

Herefordshire & Worcestershire

