



Birchensale Middle School

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Newsletter November 28th 2025

Birchensale is proud to announce...

For the second year running, we've been awarded the Equal Access School Award 2025 for giving girls equal opportunities in football! ⚽



A huge thank you to our amazing PE team for running clubs and taking pupils to matches, and an even bigger well done to all the pupils who take part in our extra-curricular sports! 🌟

*#EqualAccess #GirlsInSport #TeamBirchensale #FootballForAll
#ProudMoment*



Last week the KS2 girls played in a football tournament at Woodfield. We drew 3 matches and lost 2, finishing in 4th place overall. Player of the tournament was Zuzanna.

School uniform reminder

All pupils must attend school in full uniform.

School uniform encourages a sense of belonging to the school, helping pupils feel part of a community, it can improve their morale and help create a positive learning environment. Having a uniform stops pupils spending too much time worrying about what to wear, or putting pressure on parents to buy the latest fashion or buying multiple outfits for school, families can invest in a few durable pieces that last all year—saving time and money and reducing peer pressure.

School uniform isn't just about appearance; it's about creating fairness, unity, and focus. By wearing it proudly, students show they are ready to learn and succeed together.

BMS uniform - mandatory items

Black trousers - unbranded

Black skirt, pleated or A line, knee length - unbranded

White formal shirt buttoned to the neck - unbranded

School tie - **branded**

School jumper or cardigan - **branded**

Plain black tights or socks

Plain black shoes

Loose fitting plain black sports shorts - unbranded

School PE polo shirt - **branded**

Gold PE football socks **for all PE lessons**

Optional items are plain black jogging bottoms and a school tracksuit top, both for PE.

All items should be plain with no logos, no ticks, including socks. The only logos allowed are the Birchensale branded items.



Pupil allergies and intolerances

If your child has an allergy or an intolerance to anything please can you let us know. Although your child may bring a packed lunch and not normally eat from the kitchen, however they may have Christmas lunch with us, or a friend may give them a sweet. It is really important we know so we can keep the pupils safe. Please email us with your child's full name, date of birth and full details enquiries@birchensale.bmat.co.uk
Thank so much for your continued support.

Stay Connected with Us!

Are you following us on social media? Join our online community and keep up to date with everything happening at school!

We're on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn – follow us to see what our pupils have been learning, their exciting trips, and all the latest news and events.

Simply click the icons below and follow the links to stay in the loop!





Birchensale Kitchen

FESTIVE GRAB AND GO

Monday 1st December to Friday 5th December



Elf of the day special surprise



Cranberry and Cheese panninis



Chicken, cranberry and
stuffing paninis



Pork and stuffing
sausage rolls



Merry Christmas

Regular menu will still be available

Full attendance

Full attendance from Monday 1st December to Friday 5th December gets you access to our concert in school on 8th December!!

#ifyournamesnotonthelist



Live Concert

FULL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK
MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER TO FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER
GETS YOU FREE ATTENDANCE TO THE
CONCERT



Christmas lunch

🎄 Christmas Lunch Announcement! 🎄

We're excited to celebrate the festive season with our pupils:

✨ Year 5 & 6: Monday, 15th December

✨ Year 7 & 8: Wednesday, 17th December

🍴 Cost: £3.10

✅ Please select your child's meal and make payment via the MCAS (My Child At School) app.

📌 If your child receives Free School Meals, you still need to choose their meal on MCAS.

There will be no alternative food choice on those days, so if your child does not want a Christmas Lunch they will need to bring a packed lunch from home.

Important: Pupils in Years 7 & 8 should bring a packed lunch on Monday 15th December.

Pupils in Years 5 & 6 should bring a packed lunch on Wednesday 17th December.

Children on Free School Meals will receive a sandwich on their packed lunch day.

Let's make this a delicious and festive occasion! 🎅 ✨



Want to make a real difference at Birchensale?



We are looking for parents to join our PTA and help us create amazing experiences for our pupils!

From helping to run exciting events like our Christmas Fair to fundraising and building strong links with the local community, there are so many ways you can get involved.

We're looking for enthusiastic parents who want to help Birchensale become even better.

Why should you join?

- Meet parents from other year groups.
- Meet the teachers in a less formal setting.
- See the school from a different angle.
- Make new friends by working alongside members of the local community.
- Learn new skills.
- The satisfaction of knowing you have made a contribution.
- The knowledge that you have helped make the school you chose an even better place

If you would like to join or would like anymore information please email us **enquiries@birchensale.bmat.co.uk**

Your ideas, energy, and support can make a big impact—
so come and join us today!





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**The following workshops can be
delivered free at your venue...**

- Autism and Me
- What does a good Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) look like?
- SEND: What you need to know
- SEND: Preparing for Adulthood
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Do you have a child/young person with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND)?

Join one of our workshops across Worcestershire to increase your knowledge and understanding of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Workshops available include

-  **Autism and Me**
-  **What does a good Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) look like?**
-  **SEND- what you need to know**
-  **SEND-Preparing for Adulthood**



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available sessions



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touchstones

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TOUCHSTONES LANTERN WALK

A lovely community event to remember those
we love, who have died. Open to Everyone

MORTON STANLEY PARK - REDDITCH

Saturday 13th December 2025

Walk starts at 5:45pm

with lantern collection available, and cafe open from 5:15pm

**A special family occasion open to everyone,
to remember those we love and who we miss**

**A gentle 30 minute walk with lanterns, and a
short time of memory and reflection in the
lit grotto - followed by a visit from Father
Christmas and his sleigh at 6:30pm.
Suitable for all ages and buggies**

**Lanterns available to buy at £5.00 each,
or just bring your own**

**Hot drinks and snacks available to buy from
the wonderful Morton Stanley Cafe**

Parking in main car park - off Windmill Drive

**It is really helpful to know how many people are
coming, and also if you need to purchase lanterns -
so please; text or ring Rob on 07491 968 695, or
email rob@touchstones-support.org.uk**

**One the day, for any poor weather updates, keep
checking out Touchstones Support on Facebook**

**Special thanks to the wonderful Redditch
Round Table, Redditch Borough Council, the
Morton Stanley Cafe and Banbury Litho**



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

Wednesday 3rd December -
Parents evening year's 5, 6 and 8

Wednesday 10th December -
Winter concert

Wednesday 17th December -
Theatre trip year's 5 and 6

Thursday 18th December -
Last day of term

**Friday 19th December to Monday 5th
January -**
Christmas holidays

Tuesday 6th January -
School reopens for pupils

Tuesday 13th January to Friday 16th -
Year 8 residential trip to Malvern

Wednesday 14th January -
Year 7 SATS information evening

Friday 13th February -
Last day of half term

**Monday 16th February to Friday 20th
February -**
Half term holiday

W/C: 01/12/2025	Before school 8.15- 8.45	Lunch time 12.40 - 1.10	After school 3.15 - 4.30
Mon	Year 5 & 6 SELECTED PUPILS Panathlon Dining Hall (ATA)	Year 7 & 8 Basketball Sportshall (JSP)	Year 6 SELECTED PUPILS Football @ Redditch Utd (ATA) Year 7 & 8 Girls Badminton Sportshall (HLA)
Tues	Year 7 & 8 SELECTED PUPILS Panathlon Dining Hall (ATA)		Year 7 & 8 Boys Basketball Sportshall (JSP) Year 5 & 6 Hockey Playground (HLA)
Wed	Year 5 & 6 SELECTED PUPILS Panathlon Dining Hall (ATA)	Year 7 & 8 Badminton Sportshall (JSP, ATA)	PARENTS EVENING Year 7 & 8 Boys Badminton Sportshall (ATA)
Thurs		Year 5 & 6 Cheerleading Sportshall (HLA, MVE)	Year 7 & 8 SELECTED PUPILS Trampolining UNTIL 5PM Sportshall (JSP)
Fri	Year 8 Girls SELECTED PUPILS Girls CAN Event @ Arrow Vale (ATA)		Year 7 & 8 Dance Dining Hall (AEN) Year 7 & 8 SELECTED PUPILS Indoor Athletics Practice Sportshall (PHO)

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