



Birchensale
Middle School

Weekly News

8th May 2026



A DAY OF ENERGY, TEAMWORK & ACHIEVEMENT!



THURSDAY,
21ST MAY
2026



ABBAY
STADIUM



10:30 AM
– 2:30 PM

EVENTS INCLUDE



SPRINT RACES



LONG JUMP



DISTANCE RACES



HIGH JUMP



OBSTACLE RACES



THROWING EVENTS

BE PREPARED



WEAR PE KIT



WATER BOTTLE



SUN PROTECTION



PACKED LUNCH



HOUSE POINTS • CERTIFICATES • REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

BRING YOUR TEAM SPIRIT
& GIVE IT YOUR BEST!

PARENTS, CARERS AND FAMILIES
ARE WELCOME TO COME AND SUPPORT!

BIRCHENSALE SCHOOL | BELONG. MOTIVATE. SUCCEED. RESILIENCE



Year 6: Ready for SATs – We Couldn't Be Prouder



As we approach SATs week, beginning next Monday, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate our wonderful Year 6 pupils and the incredible effort they have shown in the run-up to these assessments.



Over recent weeks, the children have been working exceptionally hard, showing determination, focus and a real commitment to doing their best. They have approached their learning with maturity and resilience, supporting one another and tackling challenges with confidence. We are so proud of the positive attitudes they bring into school each day.



SATs are just one part of their learning journey, but the way the children have prepared themselves tells us so much more than any test result ever could. They know how to persevere, how to problem-solve and how to believe in themselves – skills that will serve them well far beyond next week.



We want our Year 6 pupils to head into SATs week feeling calm, confident and reassured. They are ready. They are capable. They are going to be successful because they have already shown us how much they can achieve.

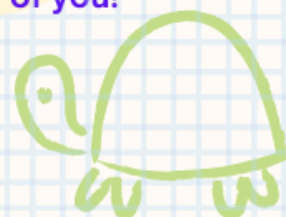


Thank you to parents and carers for your continued encouragement and support at home – it truly makes a difference. Together, let's help the children approach the week ahead with positivity and confidence.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Good luck, Year 6 – we are incredibly proud of you!



Year 6 SATs Week 2026

Y6 SATs

This year's KS2 assessments take place over four days from
Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May 2026.

The week looks like this:

Monday 11 May – English grammar, punctuation and spelling

Tuesday 12 May – English reading

Wednesday 13 May – Mathematics (arithmetic and reasoning)

Thursday 14 May – Mathematics (reasoning)

SATs week is a shared experience that calls for kindness, reassurance, and teamwork between schools and families. When children feel supported from all sides, they're more likely to approach the tests with calm confidence. The most important message we can send is this: they are more than a test score, and their wellbeing matters most.

Breakfast Treats



To give pupils a great start to each day, there will be breakfast rolls (a vegetarian option is provided too). This allows us all to have breakfast together. Teams that eat together experience stronger bonds, improved communication and higher performance.

Why does attendance matter so much right now?



Every lesson between now and May counts. Children who attend regularly are better prepared, more confident, and more likely to do their best in their assessments. Missing school in the weeks leading up to SATs means missing teaching, practice and the support their teacher can offer.

[How can you support at home?](#)



Parents also play a vital role in helping children feel supported and balanced during SATs week. Here are some practical tips:

- **Keep Things Low-Pressure** - Avoid last-minute cramming. Reassure your child that SATs don't define them and remind them of their strengths outside the classroom too.
- **Maintain Healthy Routines** - Ensure your child gets enough sleep, eats regular meals, and has time to relax and play. A good night's sleep is more helpful than late-night revision.
- **Be Positive and Encouraging** - Offer praise for their effort, resilience, and attitude, not just test scores. Let them know you're proud of them no matter what.
- **Keep Mornings Calm** - Plan ahead to avoid rushing. Make sure your child has everything they need—pencils, water bottle, and a positive mindset.
- **Talk, Listen, Reassure** - Ask how they're feeling each day. Be a sounding board for worries and help them find perspective if they're feeling overwhelmed.

If you have any questions, the Y6 Team are always happy to help!



Ready, Set, Learn!



Please remember to come into school with your planner, reading book, refillable water bottle, and all your equipment ready for the day

How you start your morning sets the tone for the whole day—start strong!

An example of outstanding work in Year 7 English this week

Witches Spell

Influenced by Act 4, Scene 1: Macbeth

Double, double, toil and trouble
Fire burn and cauldron bubble.
The leg of a tarantula, fertilised soil,
Leave it to simmer, then bring to the boil.

Eye of newt and venom from a snake,
Let it bubble or leave it to bake.
The blood of a badger, the hair of a fox,
The talon of an ostrich, an electrifying shock.

The tail of a lion, the tooth of a baboon,
Algae from the river, and a giant golden spoon.
Mix this together in dark stormy weather,
To bring you the power of eternity forever.

Double, double toil and trouble.
Fire burn and cauldron bubble.
Fill the cauldron with harsh moonlight,
Then you know the spell is just right.

By Callum A - Year 7

Tag Rugby Festival



Last week some of our KS3 students went to a tag rugby festival. They competed against lots of other schools including some high schools and finished 2nd overall.

Lunch & Tuck Money.



If your child buys tuck or lunch in school, please ensure their account has sufficient funds.

Keeping accounts topped up helps us avoid having to contact parents during the day and prevents accounts from going into a negative balance.

Thank you for your support.

Music Lessons with Severn Arts

Instrumental and Vocal tuition in school - 2025-26



Severn Arts provides music tuition in your school. If your child would like to continue learning an instrument* or is interested in starting, tuition should be booked directly with Severn Arts. Invoices will be issued three weeks before the start of each term and payment is due before lessons commence.

Tuition is available as 20-minute individual lessons (£16.54/lesson), 30-minute individual lessons (£24.81/lesson) or small group tuition (£8.27/lesson, pays for the 10 min portion of 2 sharing a 20 min lesson or 3 sharing a 30 min lesson).

Severn Arts teachers are enhanced DBS checked and have undertaken formalized safeguarding training.

To book lessons at your school, please follow this link, [School Music Tuition](#) or scan the QR code below. Once you have ordered tuition, Severn Arts will confirm availability and issue an invoice. **Payment is not requested during the booking process but is required before lessons commence.** Severn Arts will agree lesson details with your school.

Severn Arts also has a large stock of quality instruments available to hire (free for those who meet specific [criteria](#)). Instrument hire can be ordered through our [website](#) or by going to [Instrument Hire](#). Please note, **we do not hire guitars** or keyboards, but we may be able to help with these items where students qualify for free hire. In this case, please enquire by emailing instruments@severnarts.org.uk.

Making music and learning a new skill can have a huge benefit to your wellbeing and can be lots of fun!

For further information or any queries please contact Severn Arts:

registration@severnarts.org.uk
www.severnarts.org.uk

*Instruments taught differ between schools



Year 8 SEND Parent Coffee Morning at Trinity High School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to warmly invite you to our SEND Parent Coffee Morning to support your child's upcoming transition to Trinity High School in September.

This informal session will provide an opportunity to:

- Meet members of the SEND team
- Learn more about how we support pupils with additional needs during transition
- Ask questions and share any concerns in a relaxed setting

Our SEND Parent Coffee Morning will take place on:

Monday 11th May

9:30 – 11:00

Room 5, Trinity High School

We hope this will be a helpful and reassuring opportunity as we work together to support your child's move to high school.

If you have any questions and would like to book in a place, please contact the SEND department at Trinity High School via reception at 01527 585859



Eco Council
Bottle Top Collection

We need your plastic bottle top lids!

Our Eco Council is running a recycling project, and we're collecting **clean plastic bottle tops** of any colour or size. These will be reused for eco-art and sustainability activities in school.

Please bring all bottle top lids to: C3

A small contribution from each family helps us reduce waste and protect our planet.

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The Importance of Online Safety

Stay Safe, Stay Smart!

The internet is a powerful tool but it can also be dangerous. Protect yourself and others by practicing good online safety habits.

Apps and their age ratings...



Tips for Staying Safe Online:

- Use strong passwords
- Think before you click
- Be kind and respectful
- Share your concerns with a trusted adult
- Ask for help adding privacy settings

Support:

If you have concerns regarding yours (or others) Online Safety you can:

- Report to **parents/carers**
- Report to school (either a **trusted adult** or the **school reporting system**)
- Report to **CEOP Education**



EARLY CAREERS

WORK EXPERIENCE

A CHANGE IS COMING

Business leaders - join the free **Work Experience Business Forum** on **Wednesday 13th May** at
Visit **Worcestershire New Road**
www.rebrand.ly/MWEX

Let's **make it work.**

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Awesome Sports Camps 2026

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 | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|--|--|---|
| EASTER | Tues 31st March | | | Times Arrive: 8.45-9.00am Activities: 9.00-3.00pm Collection: 3.15pm |
| | Wed 1st April | | | |
| | Wed 8th April | | | |
| MAY | Wed 27th May | | | How Much? £20.00 Per Day <small>Discounts available for multiple days</small> |
| SUMMER | Wed 22nd July | | | SPORTS ON OFFER* -Dodgeball -Activity Trail -Boxercise -Rounders -Athletics -Fitness -Cricket -Tennis -Forest Skills -Team Building -Basketball -Dance -Football -Tag-Rugby -Soft Archery and much more!!! <small>* Due to weather conditions and group suitability activities may vary</small> |
| | Wed 29th July | | | |
| | Wed 5th Aug | | | |
| | Wed 12th Aug | | | |
| | Wed 19th Aug | | | |
| Wed 26th Aug | | | | |
| OCT. | Wed 28th Oct | | | FUN - FITNESS - FRIENDS |

FOR BOOKING FORM SCAN THE RELATED QR CODE

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



Find us on

Tel: 07512 466250 Email: awesomesportscamps@yahoo.com

Birchensale Middle School, Bridley Moor Road, Redditch. B97 6HS

Save the Date

Family Quiz Night

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026

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CHANCE TO SHINE
STREET

FREE STREET CRICKET

AGE 8-15



FREE CRICKET - REDDITCH

COMMUNITY CRICKET SESSIONS PLAYED WITH A SOFTBALL
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

THURSDAYS

5 - 6PM

REDDITCH CRICKET CLUB

BROMSGROVE ROAD

B97 4SP

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

SCAN HERE



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PE Clubs and Fixtures



| W/C: 11/05/2026 | Before school 8:15– 8:45 | Lunch time 12.40 – 1.10 | After school 3.15 - 4.30 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Mon | | All Years Cricket Bowling Practice Sportshall (ATA) | Year 5 & 6 Cricket Playground (ATA) All Years Cheerleading Sportshall (MVE, JSP) |
| Tues | | Year 6 Rowing Sportshall (PHO) | Year 5 SELECTED PUPILS Rowing Sportshall (PHO) All Years Dance Dining Hall (ATA) Year 7 & 8 Contact Rugby Field (JSP) |
| Wed | | Year 5 Rowing Sportshall (PHO) | Year 7 & 8 Boys Contact Rugby Field (JSP) Year 7 & 8 Girls Cricket Playground (ATA) |
| Thurs | | Year 6 Rowing Sportshall (PHO) | All Years Couch 2 5k Playground (SPU) Year 7 & 8 SELECTED PUPILS Minor Counties Trials (AWI, ATA, JSP) |
| Fri | | Year 5 Rowing Sportshall (PHO) | All Years Rounders Field (ATA, AWI) Year 6 Rowing Sportshall (PHO) |



KS3 Clubs Summer Term 1

Monday

- Computing Club (IT Room) – Lunchtime
 - Choir (B2) – Lunchtime

Tuesday

- Homework Club (Book on MCAS) – 3:15–4:15

Wednesday

- Gardening Club – Lunchtime
- Mindful Creative (Science Lab) – Lunchtime

Thursday

- Italian Club (B5) – Lunchtime
- Art Club (Art Room) – Lunchtime
- Forest School (Book on MCAS) – 3:15–4:30
 - Girl Band (Invite Only) – Lunchtime
- Couch to 5K (Book on MCAS) – 3:15–4:15

Friday

- Film Club (A4) – Lunchtime

Summer Polo Shirts – Available to Purchase from Orchard Clothing

We are pleased to let families know that our new school polo shirts will be available to buy from Orchard Clothing during the Easter break.

These polo shirts are not part of the PE uniform.

Instead, they may be worn by pupils during the summer term as an alternative to the traditional white shirt and tie.

Pupils who prefer can continue to wear their usual school shirt and tie. Please note that, unlike in previous hot spells, we will not be introducing “no tie” days this year.

Children who choose to wear the standard school shirt will still be expected to wear their tie as normal.

The summer polo shirt simply provides an additional, more comfortable option for those warmer days, while ensuring pupils remain smart and ready to learn.



Key Information

- **Available from:** The start of the Easter break
- **Supplier:** Orchard Clothing
- **Price:** £9.95 each or 3 for £25
- **When they can be worn:** Throughout the summer term only
- **Optional:** Yes—completely optional

If you have any questions, please just let us know



BMS Chatty Families



SUPPORTING PUPILS & PARENTS WITH ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

WHAT IS CHATTY FAMILIES?

BMS Chatty Families is a welcoming group for pupils and parents at Birchensale whose first language is not English. Led by Mrs Okonska, our EAL Lead, the club helps pupils build their English language skills and supports parents in feeling more confident using English at home and with school work.

JOIN US!

Come along for a cuppa, biscuit and friendly conversation. Meet other families from around the world and enjoy sharing:
Cultures Languages Experiences
The journey of becoming part of life in the UK



OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

This year we are proud to have 20 families from 10 different countries taking part! Represented countries include:



 Latvia  Romania  Pakistan  Albania  Poland

EVERYONE BELONGS HERE

Come along, get involved and be part of our warm and supportive community



If you would like attend Chatty Families then please email us and someone will contact you with more information.

enquiries@birchensale.bmat.co.uk



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**](mailto:enquiries@birchensale.bmat.co.uk)

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



Birchensale Safeguarding Team



Designated Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)
Mrs Pugh



Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)
Miss Dawson



Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)
Mrs James



Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)
Mr Clifton

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), Mrs Pugh, if you have any concerns.

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

Dates for your diary

Monday 11th May -

Year 8 SEND coffee morning at Trinity

Friday 15th May -

Year 6 Cinema Trip

Wednesday 20th May -

SEND coffee morning 9.30am to 10am
all years at Birchensale

Thursday 21st May -

Sports Day

Friday 22nd May -

School closes for half term

Sunday 31st May -

Wembley trip

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May -

Half term

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th June -

Year 8 trip to Stratford

Thursday 11th June -

Year 5 trip to Safari Park

Friday 12th June -

Year 8 trip to Drayton Manor

Thursday 18th June -

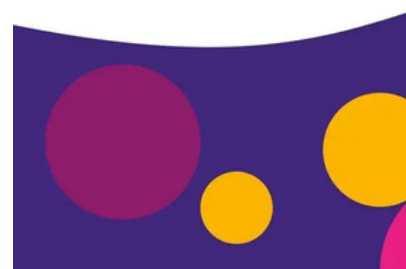
Year 7 trip to Cadbury World

Friday 19th June -

Family Quiz Night

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and information**

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