



Birchensale
Middle School

Weekly News

15th 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



SPORTS DAY 2026



RUNNING ORDER

	TRACK	
TIME	YEAR GROUP	EVENT
10:30	Year 8 boys	200m
	Year 7 boys	200m
10:45	Year 6 boys	150m
	Year 5 boys	150m
11:00	Year 8 boys	100m
	Year 7 boys	100m
11:15	Year 6 boys	80m
	Year 5 boys	80m
11:30	Year 8 boys	600m
	Year 7 boys	600m
11:40	Year 8 boys	Obstacle
	Year 7 boys	Obstacle
11:45	Year 6 boys	600m
	Year 5 boys	600m
12:05	Year 6 boys	Obstacle
	Year 5 boys	Obstacle
12:30	Year 8 girls	200m
	Year 7 girls	200m
12:45	Year 6 girls	150m
	Year 5 girls	150m
13:00	Year 8 girls	100m
	Year 7 girls	100m
13:15	Year 6 girls	80m
	Year 5 girls	80m
13:30	Year 8 girls	600m
	Year 7 girls	600m
13:40	Year 8 girls	Obstacle
	Year 7 girls	Obstacle
13:45	Year 6 girls	600m
	Year 5 girls	600m
14:05	Year 6 girls	Obstacle
	Year 5 girls	Obstacle
14:30	FINISH	

	FIELD	
TIME	YEAR GROUP	EVENT
10:30	Year 8 Girls	High Jump
	Year 7 Girls	Long Jump
	Year 6 Girls	Speed Bounce
	Year 5 Girls	Target Throw
	Year 6 Girls	Basketball Shootout
	Year 8 Girls	Shot
	Year 7 Girls	Vortex Throw
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Well Done, Year 6! 🌟

We would like to say a huge well done to our wonderful Year 6 pupils for the exceptional effort they have shown throughout SATs week. Every child approached the week with determination, resilience and a wonderfully positive attitude, and we could not be prouder of them.

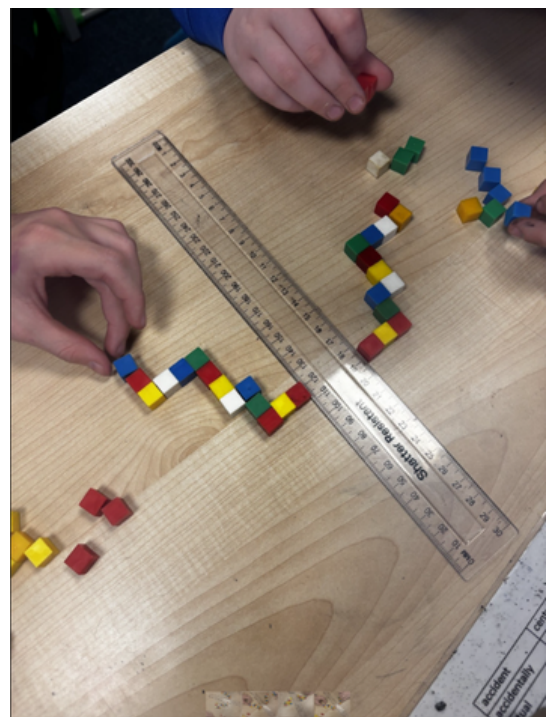
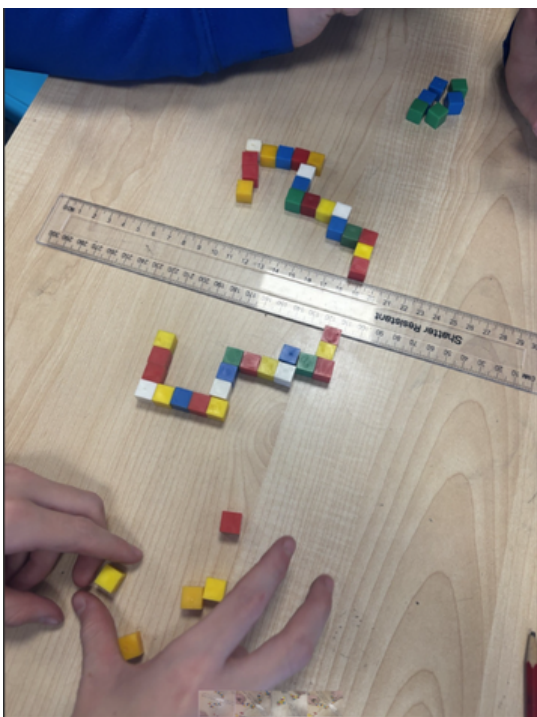
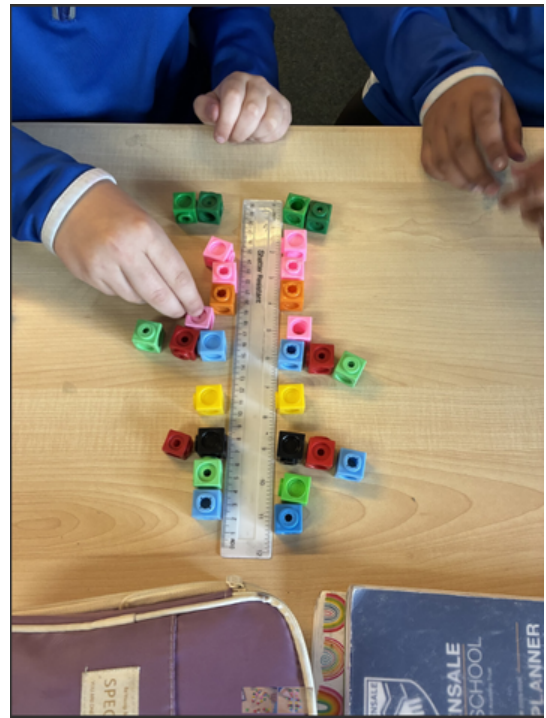
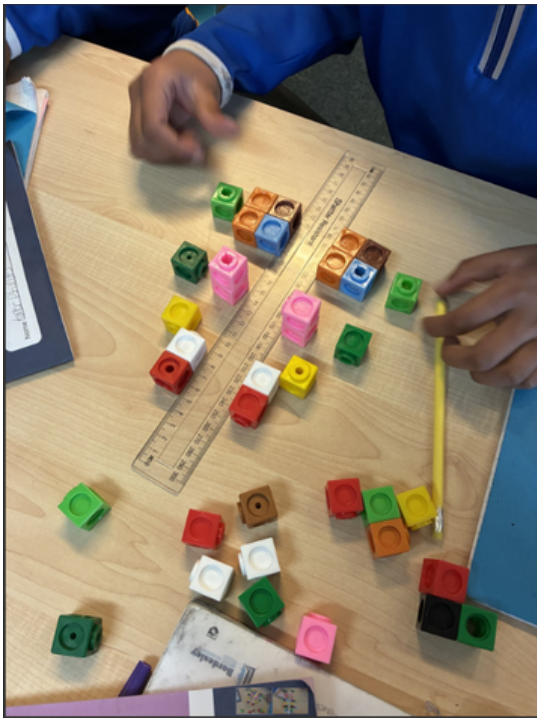
They have worked incredibly hard, giving their best in each test and supporting one another every step of the way. Their focus, perseverance and confidence truly shone through and they should feel extremely proud of everything they have achieved.

Thank you, Year 6, for being such fantastic role models and for showing what can be achieved through hard work and a positive mindset. Now it's time to take a deep breath, smile, and enjoy the well-earned next chapter of your learning journey – we are so proud of you all! 🌟🌟



There's been lots happening in year 5

Year 5 have been learning about position and direction in maths. In order to help their understanding, we practiced mirroring patterns and colours using cubes.

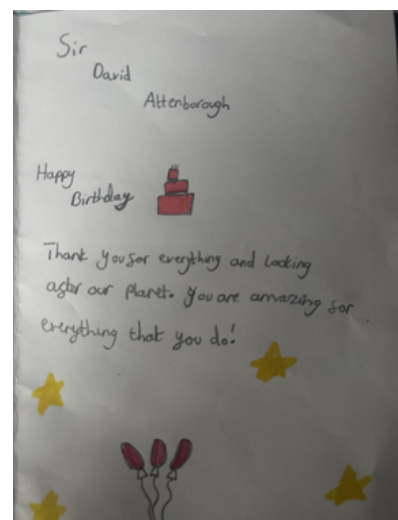
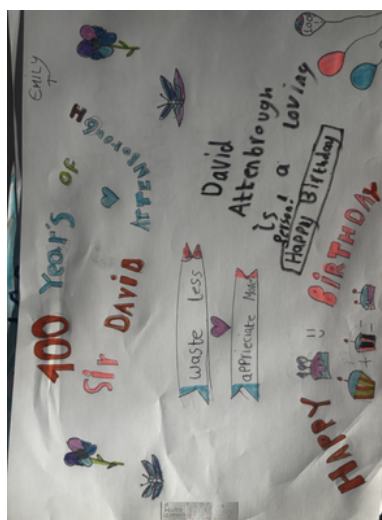
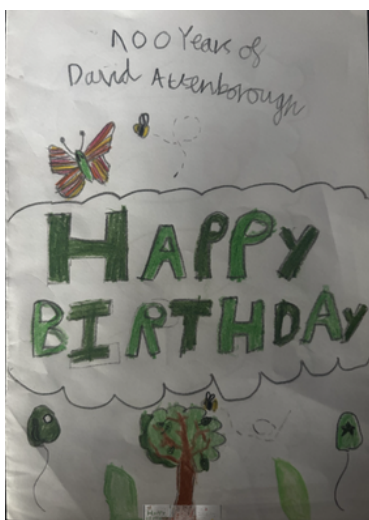


In Science, Year 5 have been learning about flowers and the pollination process in science, after learning about the key parts of a flower, they got to dissect one and group them into petals, leaves, anthers, filaments, the stem, the stigma and the style with the ovary.



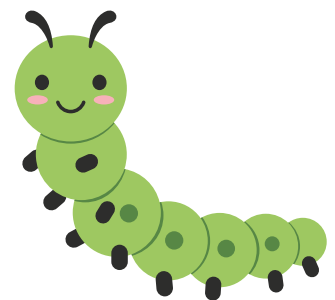
Happy Birthday

Year 5 made birthday cards last week for Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday



Growing Butterflies

Year 5 have been incredibly excited about growing butterflies in the classroom. We have carefully watched them grow bigger each day and learned about their life cycle along the way. Now, they are almost ready to form their chrysalis, which has built even more anticipation in the classroom. We can't wait to see the next stage of their journey—watch this space for beautiful butterflies in Year 5!



Autism Training & Support for Families

Important Information for Parents & Carers

Supporting Your Child with Autism

Access free and low-cost training, information and support to help families better understand and support autistic children and young people.

Autism Central- Run by leading UK charities and commissioned by NHS England. Free individual and group sessions available.

Autism West Midlands- Free webinars and training for parents, carers and autistic young people. Accessible on phones, tablets and laptops.

Teen Autism Confident (Ages 13–17)- Free 5-week online course for diagnosis or self-identifying young people, including group and 1:1 support.

National Autistic Society- Wide range of free and low-cost online training modules.

Curly Hair Project- Webinars and face-to-face sessions including local venues such as Dudley and Bristol.

Other information

Teen Autism Confident courses begin this autumn.

What Parents Need to Do

Explore options, choose suitable sessions, and book early to secure a place.

Contact

herefandworcs@autismwestmidlands.org.uk

Supporting families to understand and thrive



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!

BIRCHENSALÉ COLOUR RUN

**SOLD
OUT
LAST YEAR!**

SO BE QUICK!

JULY 3RD

3.45PM - 5.15PM

**TICKETS
£5**

**FROM THE
MCAS APP**

**MCAS
APP**

COST INCLUDES:

- ✓ **YOUR PAINT!**
- ✓ **AN EXTRA BAG FOR THROWING AT THE START!**

**LET'S
MAKE A
COLOUR
EXPLOSION!**



BURGERS



HOT DOGS



DRINKS



**STALLS
SELLING ITEMS**

JOIN US!

RUN. LAUGH. THROW. GET COLOURFUL! ♥

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



Term Dates 2026/2027

Autumn term

Thursday 3rd September 2026 - Friday 23rd October 2026
Tuesday 3rd November 2026 - Thursday 17th December 2026

Spring term

Tuesday 5th January 2027 - Friday 12th February 2027
Tuesday 23rd February 2027 - Wednesday 24th March 2027

Summer term

Monday 12th April 2027 - Friday 28th May 2027
Monday 7th June 2027 - Wednesday 21st July 2027

TED Days

(Pupils do not attend)

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Friday 18th December 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Monday 22nd February 2027
Thursday 25th March 2027

Bank Holidays

(Pupils do not attend)

Monday 3rd May



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.





Awesome Sports May Camp 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.

Date

Wed 27th May



FOR BOOKING FORM
SCAN QR CODE

Times

Arrive: 8.45-9.00am
Activities: 9.00-3.00pm
Collection: 3.15pm

How Much?

£20.00 Per Day

Discounts available for multiple days

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!!!

* 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

Find us on  facebook

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

Birchensale Middle School





PE Clubs and Fixtures



W/C: 18/05/2026	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 Girls Cricket Playground (ATA)
		Year 5 & 6 SELECTED PUPILS Girls Cricket Tournament @ Astwood Bank CC (ATA)	
Thurs			Year 5 & 6 SELECTED PUPILS Netball Tournament @ St Bedes (AWI, ATA)
		SPORTS DAY	
Fri			All Years Rounders Field (ATA, AWI)
		Year 5 & 6 SELECTED PUPILS Rowing Competition @ BMS (PHO, AWI, ATA)	

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



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



WORCESTERSHIRE
CRICKET FOUNDATION

For more information contact:

jamie.watson@worcestershirecricketfoundation.co.uk

07376 534926



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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 any more 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

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

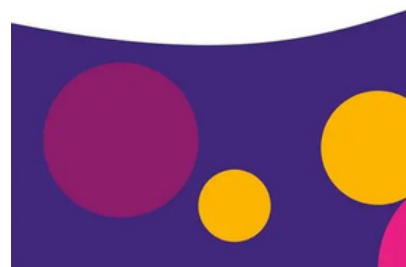
Friday 12th June -
Year 8 trip to Drayton Manor

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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WORCESTERSHIRE



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START**
North East
Worcestershire