



Birchensale
Middle School

Weekly News

5th June 2026

BIRCHENSAL

FAMILY

QUIZ NIGHT

19TH JUNE

5.30PM TO 7.30PM

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON YOUR MCAS APP UNDER BIRCHENSAL SHOP

FAMILY OF FOUR INCLUDING 2 9 INCH PIZZAS £10		FAMILY OF 4 WITH HOT DOGS £8	
EXTRA PIZZA 9 INCH £3		EXTRA HOT DOG £1	
BRING CASH FOR RAFFLE PRIZE VOUCHER! RAFFLE		SOME HOT DOGS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE NIGHT 	CANS OF POP CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE NIGHT OR BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Important Updates

Year 8's lunch/tuck accounts

We kindly ask parents and carers of all Year 8 pupils to begin reducing the balance on their child's lunch account via MCAS. Please ensure there is enough credit for daily tuck and lunch purchases only, so that accounts are close to zero by the end of the academic year. Thank you for your support.

Data Collection

On Monday 8th June, all pupils will be given a data collection sheet for parents/carers to complete. This form allows us to ensure that we have the most up-to-date contact details, emergency contacts, and any medical information for your child. Please complete and return the form to school by Monday 15th June. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our records accurate and up to date.

Paracetamol Consent – Important Information for Parents/Carers

If you have given consent for your child to be administered paracetamol in school if required, please provide a packet of paracetamol or a bottle of Calpol. All medication must be clearly labelled with your child's full name and date of birth. Please note that the school does keep a small supply for emergency use; however, we are unable to fund this provision for all pupils. Thank you for your support.

Tuck/lunch money accounts

A gentle reminder that if your child buys tuck or school lunches, please ensure their account has enough money on it. We've recently had quite a few pupils coming to the school office asking us to call home for top-ups. Unfortunately, due to the number of pupils in the school, we're not able to check accounts or send reminders for everyone. MCAS has now been set to automatically send a message to parents when the account is running low. We'd really appreciate your help in making sure accounts are topped up in advance. Thank you so much for your support 😊



Butterfly Update from Year 5



Over half term, the butterflies hatched... maybe they liked the peacefulness of the teachers' homes! After a few days in the butterfly home, the butterflies were released and enjoyed flying high into the sky during our blissful heat wave.



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





SPORTS DAY

RESULTS

1 ST		IPSLEY	859
2 ND		BORDESLEY	802
3 RD		BEOLEY	746
4 TH		STUDLEY	671

Well done everyone!



Loughborough Opera

On Monday 1st June, Loughborough Opera came to Birchensale to do an opera performance and workshops with the school Houses. This was based on the story of Hansel and Gretel.

Every House did a different part in the opera and, in the afternoon, we watched the opera itself. It was amazing. Everyone was involved and had a part including singing or acting. The effort and singing was extremely good: the props, the music and the costumes.

“I was extired to be a part of the Opera because of how interactive it was.” Bella G 6VED





PE Clubs and Fixtures



W/C: 08/06/2026	Before school 8:15– 8:45	Lunch <u>time</u> 12.40 – 1.10	After school 3.15 - 4.30
Mon		All Years Cricket Bowling Practice <u>Sportshall</u> (ATA)	Year 5 & 6 Cricket Playground (ATA) All Years Cheerleading <u>Sportshall</u> (MVE, JSP)
Tues		Year 7 & 8 Boys SELECTED PUPILS Javelin Practice (PHO)	Year 7 & 8 Contact Rugby Field (JSP) All Years Dance Dining Hall (ATA) Year 7 & 8 Girls SELECTED PUPILS Javelin Practice (PHO)
	All Years SELECTED PUPILS Cricket Reward Trip @ Worcestershire Cricket Club (AWI, JSP, ATA, LBR, LKE, AGR)		
Wed		Year 7 & 8 Boys SELECTED PUPILS Discus (PHO)	Year 7 SELECTED PUPILS Rounders Tournament @ Woodrush (ATA) Year 7 & 8 SELECTED PUPILS Long Jump Trials (JSP)
Thurs		Year 7 & 8 SELECTED PUPILS High Jump Trials <u>Sportshall</u>	All Years Couch 2 5k Club Playground (SPU) Year 7 & 8 SELECTED PUPILS Track Trials (AWI, JSP, ATA) Year 7 & 8 Girls SELECTED PUPILS Discus Practice (PHO)
Fri			Year 7 & 8 Dance Dining Hall (ATA)
	Year 5 & 6 SELECTED PUPILS Rounders Tournament (AWI, ATA)		





1843
Astwood Bank
Cricket Club

Introduction to Hardball Cricket

Girl's Only Sessions

for ages 9 to 12

Starting Wednesday 3rd
June - 5-6pm

ECB Qualified Coaches

£5 Per Session
First Session Free

Please contact Steve Haines on
07711274835 for more information or to
register interest



Join Astwood Bank Cricket Club for an Introduction to Hardball Cricket (Girl's only sessions). The first session will be free and current England Under 19 Girls, Warwickshire Academy and Worcestershire Rapids 1st team player Bryony Gillgrass will be making a guest appearance to help coach the sessions.



Struggling with your finances?

Free 1-to-1 Budgeting Help!



- ✓ Create a budget that works for you
- 🔍 Understand where your money goes
- 💡 Take control with simple, practical tips



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poverty

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To book your free session, scan the QR code

Joyful June 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month	2 Say positive things in your conversations with others	3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it	4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it	5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down	6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings	7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good
8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share	9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently	10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them	11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it	12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone	13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side	14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you
15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it	16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way	17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful	18 Look for something good in a difficult situation	19 Get outside and find the joy in being active	20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity	21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement
22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh	23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to	24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for	25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others	26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it	27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy	28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people
29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today	30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)					

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

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**



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





Awesome Sports Camps 2026

OPEN TO ALL SCHOOLS

Open to Boys & Girls Ages 5 -12

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
Wed 1st April
Wed 8th April



MAY

Wed 27th May



SUMMER

Wed 22nd July
Wed 29th July
Wed 5th Aug
Wed 12th Aug
Wed 19th Aug
Wed 26th Aug



OCT

Wed 28th Oct



FOR BOOKING FORM SCAN THE RELATED 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



Tel: 07512 466250 Email: awesomesportscamps@yahoo.com

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

KS3 Clubs Summer Term 2

Monday

Computing Club (Media Creation) – Lunchtime

Choir (B2) – Lunchtime

Cheerleading (Book on MCAS) - 3.15-4.30

Tuesday

Gardening / Eco Club – Lunchtime

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

Choir (B2) – Lunchtime

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

Band – Lunchtime

Couch to 5K (Book on MCAS) – 3:15–4:15

Lion King Rehearsal (Invite Only, B2) – Lunchtime

Friday

Film Club (A4) – Lunchtime

Dance (Book on MCAS) – 3:15–4:30

Band – Lunchtime

Wicked/Six Rehearsal (Invite Only, B2) – 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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CRICKET FOUNDATION

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

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

Monday 29th June -
New Intake Evening

Thursday 2nd July -
Year 8 Leavers Disco

Friday 3rd July -
Colour run

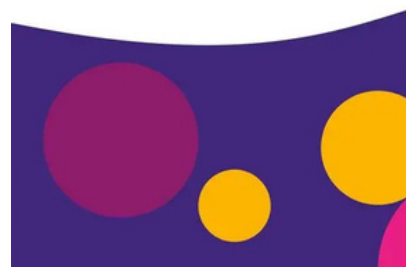
Tuesday 14th July -
Sports Awards Evening

Wednesday 15th July -
Year 6 Bowling & Cinema Trip

Friday 17th July -
Last day of Summer Term

**Click on the images
below to find help
and information**

WORCESTERSHIRE
FAMILY HUBS 



 Information, Advice
and Support Service
**Herefordshire &
Worcestershire**

BEST START 
WORCESTERSHIRE



Don't let bugs
play on your mind.

If your child is unwell, use the HANDI App to check
their symptoms and get instant, NHS-approved
medical advice.

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