



Birchensale
Middle School

Weekly News

10th July 2026

Changes to our Newsletter

You will notice some changes to our newsletters going forward. In response to increasing safeguarding concerns surrounding the use of children's photographs, as well as advances in AI and image manipulation technology, we will no longer be publishing images of children in our newsletters or communications.



We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we take these steps to protect the privacy and safety of our pupils.



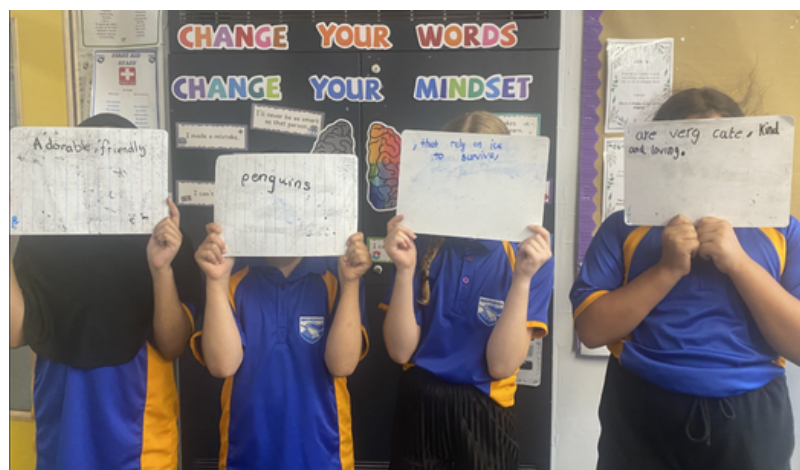
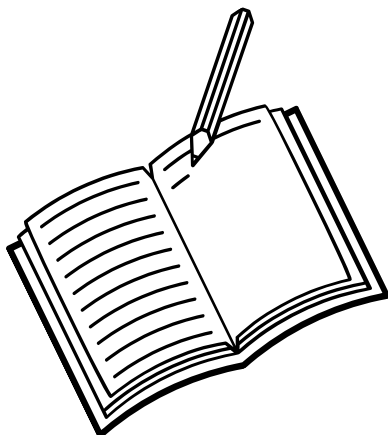
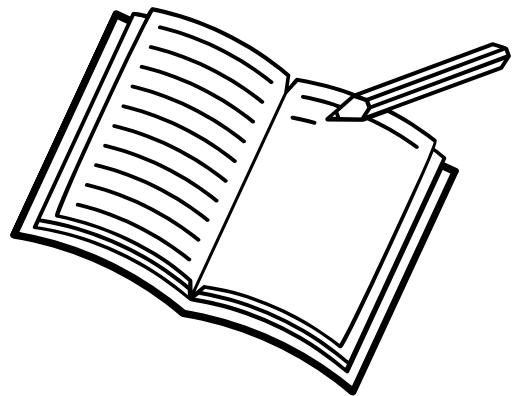
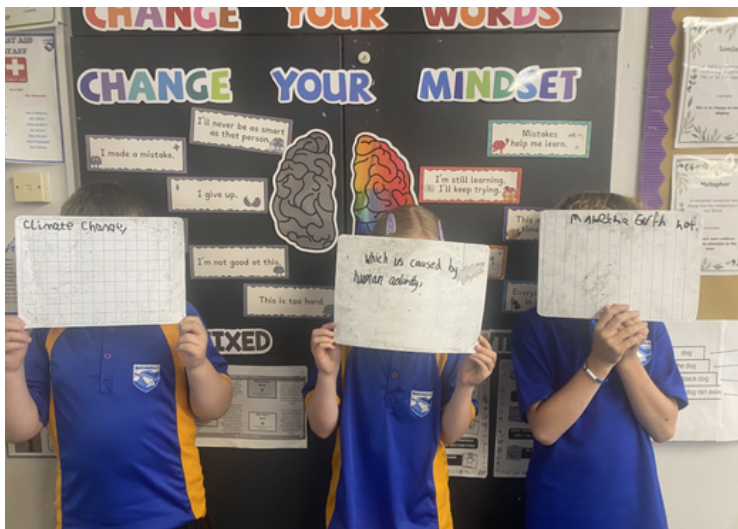
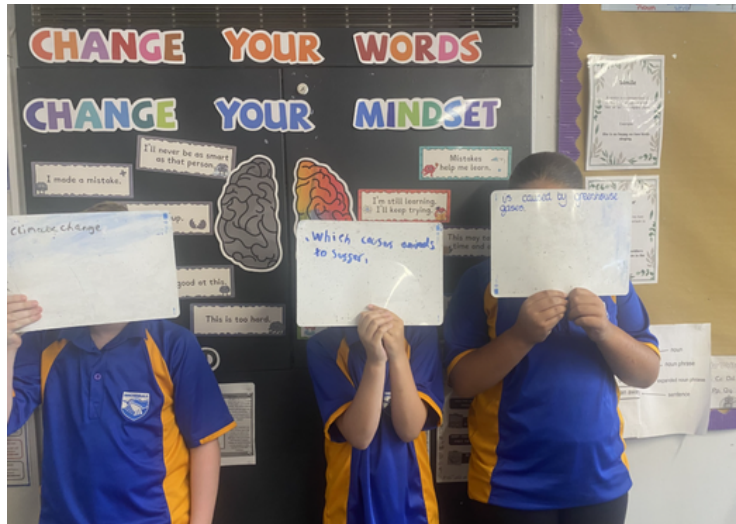
Come on England....

On Monday, the children were excited to watch the England vs. Mexico match. They thoroughly enjoyed cheering on England and celebrating their fantastic victory together.



Year 5CLE

5CLE have been practicing embedding a relative clause into their sentences about environmental issues.



Tennis Success

On Friday, our KS2 tennis teams went to compete in the KS2 tennis competition. Our teams finished in 1st and 2nd place.

We also took 3 KS3 doubles. They all played really well and one double finished 2nd overall.

Well done to everyone who took part!



Waterstones trip to Birmingham

Eight avid readers (two from each year group) were selected to accompany staff to Waterstones in Birmingham on Monday. They had a fantastic time selecting a range books for the library - including manga and graphic novels - that pupils their age will enjoy, and were even able to take one book home for themselves! The children thoroughly enjoyed the McDonald's they had for lunch, as well as the guided tour of our local library. Even in the heat, the children were fantastically behaved, polite and engaged. It was a lovely time had by all, and we cannot wait for next year's trip!





THERE ARE CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY FROM SEPTEMBER 2026.

A letter has been sent to
all parents and carers
including our new
Year 5 parents
for September.



The letter explains the changes
and where you can find
more information.

**WORKING TOGETHER
ACHIEVING TOGETHER**

Parking Reminder

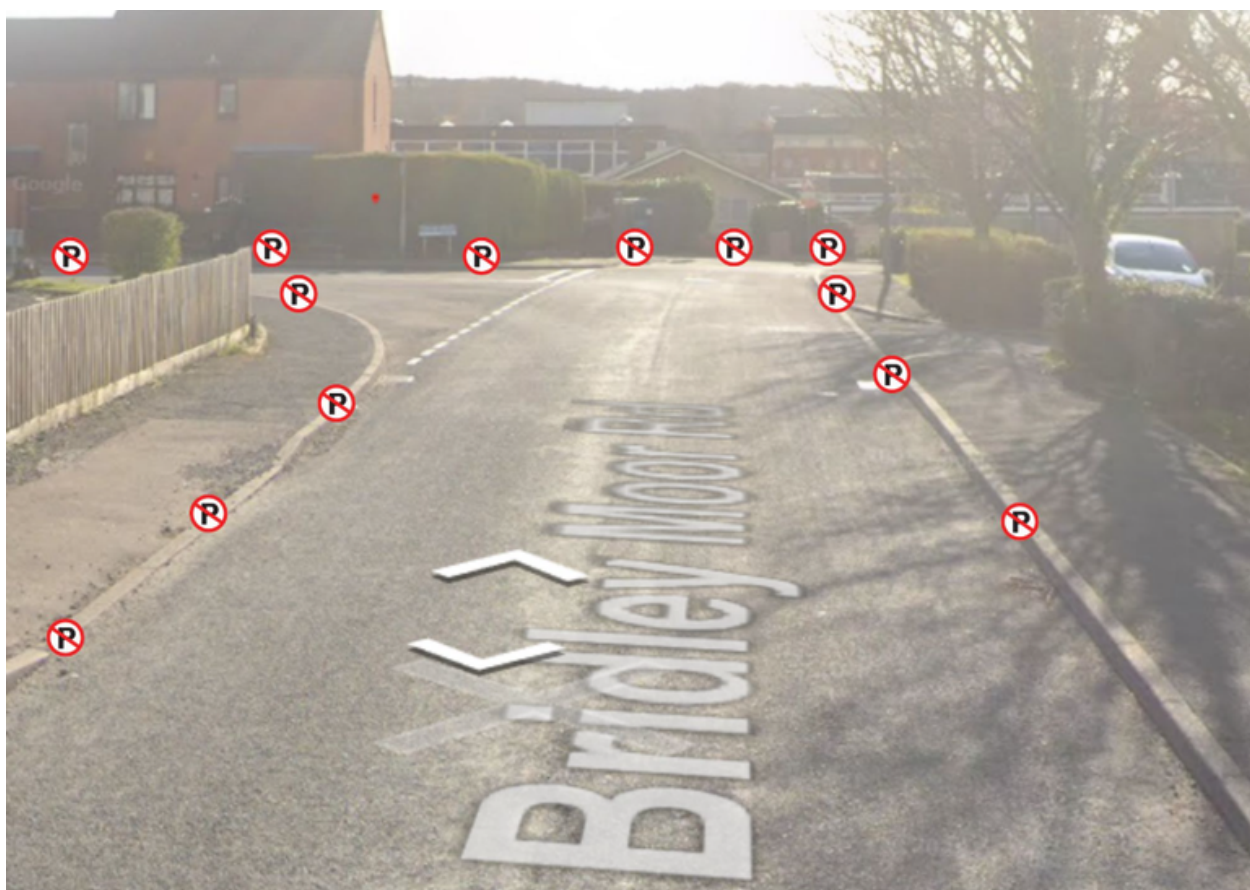
We would like to remind all parents and carers to park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting pupils.

To help keep our school community safe, please avoid:

- Parking opposite the Cedar Road junction
- Double parking
- Parking on the entrance or exit to Cedar Road
- Parking too close to the school entrance

These simple steps help ensure the safety of our pupils, staff and the wider public, while also showing respect for our local residents.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



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

Pupils in years 5, 6 & 7 have been 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 ensure that you have returned your form to school. 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 😊

REDDITCH UNIFORM BANK



**SATURDAY
22 AUGUST**



**IN KINGFISHER
CENTRE**



**DONATE YOUR
UNWANTED
UNIFORM NOW**



**DONATION POINTS –
INSPIRE WINYATES
OR GUEST SERVICES
KINGFISHER CENTRE**



KINGFISHER
CENTRE



EVERYONE WELCOME



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



**Attend Today
Achieve Tomorrow**



BIRCHENSALE
MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL'S OUT
FOR Summer!

FRIDAY JULY 17TH

FESTIVE FISH FINGERS

PARTY PIZZA

JUMPING JACKETS

WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS
SERVED WITH

★ **CRACKLING CHIPS**

★ **SHINDIG SWEETCORN**

★ **BANGING BEANS**

★ **FOLLOWED BY** ★

CELEBRATION COOKIES

JAMBOREE JELLY

GOOD FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS, GREAT SUMMER!

Support resources from our Safeguarding Team

Mankind



The Mankind initiative provides information, support and signposting services to men suffering from domestic abuse from their current or former wife, partner (including same-sex partner) or husband. This can range from physical violence or object throwing to abuse such as constant bullying or insults.

National LGBTQ+ Domestic Abuse Helpline

Support for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people experiencing domestic abuse.

[Galop the LGBTQ+ anti-abuse charity.](#)

For more information, click on the logo and follow the link.

Incoming warm weather....

As the weather is getting warmer it is vital that all children come to school with a refillable water bottle. Thank you for your support.



COMMUNITY DROP-IN

 **Woodrow center**

Tuesdays 9:00am - 12:00pm



Food Bank

Citizens Advice

 **Bromsgrove & Redditch**

**christians
against
poverty**

CAP

**Advice and
Support**

**Mental Health
Help**



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

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 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
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
- Rounders
- Cricket
- Team Building
- Football
- Activity Trail
- Athletics
- Tennis
- Basketball
- Tag-Rugby
- Boxercise
- Fitness
- Forest Skills
- Dance
- Soft Archery

and much more!!!

* Due to weather conditions and group suitability activities may vary

FUN - FITNESS - FRIENDS

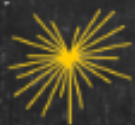


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CHANCE TO SHINE
STREET

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



WORCESTERSHIRE
CRICKET FOUNDATION

For more information contact:

jamie.watson@worcestershirecricketfoundation.co.uk

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WORCESTERSHIRE
CRICKET FOUNDATION

Is your child starting Year 5 in September 2027?
Come along to our Open Evening -we'd love to
welcome you!



Save
The
Date!



Is your child due
to start **Year 5** in
September 2027?

Birchensale would love to invite you to
attend our OPEN EVENING



THURSDAY OCTOBER 1ST
5.30PM TO 7.30PM



A CHANCE TO
MEET OUR
TEACHERS
AND PUPILS
AND ASK
QUESTIONS



TOUR
THE
SCHOOL



SAMPLE OUR
DELICIOUS FOOD
FROM
BIRCHENSALE
KITCHEN



PERFORMANCES
FROM OUR
WONDERFUL
DANCE CLUB



SPEAK TO
ORCHARD
CLOTHING,
OUR
UNIFORM
SUPPLIER



SEE WHAT
AFTER SCHOOL
CLUBS WE
OFFER

AT BIRCHENSALE, WE BELONG, WE MOTIVATE, WE
SUCCEED, WE ARE RESILIENT

*We cannot wait
to welcome
you*



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**

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

Tuesday 14th July -
Sports Awards Evening

Wednesday 15th July -
Year 6 Bowling & Cinema Trip

Friday 17th July -
Last day of Summer Term

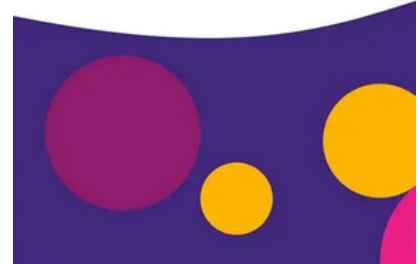
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