

Birch Church of England (VA) Primary School

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Edition 2



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Dear All,

We've been lucky with the weather this week and the children have managed to be outside for every playtime!

THIS WEEK:

In KS1, phonics groups have started as well as some super work on space, reading some great books and starting to make models of the planets. KS2 decided to start their English work with a unit of poetry and I have enjoyed hearing a range of poems this week. In Class 3, they have been exploring magnetics force and in class 4 and class 3 they have been tasting 'chilli chocolate' as part of their topics work. Group B of Y6 forest School were much luckier with the weather and we had a really lovely session, making shelters, playing on the rope swing and beginning to use a range of tools. There are some photos at the end of this letter!

Also this week, Essex Primary Coaching (EPC) started their clubs as well as lessons. It has been so great to welcome Miss Chittendon and Mrs Brown back to school and to meet Mr Pullen. We look forward to great year of sport with them.

NEXT WEEK:

Next week, as mentioned in my email on Wednesday, we have a 'Meet the Teacher' event planned after school. Reception parents are encouraged to come to Mrs Vinters' phonics workshop from 3:30 and reception children and siblings can be left with me in the hall. All other classes are open for visitors from 3:30. Please sign in at the Office entrance.

Please also note, our current **Y5 parents** are invited to a meeting about the Bawdsey Manor Y6 Residential Trip **2026** on **Thursday** in Class 4 and, on Friday, the first Class 1 and 2 Forest School sessions begin— group information and dates have been sent home but please remember to wear long trousers, for example PE joggers.

Can I remind parents collecting and dropping off for childcare sessions that they should park outside the school as staff cars are going in and out and this could contribute to congestion and parent cars could potentially be a hazard for children still on site. Also, please make sure you have responded to the immunisation information...and finally, please update us with any changes to your contact information as soon as possible. Thank you!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Rebekah May
Headteacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

WEEK BEGINNING	EVENTS		WEEK BEGINNING	EVENTS
15 th Sept	<p>Wednesday Flu Immunisation opportunity pm in school. Please action the consent form sent out to all parents via email by Monday 8th September</p> <p>Wednesday 3.30pm Reception Parents invited to a Phonics workshop in Class 1 Meet the teacher in classes 2,3,4 & 5 More info in Headteacher's letter</p> <p>Thursday Meeting for Y5 parents regards next year's Bawdsey residential Trip (Oct 26) in Class 4 at 3.30pm. Please come along if you can for all info regards the trip and payment plan</p> <p>Friday Class 1 & 2 Forest school starts for Groups 1 (in school –information shared)</p>		20 th Oct	<p>Tuesday Provisional Y6 visit to Chelmsford Cathedral (tbc)</p> <p>Thursday: Y6 Forest School group B</p> <p>Friday Y6 parents invited to assembly at 9am for Bawdsey photos Parent Forum for Cl 5 parents</p>
22 nd Sept	<p>Starting tuition groups this week</p> <p>Monday after school football club begins for Y4,5 & 6 3.20-4.20pm. Must have shin pads.</p> <p>Thursday Y6 Forest schools session Group A</p> <p>Friday 11am School tour available to book with Headteacher for Reception 2026 places</p>		3 rd Nov	<p>Monday: non-pupil day Monday: late night parent consultation week</p>
29 th Sept	<p>Thursday School Census day. Please order a school meal to support school funding Thursday Y6 Forest School B Friday: Collecting Harvest gifts for Tiptree Foodbank Friday 2:15 Parents Forum Class 1 and 2 parents Friday: Harvest Festival Assembly 2:45pm – parents of classes 1 and 2 invited</p>		10 th Nov	<p>Monday: Odd Socks Day Thursday Forest School Group A Friday 9:30 School tour available to book with Headteacher for Reception 2026 places</p>
13 th Oct	<p>Monday Individual (& in school siblings) photographs</p> <p>Tuesday School tour available to book with Headteacher for Reception 2026 places</p> <p>Wednesday 15th- 17th Y6 Bawdsey Manor residential trip</p>		Key dates to note	<p>3rd Nov Non-pupil day W/C 3rd Nov Parent Consultations week</p> <p>9th and 10th Dec Class 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity both showings 2.15pm</p>

FOREST SCHOOL WITH Y6:



SOME OF OUR ALL-NEW SCHOOL DINNERS

