

Birch Church of England (VA) Primary School

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Dear All,

The classes are really in their stride now and their varied projects are well underway.

In Class 1 the children have been making their space helmets for their up-coming Space Day with the 'Wonderdome' on 21st October. Class 2 have been finishing off their alien design in art and I know that the Y1's across both classes have been working hard on understanding 'one more' as I had the pleasure of teaching them earlier this week. Apparently, they mastered 'one less' later in the week.

In KS2 English, the Talk for Writing story is a 'Finding Tale'. The children are telling and writing stories about a wonderful creature, 'The Glimmerwing'. This week sees Y6's first 'Lunch Club'. With Mrs Broad's expert guidance, they have designed a menu, based on South American flavours, and are cooking a lunch for a guest. This week, they have invited Mr Turnbull. Have a look at the photos at the end of this letter!

NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY: Y6 group B have Forest School

FRIDAY: HARVEST FESTIVAL

1:45 PAFA's coffee afternoon combined with my parents' forum followed by Class 1 and 2 Parent Assembly for our Harvest Festival (2:45pm), PAFA will have the second hand uniform available also.

This year, we will be supporting Tiptree foodbank – please look at the attached shopping list and collect what you can for our donation. We will display this in our Harvest Assembly at the end of the day and look forward to sharing this occasion with parents from Classes 1 and 2.

We have had some information from Active Essex: *Families can use the Find Your Active, Activity Finder and filter to Essex ActivAte October half term programme, to see what's on and get in contact with clubs to book free spaces, when clubs are live. Learn more here: <https://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/about-essex-activate/>*

Just a couple of reminders – can I ask everyone to check their Scopay accounts for donations for stationary, trips/ events and, for Y6, lunch club. Many thanks. Also, can any school council or maths ambassador badges from last year that are still out there come back to school. We are having a re-shuffle!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Rebekah May
Headteacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

WEEK BEGINNING	EVENTS		WEEK BEGINNING	EVENTS
29 th Sept	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: 1:45 PAFA coffee afternoon for Class 1 and 2 2:15 Parents Forum Class 1 and 2 parents Harvest Festival Assembly 2:45pm – parents of classes 1 and 2 invited		10 th Nov	Monday: Odd Socks Day Thursday Forest School Group A Friday 9:30 School tour available to book with Headteacher for Reception 2026 places
6 th Oct	Monday Y3/4 Keep on Reading with Mr Kemp:-deadline for return of books. Monday: Y6 will have a visit from Thurstable secondary school and teachers will stay to talk to any Y6 parents/ answer questions at 3:20		17 th Nov	No specific dates to share yet
13 th Oct	Monday Individual (& in school siblings) photographs. Please wear red jumpers/ cardigans. Tuesday School tour available to book with Headteacher for Reception 2026 places Wednesday 15 th - 17 th Y6 Bawdsey Manor residential trip		24 th Nov	Monday: Class 5 trip to London - British Museum Friday: 9:00 am Class 3 and 4 Parent Assembly and Parent Forum Friday PAFA Christmas Disco KS1 then KS2 detail to follow from PAFA
20 th Oct	Tuesday CONFIRMED Y6 visit to Chelmsford Cathedral – letter to follow Tuesday: Class 1 and 2 Planetarium and ‘Space Day’ Thursday: Y6 Forest School group B Friday: Y6 parents invited to assembly at 9am for Bawdsey photos Parent Forum for CI 5 parents Friday: PAFA ‘Scary Hair’ day		1 st Dec	Wednesday 11:00 School tour available to book with Headteacher for Reception 2026 places Friday Y6 Forest School at Layer Breton Heath group A and Group B
3 rd Nov Parent consultation week	Monday: non-pupil day Monday: late night parent consultation DETAILS WILL BE SHARED NEARER THE TIME		Key dates to note	31 st October: secondary School Application deadline 9 th and 10 th Dec Class 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity both showings 2.15pm 16 th December: Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day for ‘Save the Children’

A GROUP OF CLASS 5 CHILDREN DESIGNED AND COOKED A SOUTH AMERICAN INSPIRED MEAL IN 'LUNCH CLUB'

