

Birch Church of England (VA) Primary School

WB 6th October

Edition 6



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Dear All,

It's been a busy week in school. Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed some brilliant work with Joe and Jesse's uncle, an Astrophysicist as well as an experienced educator! We are very grateful for the support from families where there is an expertise to share – the children had a fantastic morning! Have a look at the photos at the end of the newsletter. Classes 3 and 4 have also had a physics focus in science and have been experimenting with magnets and drawing tables and graphs of their results when finding out 'which magnet is the strongest?'

Continuing with the physics theme, class 5 have been thinking about the origins of the universe and their beliefs around creation. They have thought about the vastness and beauty of space and created some great art work. Four Y6 children also took part in an archery competition on Thursday and represented the school brilliantly!

NEXT WEEK:

Please can **Y6** make sure that they come in school uniform on **Monday** for our individual photos and BRING their PE kits to change into for their PE lessons in the afternoon.

On **Tuesday**, there is a tour of the school for Reception children 2026 – please advertise that school tours are available for us!

On **Wednesday** next week, Y6 are off to Bawdsey Manor

On **Thursday, CLASS 4** will have their PE session instead of their Wednesday session as they will have our Essex Primary Coaching (EPC) lesson instead of Y6. Wednesday school uniform, Tuesday and Thursday PE kit

All other PE sessions for all other classes this week will be as usual.

Finally, please check Scopay for any trip contributions. Unfortunately, trips and events may need to be cancelled if there are not sufficient funds to cover costs.

The booking system for Parent consultation week will go live at 4:00pm today, so please make sure you book a slot.

Finally, can families please remember that that children in KS2 are invited to bring a fruit/ vegetable snack at playtime – just actual fruit/ vegetables.

Have a great weekend!

Rebekah May

Headteacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

WEEK BEGINNING	DAY	EVENTS
13 th Oct	Monday	Individual (& in school siblings) photographs. Please wear red jumpers/ cardigans. Y6 please bring PE kits to school and wear uniforms
	Tuesday	School tour available to book with Headteacher for Reception 2026 places Class 3 and 4 PE as usual
	Wednesday	Y6 Bawdsey Manor residential trip No Class 4 PE
	Thursday	Y6 Bawdsey Manor residential trip Class 4 PE
	Friday	Y6 Bawdsey Manor residential trip
20 th Oct	Monday	
	Tuesday	Tuesday CONFIRMED Y6 visit to Chelmsford Cathedral - please consent via Scopay Tuesday: Class 1 and 2 Planetarium and 'Space Day' -contributions can be made via Scopay
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	Thursday: Y6 Forest School Group A
	Friday	PAFA Scary Hair Day – donations can be made via Scopay
HALF TERM		
3 rd Nov Parent consultation week	Monday	Monday: non-pupil day Monday: late night parent consultation
	Tuesday	Class 2 parent consultation afternoon and early after school Class 5 parent consultation afternoon and early after school
	Wednesday	Class 1 parent consultation afternoon and early after school Class 3 parent consultation afternoon and early afterschool
	Thursday	Class 4 parent consultation afternoon and early after school
	Friday	Y6 group 3 Lunch Club – donations via Scopay
10 th Nov	Monday	Monday: Odd Socks Day Friday
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	Thursday Forest School Group B
	Friday	9:30 School tour available to book with Headteacher for Reception 2026 places
17 th Nov	Monday	
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	Class 3 and 4 Zoo Trip – please send Gold Card responses asap
	Thursday	
	Friday	
24 th Nov	Monday	: Class 5 trip to London - British Museum
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	
	Friday	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
1 st Dec	Monday	

	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	11:00 School tour available to book with Headteacher for Reception 2026 places
	Thursday	
	Friday	Y6 Forest School at Layer Breton Heath group A and Group B
8 th December	Monday	Wednesday:
	Tuesday	2:15 pm Nativity Show Classes 1 and 2
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	Thursday	Thursday: PROVISIONAL carol singing at New Copford place - choir
	Friday	
WB 15 th December	Monday	PAFA PROVISIONAL 'CAROLS ON THE GREEN'
	Tuesday	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	
	Friday	Last Day of Autumn Term
Key dates to note for Spring/ Summer Term		Spring 1: 5 th January – 13 th February Monday 23 rd Feb Non-Pupil Day Spring 2: 24 th Feb- 27 th March Summer 1: 13 th April – 22 ^{ns} May Summer 2: 1 st June- 17 th July Monday 20 th July: non-pupil day SPORTS DAY FRIDAY 19th June

PHOTOS FROM THE WEEK: CLASSES 1 and 2 SPACE TALK and Y6 LUNCH CLUB





