

# Birch Church of England (VA)

## Primary School

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WEEK BEGINNING	DAY	EVENTS
WB 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday	Football match against Stanway Primary: <b>AT HOME</b>
	Tuesday	Y6 'Crucial Crew' visit and performance – details to follow <b>Great Science Share for Schools</b>
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	
	Friday	
WB 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday	Classes 3,4 and 5 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle GSSfS final club session to prepare for event
	Tuesday	Great Science Share for Schools (small group Y5/6) <b>Nexus Partnership</b> Athletics (team from KS2)
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	
	Friday	Sports Day and Colour Run (PAFA)
WB 22 <sup>nd</sup> June Y6 TRANSITION VISITS WEEK	Monday	
	Tuesday	Y3/4 cricket team at Northern Gateway all day
	Wednesday	KS1 Visit to Frinton <b>Y6 FOREST SCHOOL CANCELLED AS SEVERAL CHILDREN ARE ON TRANSITION VISITS</b>
	Thursday	Stanway Induction
	Friday	PARENT ASSEMBLY and PARENT'S FORUM for classes 3 and 4 parents . <b>Thurstable Induction</b>
WB 29 <sup>th</sup> June LAST WEEK OF TUITION	Monday	Y6 Science Quiz online
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	Dress Rehearsal for KS2 play
	Thursday	New reception intake transition event pm
	Friday	KS1 Cricket Day
WB 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday	KS2 show afternoon: Home visit new reception
	Tuesday	KS2 show EVENING Home visits new reception
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	New reception visits Whole school 'move-up morning'
	Friday	<b>NO SCHOOL DISCO: THE DATE FOR THIS WILL NEED TO BE LOOKED AT AGAIN</b>
WB 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday	'It's Your Move' for Y6 Y6 'Moving on Camp':
	Tuesday	

	Wednesday	
	Thursday	Leavers' Tea for Y6 and Y6 families
	Friday	FINAL ASSEMBLY 2:30 OUTSIDE: ALL INVITED
WB 20 <sup>th</sup> July	MONDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> July is a non-pupil day	
Key dates to note for Autumn 2026		First day of new school year Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September

Dear All,

After such lovely weather over half term, it was a shame to come back to rain. Nevertheless, we have managed to be outside for most playtimes and lunchtimes this week.

As ever, we have started strong. I have seen some lovely writing in KS1 this week. In Class 1, the children have been describing coral reefs using exciting language, and in Class 2 they have been writing stories based on The Storm Whale. The children tell me that they have completed Parts 1 and 2, so I am looking forward to seeing their finished pieces.

KS2 have now started rehearsals for their show, Robin and the Hoodies, and continue to work on the large forest art installation along the corridor under the guidance of Mrs Chaffe. I have also seen some magnificent castles being constructed as part of their Design and Technology work.

#### COMING UP:

Looking ahead to next week, we have a football fixture on Monday, and Year 6 have their Crucial Crew visit on Tuesday. After school on Tuesday, we will also have our Great Science Share preparation session, although I inexplicably missed this from the dates sheet!

Letters will be coming home soon for KS2 children involved in the Nexus Partnership Athletics event (formerly known as the Consortium Athletics), and PAFA have shared details of the Colour Run. Our Year 6 pupils are also keen to run some stalls at this event, so please bring cash. We will let you know more once we have made our final decisions.

#### SPORT CLUB UPDATE:

We are very lucky that a parent has volunteered to run a Class 1 and 2 Football club on Mondays alongside Mr Turnbull's football club. In a fairness to the Y3's we would like to open Mr Turnbull's football club to all KS2 and have found a way to make this safe for all players. This will be just a 4 week trial from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July and we can see how this works as a model for the future.

## REMINDERS:

Please ensure that children have appropriate clothing for the weather (coats, sun hats and sun cream). The weather seems particularly changeable at the moment, which can make it a challenge to keep up with. Please also check that shoes are appropriate for school and that plain trainers are only worn on PE days. Finally, sunglasses should only be brought into school if there is a medical need identified by a healthcare professional. Thank you for your support with this.

KS2 parents, please could you check that you have made your contribution towards our Mountfitchet trip. Also, if your child is interested in individual music lessons from September, please contact Essex Music Service via their website. The school office will be happy to help if needed.

Finally, class photographs will be sent home either today or on Monday. All purchases should be completed by 21st June to qualify for free delivery.

Have a great weekend, everyone!

Rebekah May

ECOBUBBLES (AND BUDDY) WE AT THE LAYER MARNEY FETE – well done Eco Team! RIVERS OF LIFE ART WORK (Y6 RE)





