

Birch Church of England (VA)
Primary School
*Guided by the Good Shepherd, we serve as
 compassionate leaders*



☎ 01206 330224

email: admin@birch.essex.sch.uk

www.birch.essex.sch.uk

WB 15th June 2026

Edition 35

WEEK BEGINNING	DAY	EVENTS
WB22 nd June Y6 TRANSITION VISITS WEEK	Monday	NO CLASS 5 PE
	Tuesday	Y3/4 cricket team at Northern Gateway all day CLASS 5 WILL HAVE PE ON THIS DAY INSTEAD
	Wednesday	KS1 Visit to Frinton The Gilberd induction Philip Morant induction
	Thursday	Stanway Induction
	Friday	PARENT ASSEMBLY and PARENT'S FORUM for classes 3 and 4 parents . Thurstable Induction
WB29 th June LAST WEEK OF TUITION	Monday	Y6 Science Quiz online after school, at school
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	Dress Rehearsal for KS2 play to the school
	Thursday	New reception intake transition event pm
	Friday	KS1 Cricket Day KS1 and KS2 Assessment Summaries and EYFS reports coming home
WB 6 th July	Monday	KS2 show afternoon: Home visit new reception
	Tuesday	KS2 show EVENING Home visits new reception
	Wednesday	Y5 Thurstable Taster Day Open Classrooms after school- come in to take a look at your child's books and their work.
	Thursday	New reception visits Whole school 'move-up morning'
	Friday	
WB 13 th July	Monday	'It's Your Move' for Y6 Y6 'Moving on Camp': after school event
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	Leavers' Tea for Y6 and Y6 families
	Friday	FINAL ASSEMBLY 2:30 OUTSIDE: ALL INVITED
WB 20 th July	MONDAY 20 th July is a non-pupil day	
Key dates to note for Autumn 2026		First day of new school year Wednesday 2 nd September

Dear All,

Dear All,

It has been a busy week, with several trips taking place across the school. KS2 were impeccably behaved on their visit to Mountfitchet Castle, and I couldn't be more proud of the way in which they represented the school.

Also representing the school brilliantly were our Year 5 and 6 science team, who presented their Great Science Share project—a Crime Scene Investigation—to another group of schools. They also enjoyed learning about various science projects supported and run by Colchester Zoological Society, including a project recording the sounds of Amazonian bush dogs to help survey wild populations. Their afternoon concluded with a visit to the zoo, making it an all-round fantastic trip.

The team are hoping to have their Crime Scene Investigation ready for families to explore at lunchtime tomorrow as well, so please look out for this!

The final trip of the week was for our KS2 athletics team, who took part in the Nexus Partnership Athletics Competition. There were some notable performances from many children, but a special mention must go to the Year 6 relay team—Gia, Delilah, Harrison and Johnny—who ran an incredible race. Overall, the team came a convincing first among the small schools.

I have heard so many positive comments over the last few days about the children's sporting attitudes, encouragement of others, and excellent behaviour. Well done, children—you should be very proud of your achievements.

LOOKING AHEAD

Tomorrow is Sports Day. Please come prepared for the weather and ensure that all children have hats and sun cream.

Also tomorrow is the PAFA Colour Run. As children will already be in their PE kits, this should work out well. If you would like your child to change their top before the run, please bring a spare with you and they can quickly change beforehand.

For this event, KS1 children will exit the school via the top gate of the Reception playground. This will help PAFA register participants as they re-enter through the playground gate and ensure that all necessary paperwork has been completed.

Year 6 children will have set up their stalls during the afternoon but will not be running them during the KS2 Colour Run.

The KS1 Colour Run will begin as soon as possible. I will lead a warm-up for all runners and go through the safety information at the start line.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL RUNNERS ARE WEARING GOGGLES OR GLASSES TO PROTECT THEIR EYES.

Week Beginning 22nd June

Monday

Football Club

Tuesday

Year 3/4 Cricket Team at Northern Gateway

Wednesday

KS1 Trip to Frinton

Friday

9:10am: Class 3 and 4 Assembly (all parents and carers of children in these classes are warmly welcome to attend)

Class 3 and 4 Parent Forum following the assembly

Year 5 Road Safety Sessions

Year 6 children will also be attending their transition visits throughout the week and will already have details of their arrangements.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow for Sports Day!

Best wishes,

Rebekah May

GREAT SCIENCE SHARE FOR SCHOOLS, ATHLETICS TEAM





