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“Together we plant the seeds for success”

Summer Term 2026

Parent Bulletin No. 1

Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you had a good Easter break.

Reward Assembly: Wednesday 22nd April at 8.55am

Our next reward assembly is on Wednesday 22nd April, during which the following children will be receiving their reward certificates (except, Reception children who will receive their certificates in class):

Class	Citizen	Learner
Frog	Ahyan Hussain	Elvin Farid
Newt	Louie White	Evie Shaw
1 Hedgehog	Elliott Cross Kiayan Patel	Cameron Pickett Bertie Crofts
1 Mouse	Yebo Banjo Leo Carrick	Freya Rogers Balian Xu
2 Squirrel	Layne-Oshun Rey Satnaam Matharu	Hannah Sütö Jacob Lane
2 Otter	Gwion Morris Molly Pearson	Jacob Bright Sean Pearson
3 Badger	Mya Peters Eva Rossington	Billie-Marie Allaway Palmo Lama
3 Mole	Esmé Beddow Theo Ward	Henry Hand Margot Wren
4 Fox	Adam Matthews Jacob Smith	Kizziah Thornton Nevaeh Rey
4 Hare	Raya Charles Alana Pickett	Harrison Cowley Tommy Sleep
5 Rabbit	Autumn Everett Frankie Flanagan	Abhimanyu Davey Musa Hussain
5 Deer	Hei Yin Chan Maisy Corderoy	Florence Codling Joey Pheby
6 Dolphin	Tien Gonzalez-Carrington Zacariah Fox-Matu	Hamish Grant Phoebe Allum
6 Seal	Lauren MacArthur Max Bartlett	Harry Molyneux Poppy Hall

Congratulations to all the children. Parents, carers, relatives and friends of children in Years 1 – 6 are welcome to attend the assembly on Wednesday at 8.55am.

Reception children will receive their certificates separately, in class.



Club Activities

Details of the club activities being offered by the staff for the children this term are enclosed. Teacher run club activities will start from the week beginning 27th April (**except** Homework Club and Glee Club, which will start the week after), and finish in the week beginning 29th June. If your child would like to be included in any of the club activities, please return the completed form enclosed next Monday 20th April, so that your requests can be sorted out in time.

Please refer to booking forms/links emailed last term for clubs run by independent companies – copies attached. (Spaces are still available on many of them.)

Please be aware that for safety and security, the gates will be locked at 3.35pm, so children attending clubs will leave via the school office. Parents/carers are asked to wait outside main reception and the coaches/teachers will bring the children to the office to be collected from there. As is our usual procedure, please let the school know in advance if anyone other than parents/carers are collecting the children or if your child is permitted to walk home.

If your child is unable to attend a club on a particular day, it is important that you inform the **school office** that they will be absent, or you will be called by the school to check that your child is safe. Sometimes there are a lot of such calls to be made at the end of the day, which could delay identifying a child who is genuinely missing, so your help with this is much appreciated.

Please note: If clubs are cancelled in advance, you will be advised of this on the weekly bulletin. Should clubs need to be cancelled at short notice, you will receive a My Child At School (MCAS) text informing you of this. Likewise, if any sporting events (e.g. football matches) are cancelled at short notice, we will advise you via text.

Homework Club: Additional Information

Homework Club will provide a calm, supervised space for children to begin or work on their homework after school. The session will be overseen by Mrs Burnard who will be available to offer general support where possible.

Please note that, due to the large group size and the range of ages and tasks, this is not a tutoring session and individual teaching cannot be guaranteed. As such, children may not complete all of their homework during this time.

Message from the School Cook

For children in Key Stage 2 ordering the picnic bags for lunch, please be aware that the puddings will consist of a biscuit or cake of the day (together with fruit or veg sticks) i.e. not puddings such as crumble and custard.

Jewellery/Earrings Policy

May I remind parents/carers that children should not wear earrings or studs in school during the school day. However, if necessary, children may wear small clear plastic retainers to school. On PE days, the children will need to wear tape over the plastic retainer, but will be able to participate in the PE lesson. Older children may bring tape in themselves to put on before PE lessons and take off afterwards. It would be unfair that this becomes the responsibility of school staff. Children will still not be able to wear metal earrings to school, and if they do so, they will not be able to take part in PE lessons. If a child is to have their ears pierced it is suggested that the beginning of the summer break is the best time, to allow for healing and in order that earrings can be removed for school in September.

Programmes of study for the term

You will be receiving a letter from your child's teacher, informing you about the programmes of work planned for this term, and including other items about class routines. I hope that the information you receive will enable you to help and support your child at home and in school as the opportunities arise.

Pupil Data Records/Medical Records Update

If any parents/carers have recently changed any details which we keep on our school database in the school office, such as address, telephone numbers (work, home or mobile), or emergency contact names or telephone numbers, or if the personal circumstances of any parents/carers have changed, please could you inform the school office, so that the records can be updated.

Uniform

Children should be wearing the correct uniform and shoes please. As a reminder, smart black shoes should be worn. Many retailers promote black trainers and logo branded sports shoes as suitable for school, but these are not acceptable within our school uniform policy. Boots, flip flops, trainers and high heels are not permitted. The children should wear proper school socks (or tights) in black, grey or white. Trainer/sports socks should not be worn. For PE, a plain or school logo t-shirt in their house colour can be worn, and for colder weather, the children should have a plain, dark coloured track suit in dark green, black or grey please (no logo). Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

In addition, we have updated our Uniform Policy to include the following:

"Long hair (below shoulder length) must be tied back for PE lessons and any PE related activities."

Can parents/carers please ensure their child(ren)'s hair is either tied up during PE days or they have a hair band available and can tie their hair up themselves.

School Communications

Please be reminded that our old communication system, ParentMail, is now no longer in operation and going forward, all school communications will now be via My Child At School (MCAS). This includes, for example, emails, texts, absence reporting, school trip payments and consents for other activities.

Reminder: The Little Recyclers Collection

Our next collection with The Little Recyclers is: Tuesday 21st April 2026

Please could you only drop the bags off on the morning of Tuesday 21st April **before** 9.00am (outside of the school office). Please use your own bags.

They do not accept toys, books, school uniform, bedding, curtains, dirty, ripped or wet clothing. (See attached flyer.) Thank you PTFA

School Calendar

Please use the following link to the school website events calendar, to check dates etc.

<https://www.birchcopse.co.uk/events-calendar>

Please note that this school calendar is a live working document, and events are added, removed or changed from time to time. If in any doubt please contact the school office to check, thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Massey

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CLUB ACTIVITIES – SUMMER TERM 2026

The following club activities are being offered for the children by the staff at the end of the school day this term. In addition, 9 other clubs, Drama, LAMDA, Street Dance, Procision Football, Arts & Crafts, Young Engineers, Gymnastics and Tech Club are being offered as indicated below. These are run by independent companies and are available to join for a fee. Please see separate letters, which were sent home at the end of last term.

MONDAYS	Arts & Crafts – 4.30pm finish The Crafty Kids Club	For children in Years 3 - 6 See separate email
	Tech Club – 4.30pm finish UTeach Mi	For children in Years 1 – 6 See separate email
TUESDAYS	Young Engineers – 4.45pm finish Reading Young Engineers	For children in Years 3 – 6 See separate email
	Reception & Y1 Football – 4.20pm finish Procision Sports Academy	For children in Years R & 1 See separate email
	Y3/4 Street Dance – 4.20pm finish FULL Mrs Bendell	For children in Years 3 & 4 See separate email
	Gardening – 4.20pm finish Mrs Seymour	For children in Years 3 & 4
	Homework – 4.20pm finish Mrs Burnard	For children in Years 3 - 6
WEDNESDAYS	Y1/2 Street Dance – 8.00 – 8.45am FULL Mrs Bendell	For children in Years 1 & 2 See separate email
	Y5/6 Street Dance – 4.20pm finish FULL Mrs Bendell	For children in Years 5 & 6 See separate email
	Arts & Crafts – 4.30pm finish The Crafty Kids Club	For children in Years 1 & 2 See separate email
	Quiz Club – 4.20pm finish (5 weeks only) Mrs Ayres	For children in Years 4 – 6 See MCAS invite
THURSDAYS	LAMDA – 12.25 – 12.55pm Berzerk Productions	For children in Years 3 - 6 See separate email
	Drama Factory – 4.20pm finish Berzerk Productions	For children in Years 3 – 6 See separate email
	Y2-4 Football – 4.20pm finish Procision Sports Academy	For children in Years 2 - 4 See separate email
FRIDAYS	Gymnastics – 8.00 – 8.45am DW Gymnastics	For children in Years R & 3 See separate email
	Cricket – 4.20pm finish Miss Hipgrave & Mr Cooling	For children in Years 4 - 6
	Glee – 4.20pm finish Mrs Hoit	For children in Years 3 – 6

School run club activities will start in the week beginning Monday 27th April and end in the week beginning Monday 29th June. Please see separate letters for dates of Drama, LAMDA, Street Dance, Procision Football, Arts & Crafts, Young Engineers, Gymnastics and Tech Club. If a club has to be cancelled at short notice, you will receive a text via your ‘My Child at School’ account informing you of this.

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CHILD'S NAME: _____ **CLASS:** _____

My child would like to participate in the club activities as indicated below, and has my permission to do so. I will undertake to make the necessary arrangements and accept responsibility for my child's collection from school at the end of the club activity.

				Please Tick
<u>Tuesdays:</u>	Gardening	Years 3 & 4	Mrs Seymour	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Homework	Years 3 - 6	Mrs Burnard	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Fridays:</u>	Glee	Years 3 - 6	Mrs Hoit	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cricket	Years 4 – 6	Miss Hipgrave & Mr Cooling	<input type="checkbox"/>

Places at clubs are limited. Please therefore return forms on the date indicated.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON MONDAY 20th APRIL