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"Together we plant the seeds for success"

Summer Term 2026

Parent Bulletin No. 5

Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reward Assembly

There will not be a Reward Assembly next week but as usual, the children in Reception will be receiving their certificates in class. Congratulations to the following children:

Frog Class: Learner – Emerald Osei
 Citizen – Jai Nandra

Newt Class: Learner – Luke Archer & Gwennan Brennan
 Citizen – Grayson Knott

Funding support needed: Order a school meal on census day!

As you are aware, all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to a free school meal. These meals are paid for by the school using monies provided by the government. The amount given to schools depends on the number of meals booked on census days during the year.

Therefore, we would be very grateful if you could order meals for your children in Years Reception, 1 and 2 on **Thursday** next week.

Celebration

As you are already aware, we will be holding an event on Friday 17th July to celebrate Mr Micklewhite's Legacy. The day will be named, 'Choose Kindness, Spread Colour Day' and there will activities in the school day and after school, with more details to follow shortly.

In preparation for the day, we are looking for help from our school community with our potential ideas. For example, balloon arches, bunting and banners or anything else to help decorate the school in a colourful way.

If you are able to help in any way, please email either Mrs Jewell or Miss Leverett via the office email office@birchcopse.co.uk.

Thank you so much in advance.



Counting Day: Summer Term 1st Half

The School Council have helped to count all the House Points awarded to the children over the past half term. All the teams have done really well and the number of House Points given out to each house has been excellent!

These are the results of the count:

House	Points awarded
Andrews (Yellow)	1359
Anning (Green)	1474
Scott (Red)	1345
Tull (Blue)	1307

Congratulations to **Green House** who received the most house points this half term. As their reward, all children in **Green House only** will be allowed to wear **non-uniform next Friday 22nd May**.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

I hope you safely received the SEND termly letter earlier this week. If not, you can find this and the previous issues on our school website in the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities section.

<https://www.birchcopse.co.uk/special-educational-needs-disabilities>

- Termly letter Summer 2025 introduces the SEND team and gives guidance on what to do if you are concerned that your child might be showing signs of ADHD or Autism.
- Termly letter Autumn 2025 discusses after-school restraint collapse and the evidence for and against Fidget Tools and our school policy regarding them.
- Termly letter Spring 2026 signposts some local organisations which can offer support and also focuses on executive functioning - the skills we use to manage everyday tasks and challenges.
- Termly letter Summer 2026 looks at transitions - both large and small and gives some ideas to make these less stressful.

Each termly letter also includes upcoming events for families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Also on our school website, is a video I have created about neurodivergence which discusses signs of possible ADHD or Autism, where to find further information, the assessment referral options and signposts other sources of support. Please find the video in the Parent Workshops section.

<https://www.birchcopse.co.uk/parent-workshop-videos>

Mrs Burnard, SENCo.

Lost Property

There are already many items in lost property. All lost property will be displayed on tables in the hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week after school. Please come and collect any items which may belong to you. Please ensure your child's belongings are clearly named, as it is such a shame that so many jumpers etc. cannot be returned to their owners.

Reminder: No scooters or bikes to ridden on the school grounds

Please may I remind all parents/carers that scooters and bicycles are not to be used once inside the school gates. All children (including pre-school children) should dismount and walk their bikes/scooters into school, thus avoiding any accidents. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

Half Term

A reminder that we finish for the half term break next Friday 22nd May at 3.20pm.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Massey