



BIRCHINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 2: 3rd November - 19th December 2025

School Values:
Peace, Hope, Love, Forgiveness & Respect



**Learning and growing;
Safe in God's Love**

A MESSAGE FROM MRS WILSON

As we approach the end of term and think about what we are thankful for, we've also been reflecting on how wonderful our school community is. There have been so many heart-warming displays of kindness, love, friendship and hope displayed across the school and within our community. It has been amazing to receive letters from our older children offering their services in the morning and at lunchtime to hear our younger children read and share stories or to make up games to play with them outside. We have received so many donations of money and gifts from members of the school and Birchington village community who wanted to help our families. The services held at All Saints Church this week were a fantastic culmination of lots of hard work and effort by so many children and adults in our school who wanted to share their Christmas spirit and be part of our festivities. The YR and Y2 Nativity is always something special and it certainly didn't disappoint us this year. We definitely have some budding actors here at Birchington! As we look ahead to the new year with the excitement of the new building, we say a sad goodbye to the Quex and Crispe Buildings which have seen thousands of children educated under their roofs over the years. We have been busy taking lots of photographs of the buildings for future generations of Birchington CE Primary School to look back at. We are filled with hope and positivity for the next chapter in the life of the school.



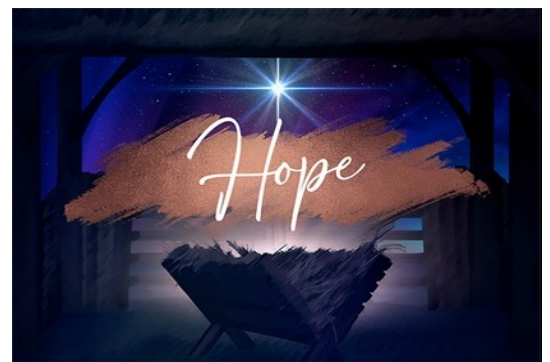
Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2026!

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Heavenly Father,
Bless this Christmas
season and have our
hearts draw closer
to your son, Jesus.
Amen



**Our School Value word this
week is:
'HOPE'**



NEED HELP OR ADVICE?

If you are struggling financially or would like any support or advice, please contact Sarah Cooper our Parent Support Advisor on 07890 161150. You can also contact her via e-mail: flo@birchington.kent.sch.uk





“Emmanuel, which means ‘God with us.’”

(From Matthew 1:23)

As we enter into the Christmas and New Year period we often reflect about its meaning as we come together to celebrate the event that changed the world when Jesus was born over 2,000 years ago.

Years pass us by, and we often experience difficulties for so many different reasons as well as joys and happiness. And when we reflect on what is going on in the world in conflict and where there is so much inequality we may feel very sad. But we can hold onto the Christmas season because during this majestic celebration we can still find hope in times of challenge and darkness but also be thankful and joyous as love came amongst us in Jesus. We can hold onto Jesus Christ as he is always present. Emmanuel – God with us. Jesus is with us by his Spirit, and we meet him in relationship. He is with us in our conversations and friendships during the festivities and beyond.

Jesus is our light in darkness. 2025 may not have been easy for many; plans may have been unfulfilled and not delivered, and we may have had our own challenges that we have had to face. But we may have had many joys this year too. During this festive period, we may find time to rest and bathe in the light of Christ as we make our preparations to celebrate Christmas and continue to look with hope as we approach 2026.

I invite you to remember God in Christ this Christmas and to give thanks and to radiate his love and friendship to others. We are all ‘living candles’ made in God’s image shining his light not only within our school community but beyond.

As Governors we have been very keen to attend some of the school Christmas events – both in All Saints Church and in the school. Well done to everyone who has played a part in these events!

You may be interested in a few events that are coming up in **All Saints Church, The Square, Birchington** over the Christmas Holidays and you are *very* welcome to join us. Please do come along.

Saturday 20th December at 6.00pm – **Carols by Candlelight.**

Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve at 4.00pm – **Christingle and Family Carols.** Come and join the fun and celebrations!

Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve at 11.30pm - **Midnight Mass.**

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day at 10.30am - **Christmas Family Holy Communion.**

With blessings for Christmas and a happy, peaceful and healthy 2026!

Revd Mark and the Governors

I cannot believe that we are approaching Christmas so quickly and I am sure that you have a, if not some, very excited young people in your homes. As I write this, there are still two full weeks of school to go – and that equates to a lot of learning opportunities.

After a really successful year last year with SIAMS and OFSTED inspections successfully completed and welcoming our new Headteacher after an operation, we are now rebuilding – and yes, literally from next term. We will see buildings demolished and a brand new two storey block being built.

We have lost some Governors but have already found two this term who will introduce themselves in the first newsletter after Christmas. We wish to thank our outgoing Governors for all they have done for the School.

The Governing Body have been busy in the School visiting the Hubs and subject areas which they are part of and reporting back to the Full Governing Body so that we are all aware of what is happening across the school

We are looking forward to attending many of the school events this Christmas – many of which will be held in All Saints Church.

On behalf of all the Governors we wish you all a very Happy and Joyful Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy 2026.

Lorraine Bant – Chair of Governors





New Parent Governor Message

Hello, my name is Harvey Ovenden and I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Parent Governor at Birchington CE Primary School. My daughter Penny is in Year 1, so began her Birchington Primary journey at the same time as Mrs Wilson started her headship of the school. In my professional role, I am a Vice Principal at a Canterbury Secondary School, and previously had spent over a decade working in the secondary schools of Thanet. The subject that I trained in was Music, which remains my major passion, alongside the rest of the arts, and spending time with my family. I look forward to the opportunity to support the fantastic work of Mrs Wilson and her team through representing the voice of families on the governing body.





We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are thrilled to have been recognised for our success.

Our pupils have been competing in local sporting festivals, tournaments and competitions. Our sporting events this year include football, rugby, dance, table tennis, netball, athletics, cricket and swimming. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport.



What a busy term.....



Our temporary buildings have been put in place



Netball at St Georges



5U filling their bucket with pompoms given for acts of kindness



Year 6 visited Quex Park



Odd sock day for anti-bullying



School representatives at the Remembrance Parade



Basketball at the Ursuline College



Remembrance Service at All Saints Church



Christmas Cards made for our French friends



**Santa and his elves arrived with some other friends.....
TWO OF HIS REINDEER - DASHER AND DONNER !**



School begins at 8.50am. Don't be late through the gate!

Birchington CE Primary

Attendance Matters!

Current School Attendance
95.7%

100% Attendance	0 days of absence	Excellent	Gives your child the best chance of success and gets them off to a flying start
95% Attendance	9 days of absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory	
90% Attendance	19 days of absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	Poor	Less chance of success and makes it harder to progress
85% Attendance	27 days of absence 5 weeks and 2 days of learning missed - almost half a term	Very poor	Serious implications on learning and progress
80% Attendance	36 days of absence 7 weeks and 1 day of learning missed - half a term	Unacceptable	
75% Attendance	45 days of absence 9 weeks of learning missed - almost 1 term missed	Unacceptable	

What should I do if my child is anxious or worried about going to school?

At Birchington CE Primary we believe that every school day counts. Your child has a right to an education and to be safe and happy at school. Sometimes children worry about friendships or their learning. Some parents let their child stay off school because of this. This will not help find a solution.

How can we help?

We have a huge number of ways that we can help your child and you to ensure they feel safe and settled in school. Please talk to your class teacher as a first step and then the Phase Leader. Our Attendance Officer, Mrs Searle, is here to help you. You can contact her on 01843 841046 or email her: angela.searle@birchington.kent.sch.uk You can also contact our Parent Support Advisor, Sarah Cooper in our dedicated Oasis. She can offer advice, support and also referrals to outside agencies for support if required.

We are proud to announce that Evie in class 4A performed with Better Day Productions in the Christmas show 'Nativity' the Musical (based on the Nativity film) at the Kings Hall Theatre in Herne Bay on Friday 28th and Sunday 30th November. She rehearsed with real enthusiasm in the run up to the show with her team which really paid off as she, and the whole cast, performed brilliantly.



A huge well done to you Evie...we all think you're amazing !

PTA

WINTER PTA-NEWSLETTER



Reminders

The PTA have been planning some fantastic fundraisers. Check out our upcoming events.

Please provide any ideas on what you would like to see money raised spent on.

If you have any spare time and would like to help the PTA please get in touch.
PTA@birchington.kent.sch.uk

Successes

Parents Evening

Donations received £18.27

Birchington Lights

We took £80.75

Christmas Bauble

Lots were hung on the tree & there were 2 winners

Christmas Fayre

Amazing!! - figure out shortly

MEETINGS

PTA MEETING

JANUARY

After school

Date to be confirmed

COME JOIN US!

Be sure to follow our school PTA website page for the latest updates. We would also love to see you at our next meeting-join us to find out how you can get involved, your support is vital to our and the school success!

UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

Feb tbc - Pirate Party Year R & 1

Feb tbc - Disco Years 2,3,4,5,6

Apr tbc - Art Exhibition

Apr tbc - Easter Fundraising

May tbc - Colour Run

June tbc - Summer Fayre

July tbc - Inflatible day

*Happy
Christmas
& New Year*

Kent
Family
Hub

Thanet

Winter Timetable

15th - 31st December 2025

Our Activities

Santa's Secret Mission
(for under 5's)

HAF Quex Ice Skating & Light Trail
HAF Cinema

Contact Us

ThanetFH@kent.gov.uk
03000 411041

Find us on Facebook
or Instagram at
Thanet Family Hubs



Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

To book your space on any of these sessions, please visit our website

www.kent.gov.uk/kentfamilyhub (please include you HAF code when booking HAF events)



15th December Santa's Secret Mission

Join us for festive play for under 5's with a special performance from Santa. Due to space we can only have 2 adults per family.

10am - 11.30am

Northdown Rd Family Hub,
Margate, CT9 1RP

Requires
Booking

17th December Santa's Secret Mission

Join us for festive play for under 5's with a special performance from Santa. Due to space we can only have 2 adults per family.

1pm - 2.30pm

Priory Family Hub,
Ramsgate,
CT11 9SQ

Requires
Booking

All HAF events are for children from 5 - 16 years old, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals.

Children must have a responsible adult with them.

Food will be provided for the children.

22nd December HAF Ice Skating

Join us for an evening of ice skating followed by a festive light trail

Coach provided - spaces are limited and will be provided on a first come first serve basis. Timings and pick up points will be emailed separately.

Ice Skating 5.00pm
Light Trail 6.30pm

Quex Park, CT7 0BH

Requires
Booking

29th December HAF Cinema

Join us for some fun at the Cinema to see the latest SpongeBob SquarePants movie.

Film starts at 1pm

The Carlton Cinema,
CT8 8RE

Requires
Booking

30th December

HAF Ice Skating

Join us for a morning of ice skating

Coach provided - spaces are limited and will be provided on a first come first serve basis. Timings and pick up points will be emailed separately.

12pm - 1pm

Quex Park, CT7 0BH

Requires
Booking

31st December

HAF Cinema

Join us for some fun at the Cinema to see the latest SpongeBob Square Pants movie.

Film starts at 10am

The Carlton Cinema,
CT8 8RE

Requires
Booking

Please note:
Maximum of 2 adults per booking.
Families can book a Quex event AND a cinema event if they wish or just a single event.



Children under 5 travelling on the coach are required to bring their own car seat

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Headteacher's Pupil of the Week

07/11/2025

Rohan (Cha), Uzair (Exp), Bailey (1BC), Class 1J, Brody F (2D), Dominion (2H), Izzy (3C), Freddie (3P), Jack (4A), Mia (4H), Lily (5E), Jamie (5U), Lana (6A), Michael (6K), Sophia (6W)

14/11/2025

Huda (Cha), Darcy (Exp), Dolly (1BC), Arthur (1J), Brooklyn (2D), Alex (2H), Ayden (3C), Monica (3P), Jonah (4A), Mercedes (4H), Emily (5E), Maybel (5U), Marcellous (6A), Evie (6K), Winnie (6W)

21/11/2025

Elliya (Cha), Rory (Exp), Samay (1BC), Oliver (1J), Zubair (2D), Nyx (2H), Freddie (3C), Chase (3P), Reggie (4A), Havin (4H), Leila (5E), Isabella L (5U), Millie (6A), Maeve (6K),

28/11/2025

River (Cha), Romeo (Exp), Evie (1BC), Evelyn (1J), Lottie (2D), Dylan (2H), Aoife (3C), Tommy (3P), Oscar P (4A), Darwin (4H), Sienna H (5E), Frank (5U), Felix (6A), Leo P (6K), Ellie-May (6W)

05/12/2025

Freddie (Cha), Callie (Exp), Ivy Mai (1BC), Rosie (1J), Freddy (2D), Jude (2H), Imogen (3C), George (3P), Ruby (4A), Phoebe (4H), Harrison (5E), Stephen (5U), Harvey (6A), Poppy s (6K), Georgie (6W)

12/12/2025

Clara (Cha), Lulah-Rose (Exp), Stefka (1BC), Thomas (1J), Millie (2D), Isla (2H), Zara (3C), Fleur (3P), Louie (4A), Thomas (4H), Pepper (5E), Samuel (5U), Riley (6A), Kerry (6K), Chloe (6W)

19/12/2025

Mason (Cha), Gracie (Exp), All of 1BC, Rosie (1J), Amy (2D), Myla D (2H), Isaac (3C), Evie (3P), Teddie (4A), Jack (4H), Luke (5E), Louise (5U), Lily (6A), Poppy F (6K), Alfie (6W)

CONGRATULATIONS !





LEARNER OF THE WEEK



THIS AWARD IS GIVEN TO A MEMBER OF THE CLASS WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING LEARNING BEHAVIOURS THIS WEEK. THEY HAVE SHOWN A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, RESILIENCE, A GROWTH MINDSET AND A DETERMINATION TO DO THEIR BEST.

07/11/2025

Maisie (Cha), Tommy M (Exp), Sid (1BC), Oliver (1J), Eddie (2D), Isla (2H), Albie (3C), Shay (3P), Evie (4A), Max (4H), Jenson (5E), Mason (5U), Amelia-Jane (6A), Poppy D (6K), Joshua (6W)

14/11/2025

Josiah (Cha), Finley G (Exp), Eli (1BC), Dasiy-Mai (1J), Ruby (2H), Emily (3C), Tommy (3P), Darcie (4A), Beatrice (4H), Sidney (5E), Lily-Rose (5U), Lenny (6A), Kerry (6K), Matthew (6W)

21/11/2025

Jaxxon (Cha), Lulah-Rose (Exp), Poppy S (1BC), Poppy (1J), Ronnie G (2D), Tommy (2H), Jax (3C), Connie (3P), Everly (4A), Amber (4H), Noah (5E), Sonnie (5U), Elsie (6A), Lillie (6K),

28/11/2025

Bobbie (Cha), Ruben (Exp), Rex (1BC), Alfie A (1J), Gabriella (2D), Armarnie (2H), Freddie (3C), Charlotte M (3P), Sam (4A), Lilly (4H), Isaac (5E), Saoirse (5U), Grace (6A), Evie (6K), Lacey (6W)

05/12/2025

Effie (Cha), Bella (Exp), Henry (1BC), Jacob (1J), Emmy (2D), Teejay (2H), Jenson (3C), Bertie (3P), Reggie (4A), Isabelle (4H), Sonny (5E), Frank (5U), Dylan (6A), Amelia (6K), Pippa (6W)

12/12/2025

Jacob (Cha), Ellie (Cha), Elsie (1BC), Neveah (1J), Millie (2D), Paolo (2H), Georgia (3C), Marley (3P), Ethan (4A), Louis (4H), Grace H (5E), Dolly (5U), Layla (6A), Lewis (6K), Mrs Winn (6W)

19/12/2025

Lorenzo (Cha), Frankie (Exp), Dennis (1BC), Sophie (1J), Class 2D, Class 2H, Poppy (3C), Sidney (3P), William (4A), Lilah (4H), Evie (5E), Teddy (5U), Calvin (6A), Poppy S (6K), Chloe (6W)

CONGRATULATIONS



Let your
light
Shine





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VALUE OF THE WEEK

07/11/2025 - FORGIVENESS

Holly (Cha), Gracie (Exp), Emilie (1BC), Dasiy-Mai (1J), Oliver (2D), Bonnie (2H), Daisy (3C), Oyla (3P), Florence (4A), Baran (4H), Florence (5E), Sonnie (5U), Finley (6A), Ruby (6K), Katherine (6W)

14/11/2025 - HOPE

Albie (Cha), Austin (Exp), Stefka (1BC), Morgan (1J), Lexi (2D), Myla C (2H), Ned (3C), Mia (3P), Evie (4A), Olivia ((4H), Evie (5E), Henry (5U), Calvin (6A), Seth (6K), Aston (6W)

21/11/2025 - PEACE

Ivy (Cha), Oscar (Exp), Isla (1BC), Nevaeh (1J), Daisy (2D), Sebastian (2H), Asher (3C), Nellie (3P), Alba (4A), Everley (4H), Bailey (5E), Stephen (5U), Alba (6A), Poppy D (6K),

28/11/2025 - LOVE

Henry (Cha), Gary (Exp), Theo (1BC), Stanley (1J), Isabella (2D), Haydn (2H), Ronnie (3C), Piter (3P), William (4A), Elliot (4H), Jenson (5E), Samuel G (5U), Riley (6A), Amelia (6K), Fathima (6W)

05/12/2025 - RESPECT

Bonnie (Cha), Tommie (Exp), Sienna (1BC), Alfie L (1J), Harper (2D), Finlay (2H), Emily (3C), Pippa (3P), Jonah (4A), Jaxson (4H), River (5E), Bella (5U), Louie (6A), Emma (6K), Jasmine (6W)

12/12/2025 - FORGIVENESS

Willow (Cha), Scarlett (Exp), Poppy O (1BC), Matthew (1J), Edward (2D), Ruby (2H), Olivia (3C), Pacey (3P), Sam (4A), Aurora (4H), Grace D (5E), Saoirse (5U), Eden (6A), Ellis (6K), Reggie (6W)

19/12/2025 - HOPE

Zoe (Cha), Connie (Exp), Jack (1BC), Tejendra (1J), Isabella-Rose (2D), Dominion (2H), Noah (3C), Harper (3P), Emilia (4A), Mia (4H), Cody (5E), Hattie B (5U), Abi (6A), Ali (6K), Joshua (6W)

READING CHAMPIONS

Each week, a Reading Champion will be announced for each Phase. The Reading Champions are nominated by a member of staff for their hard work, passion of and improvement in Reading. As a reward, the winners are allowed to take home one of the school's three Reading Racoons for the weekend !

07/11/2025

Lower Phase : Ada (1BC), Middle Phase : Dylan (2H) and Upper Phase : Mason (5U)

14/11/2025

Lower Phase : Sophie (1J), Middle Phase : Freddie (3P), and Upper Phase : Thomas (4H)

21/11/2025

Lower Phase : Jesse (Cha), Middle Phase : Brody F (2D) and Upper Phase : Lily (5E)

28/11/2025

Lower Phase : River (Cha), Middle Phase : Sophia (2H) and Upper Phase : Teddy (5U)

05/12/2025

Lower Phase : Loula-Belle (Cha), Middle Phase : Emily (3P) and Upper Phase : Lily-Mae (6W)

12/12/2025

Lower Phase : Elsie (1BC), Middle Phase : Ayden (3C) and Upper Phase : Archie (5U)





Times Tables Rock Stars

Each week, Key Stage 2 have a battle on Times Tables Rock Stars which runs from Tuesday to Wednesday. The children with the most points are our champions ! The results are as follows for class champion and runner up:-

14/11/2025 - Rishiva & Fleur (3C), Elizabeth & Sachin (3P), Reggie & Archie (4A), Jack & Louie (4H), Cody & Harrison (5E), Willow & Dolly (5U), Amelia-Jane & Felix (6A), Poppy & Amelia (6K), Isla & Alfie (6W)

21/11/2025 - Rishiva & Posy (3C), Elizabeth & Rosie (3P), Reggie & Samuel (4A), Jack & Louie (4H), Lily & Pepper (5E), Willow & Aliyah (5U), Eden & Alba (6A), Leo B-D & Maeve (6K), Alfie & Lily-Mae (6W)

28/11/2025 - Ned & Albie (3C), Elizabeth & Evie (3P), Reggie & Oscar (4A), Jack & Louie (4H), Grace & Lily (5E), Willow & Brook (5U), Grace & Calvin (6A), Miran & Leo (6K), Katie & Alfie (6W)

05/12/2025 - Imogen & Albie (3C), Evie & Elizabeth (3P), Reggie & Zachary (4A), Jack & Ivy (4H), Grace & Harrison (5E), Willow & Mia (5U), Alba & Grace (6A), Miran & Diana (6K), Alfie & Pippa (6W)

12/12/2025 - Fleur & Ned (3C), Elizabeth & Marley (3P), Reggie & Emilia (4A), Jack & Louie (4H), Isaac & Phoebe J (5E), Willow & Leo (5U), Calvin & Jude (6A), Ali & Poppy D (6K), Alfie & Noah (6W)

19/12/2025 - Rishi & Tanisha (3C), Elizabeth & Rosie (3P), Reggie & Archie (4A), Jack & Everley (4H), Noah & Leo (5E), Willow P & Aurelia (5U), Alba & Jude (6A), Leo P & Leo B-D (6K), Noah & Isla (6W)

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL !





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ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

Term 3 - Monday 5th January to Friday 13th February

Monday 5th January 2026 - First day of Term 3

Friday 6th February - Maths/National Numbers Day

Monday 9th—Friday 13th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February - Last day of Term 3

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February - Holiday

Term 4 - Monday 23rd February to Thursday 2nd April

Tuesday 3rd March - Formal Parents Evening (3:40pm to 7:30pm)

Wednesday 4th March - Formal Parents Evening (3:40pm to 5:30pm)

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Tuesday 31st March - Rock Steady Easter Concert (10:00am)

Thursday 2nd April - Year 5 Easter Service at Church (2:00pm)

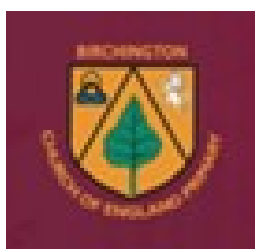
Term 5 - Monday 20th April to Friday 22nd May

Thursday 23rd April - St George's Day at Church

Monday 4th May - May Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May - Year 6 SATs

Thursday 21st May - Pentecost at Church





ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

Term 6 - Monday 1st June to Tuesday 21st July

Monday 1st June - Friday 12th June - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th June - School Photos

Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening

Friday 12th June - Geography Day

Tuesday 16th June - EYFS & Year 1 Sports Day (am)

Wednesday 17th June - Years 4 to 6 Sports Day (am) &
World Music Day

Thursday 18th June - Years 2 & 3 Sports Day (am)

Monday 22nd June - Friday 3rd July - Year 6 Challenge & Celebration Weeks

Tuesday 23rd June - New Entrants Meeting

Friday 26th June - Teddy Bears Picnic

Monday 29th June - Art Day

Tuesday 30th June - Rock Steady Summer Music Concert

Thursday 2nd July - Transition Day &

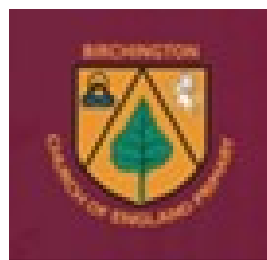
Rising 5's (New Year R children) - 9:30am & 1:30pm

Tuesday 7th July - Summer Music Concert

Thursday 9th July - Rising 5's 9:30am & 1:30pm

Tuesday 21st July - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Church 11:00am

Tuesday 21st July—Last day of Term 6 & Academic Year



Merry Christ-
mas
and a very
Happy New
Year from

