



BIRCHINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 5: 20th April - 22nd May 2026



School Values:

Peace, Hope, Love, Forgiveness & Respect



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

MESSAGE FROM MRS WILSON

This may be our shortest term of the year, but it's definitely been one of the busiest. We have crammed so many wonderful opportunities into such a short space of time. We have had success at sporting events, accomplished goals and ambitions in the classroom-enabling us to achieve more than some of us ever thought possible-and have been part of community events where memories made will stay with us forever. Last week saw the first in a number of milestones completed for our amazing Year 6 children – their SATs tests. I know that the whole staff team will join me in telling you how proud we were of them all. They headed into a tough week with positivity, determination and courage. They may have found some of the questions tricky, but they didn't let that stop them from giving it their all. They can now think ahead to making some very special memories in the last term of the final primary school year which we are so excited to share with them.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful half term break.

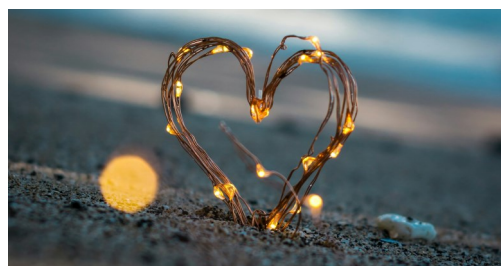


A Child's Prayer

Thank you God for all that grows,
Thank you for the sky's rainbows,
Thank you for the stars that shine,
Thank you for these friends of mine,
Thank you for the moon and sun,
Thank you God for all you've done.

Amen

**Our School Value Word
of the Week is: 'LOVE'**



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





From The Governors

Over the course of the year, the structure of the Governing Body has changed and started to work in a new, smarter way. Our long standing Clerk, Felicity Stafford, retired but we were delighted to welcome Lin Walkerdine as our new Governance Professional. Harvey Ovenden has also joined us as a Co-Opted Governor and we look forward to drawing upon his wealth of educational experience.

To bolster the Governing Body even further, we are keen to appoint a new Parent/Carer Governor (the advert for which has been circulated by Mrs Wilson) and two further Co-Opted and one Local Authority Governor. If you know anyone (who is not a relation to a pupil at the school) but who would like to become a Governor, please contact me on loraine.bant@birchington.kent.sch.uk for some more information. You do not need to have experience of being a Governor – you'll need enthusiasm, a desire to support the school in becoming as good as it can possibly be and a few spare hours a term. A smaller, strategic group of Governors meet focussing on the finance, personnel and premises areas of the school (FPP) and then as a Full Governing Body – both once a term.

I look forward to hearing from you in the hope that you will be interested in finding out more about these really rewarding roles.

Lorraine Bant – Chair of Governors.



UNIFORM DONATIONS

We currently **not** taking anymore uniform donations with the exception of jumpers, cardigans and fleeces, especially larger sizes.

Thank you for all of your kind donations in the past.



SCHOOL TEXTS AND EMAILS

We send out a lot of information via texts and emails to keep you updated. Please do take the time to read the information that we send out and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

If you change your phone number, email address or home address, please inform us straight away via:

business.manager@birchington.kent.s



Thank you.

MORGAN SINDALL

A MESSAGE FROM MORGAN SINDALL BUILDING CONTRACTORS

We are pleased to share continued progress on the structural demolition works across the school site. To date, Block E of the Quex building (that runs parallel with Noah's Ark nursery) has been fully demolished, along with part of Block D where offices and the school's computer room were located. Our demolition contractors are currently focusing on the Crispe Building; as shown in the photos, the bricks and existing hardcore will be crushed on site and reused to build up our piling mat for the new building footprint. Following this, works will move on to Block B, which previously housed the hall and kitchen areas. Once this phase is complete, we will return to finish the remaining sections of Block D. In addition to the demolition works, we have also preserved several of the school's original mosaic artwork from the old building and installed it along the site hoarding. The hoarding domes are now back in operation so make sure to give us a wave!

Kind regards,

Matt Lilley

Apprentice Site Manager



Birchington CE Primary School

School uniform checklist



Black school shoes



Grey trousers



Grey pinafore dress



Grey skirt, black tights or white socks



Gold polo shirt



Red and white or yellow and white checked summer dress



Button up cardigan with school logo



Jumper with school logo



Black PE shorts



Black joggers for PE in the winter



Black PE plimsolls



Plain House coloured PE t-shirt

As we move towards the end of term and the weather gets a bit warmer, here is a reminder about school uniform. Please remember on PE days, that children should come to school wearing their **PE kit** with their **school jumper or a plain black hoodie**. Football kits, football shoes/boots and other coloured hoodies are **not** to be worn. Please remember that shorts should be no shorter than mid-thigh length. No jewellery (with the exception of religious pieces) should be worn on any day. Earrings should not be hooped, rather a small pair of studs.

CURRENT YEAR 4 CHILDREN

We will be offering Bikeability Cycle training to our current Year 4 children when they are in Year 5. The training will take place here in school during Term 4 (Dates TBC). We can only offer 32 spaces, so it will be on a strictly **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED** basis. More information will be sent out at the start of the next academic year 2026/2027.



School begins at 8.50am. Don't be late through the gate! We will ask the reason for lateness at the school office — even if it is 1 minute.

Attendance MATTERS

Current School Attendance: **95.6%**
Persistent Absence: 10.7%

Term 5 CHALLENGE

A very big **WELL DONE** to everyone that has managed to be in school and on time every day in this short term. This is a fantastic achievement and really helps our children to reach their full potential!

Term 6
We have some very exciting things happening next term and whilst we understand that everyone is tired and wanting a holiday, (including our staff!), it really is important that children are still in school.



All of the children that achieved 100% attendance and no late marks this term will receive their treat next term!

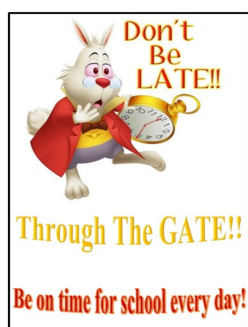


POLITE REMINDER OF SCHOOL TIMINGS

- 8:30am - School open to children
- 8:50am - Start of the school - ALL children MUST be in school by this time - lessons begin straight away
- 3:20pm - Home time for ALL children

Please be aware of parking carefully as this change in timings may well cause more congestion.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



SPONSOR BACKFLIPS

Maya in 5U along with another member of her gymnastics club are attempting to do 200 backflips to raise funds for Thanet Gymnastics Club. If you wish to sponsor the girls, the form is in the school office.



PTA

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 27th June
11am to 3pm

BIRCHINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- raffles •
- games •
- BBQ food •
- Candy Floss •
- Bouncy Castle •
- Face Painting •
- Glitter Tattoos •
- ice cream •
- and more •

For more information: pta@birchington.kent.sch.uk

GLURBS LANGUAGE QUEST

You can help
Birchington CE Primary School
 win **£5000!**

What is the **GLURBS** Language Quest?

The Glurbs Language Quest is a fun competition for Language Angels schools. Your children can help us earn points by completing planets of language-learning activities in the Glurbs app.

How does my child take part?

1. Scan the QR code or tap the link to download the Glurbs app.
2. Open the app and tap Sign Up to create your user account:
3. - Choose a username and password.
 - Select the language your child would like to study.
 - Choose a username and password.
4. Login and tap the Language Quest button in the top-left corner and enter our school code: **8XGK7PS**



**DOWNLOAD
 HERE AND USE
 UNIQUE CODE
 8XGK7PS**



Is it free?

Yes!

- ★ Every child can complete 2 planets completely free
- ★ These free planets still contribute points to our school's score in the competition
- ★ There is no obligation to pay or subscribe

What about paid content?

- ★ Additional planets are available if you choose to subscribe
- ★ Completing extra planets means we score more points
- ★ Subscribing is entirely optional

When does the competition run?

- ★ 18 May 2026 (9am BST) - 12 July 2026 (7pm BST)
- ★ You can join at any time during this period

What can schools win?

- ★ We will be competing with other schools of a similar size in order to win **£5000**
- ★ Depending on our final position, there are also other exciting prizes up for grabs

Is my child's data safe?

- ★ Yes! Data is handled in line with UK data protection laws
- ★ Individual pupils will not be named publicly

What is the app like?

- ★ Designed for primary-aged children
- ★ Covers French, Spanish and Italian
- ★ Fun, game-based learning through interactive "planets". Each planet covers a different topic

Key things to remember:

- ✓ Free to enter
- ✓ Your child will have fun and will be learning a foreign language
- ✓ No obligation to subscribe
- ✓ Safe and age-appropriate
- ✓ Helps your child's school potentially win funding



**DOWNLOAD
 HERE AND USE
 UNIQUE CODE
 8XGK7PS**

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HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

Healthy today,
brighter tomorrow!

Fuel their bodies. Feed their minds.

A healthy lunch gives children the energy to learn, play and grow. With the right foods in their lunch box, they can stay focused, feel great and make the most of their day!



WHY IT MATTERS



Better Concentration

Good nutrition helps children focus and do their best.



Stronger Immunity

Healthy foods help build a strong body and fight illness.



More Energy

Balanced meals keep energy levels steady all day long.



Healthy Habits

Good choices now lead to a healthier future.

BUILD A BALANCED LUNCH BOX

VEGGIES

Add color and crunch!



Examples:
Carrots, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, bell peppers

FRUITS

Nature's sweet treat!



Examples:
Apple slices, grapes, berries, banana

WHOLE GRAINS

Fuel for mind & body!



Examples:
Whole grain bread, brown rice, oats

PROTEIN

Helps build strong muscles!



Examples:
Eggs, chicken, beans, cheese, yogurt

DAIRY

Strong bones, bright future!



Examples:
Milk, yogurt, cheese

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- ✓ Include a variety of foods from different food groups.
- ✓ Choose whole foods over processed snacks.
- ✓ Use small portions and kid-friendly options.
- ✓ Involve children in choosing and preparing their lunch.
- ✓ Pack with love and a positive note!

QUICK & HEALTHY LUNCH BOX IDEAS

SANDWICH COMBO



Whole grain sandwich with lean protein, veggies, fruit and yogurt

WRAP COMBO



Turkey or hummus wrap with veggies, fruit and a cheese stick

BENTO COMBO



Brown rice, grilled chicken, veggies, fruit and a side of yogurt

SNACK BOX COMBO



Cheese, whole grain crackers, veggies and fresh fruit



A HEALTHY LUNCH BOX TODAY BUILDS A STRONGER, HAPPIER TOMORROW.



Small changes. Big impact. LET'S PACK A BETTER FUTURE!



SWEET FRIDAY

22nd May

**Visit our sweet stall after school
outside the Rossetti Hall**

All cones (including vegan) £1 each

email PTA@birchington.kent.sch.uk

BIRCHINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher's Pupil of the Week

24/04/2026

Eve (Cha), Tommie R (Exp), Jack (1BC), Ameerah (1J), Brody F (2D), Alex (2H), Noah (3C),
Olivia (3P), Zachary (4A), Lilah (4H), Zara (5E), Willow (5U), Florence (6A), Anaya (6K),
Reggie (6W)

01/05/2026

Jesse (Cha), Daisy (Exp), Elsie (1BC), Morgan (1J), Harper (2D), Shay (2H), Eden (3C),
Pippa (3P), Alba (4A), Oliver (4H), Florence (5E), Maya (5U), Lenny (6A), Scarlett (6K),
Alyssa (6W)

08/05/2026

Harry M (Cha), Finley (Exp), Theo (1BC), Jasper (1J), Lottie R (2D), Emily (2H), Evelyn (3C),
Piter (3P), Sam (4A), Jakob (4H), Kathryn (5E), Stephen (5U), Eden (6A), Harriet (6K),
Sophia (6W)

15/05/2026

Ivy (Cha), Gracie (Exp), Dolly (1BC), Maddox (1J), Betsy (2D), Bayleigh (2H), Lexi (3C),
George (3P), Oscar P (4A), Jaxson (4H), Sienna F (5E), Lucy (5U), Class 6A, Class 6K,
Class 6W

22/05/2026

Jaxxon (Cha), Oscar (Exp), Class 1BC, Class 1J, Isabella (2D), Bayleigh (2H), Noah (3C),
Regan (3P), Teondre (4A), Beatrice (4H), Luke (5E), Darcie (5U), Harvey (6A), Poppy S (6K),
Reggie (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.

24/04/2026

Mason (Cha), Callie (Exp), Stefka (1BC), Stanley (1J), Oliver (2D), Myla D (2H), Izzy (3C), Kaleb (3C), Archie (4A), Baran (4H), Kathryn (5E), Jamie (5U), Lucy (6A), Hollie (6K), Chloe (6W)

01/05/2026

Eshan (Cha), Darcy (Exp), Finn (1BC), Georgia (1J), Emmy (2D), Bonnie (2H), Megan (3C), Pacey (3P), Jonah (4A), Olivia (4H), Sienna H (5E), Sam (5U), Finley (6A), Seth (6K), Matilda (6W)

08/05/2026

Ismail (Cha), Uzair (Exp), Evie (1BC), Poppy (1J), Brooklyn (2D), Isla (2H), Tanisha (3C), Ava (3P), Sydney (4A), James (4H), Isaac (5E), Class (5U), Jude (6A), Michael (6K), Lacey (6W)

15/05/2026

Henry (Cha), Gary (Exp), Reg (1BC), Matthew (1J), Torin (2D), Nyx (2H), Isaac (3C), Freddie (3P), Daisy (4A), Darwin (4H), Leila (5E), Darcie (5U), Abigail (6A), Emma (6K), Alfie (6W)

22/05/2026

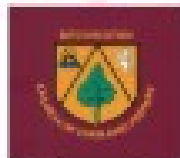
Willow (Cha), Romeo (Exp), Betsy (1BC), Rosie (1J), Lottie R (2D), Kaiden (2H), Fleur (3C), Iyla (3P), Ruby (4A), Jakob (4H), Oliver (5E), Henry (5U), Jude (6A), Oscar (6K), Noah (6W)

CONGRATULATIONS



Let your
light
shine





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VALUE OF THE WEEK

24/04/2026 - RESPECT

Elliya (Cha), Indiana (Exp), Louisa (1BC), Penny (1J), Brooklyn (2D), Ivy (2H), Georgia (3C), Emily (3P), Charlie (4A), Lily (4H), Sidney (5E), Archie (5U), Eden (6A), Oscar (6K), Fathima (6W)

01/05/2026 - FORGIVENESS

Rohan (Cha), Finley G (Exp), Ada (1BC), Arthur (1J), Eddie (2D), Bayleigh (2H), Isaac (3C), Connie (3P), Dylan (4A), Mercedes (4H), Lily (5E), Leo (5U), Lily (6A), Leo P (6K), Reggie (6W)

08/05/2026 - HOPE

Freddie (Cha), Rose (Exp), Bailey (1BC), Sophie (1J), Torin (2D), Frankie (2H), Imogen (3C), Sidney (3P), Charlie (4A), Harriet (4H), Noah (5E), Louise (5U), Felix (6A), Amelia (6K), Alyssa (6W)

15/05/2026 - PEACE

Lorenzo (Cha), Lulah (Exp), Sienna (1BC), Ameerah (1J), Lottie R (2D), Myla C (2H), Gracie (3C), Giselle (3P), Reggie (4A), Ivy (4H), Phoebe J (5E), Jamie (5U), Oliver (6A), Lillie (6K), Isla (6W)

22/05/2026 - LOVE

Maisie (Cha), Tommy M (Exp), Reg (1BC), Alfie L (1J), Millie (2D), Shay (2H), Zara (3C), Marley (3P), Charlie (4A), Oliver (4H), Isaac (5E), Aliyah (5U), Amelia-Jane (6A), Reuben (6K), Alfie (6W)

WELL DONE !



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 !

24/04/2026

**Lower Phase : Stanley (1J), Middle Phase : Edward (2D) and
Upper Phase : Aurelia (5E)**

01/05/2026

**Lower Phase : Henry (Cha), Middle Phase : Monica (3P) and
Upper Phase : Mason (4H)**

08/05/2026

Lower Phase : ,Middle Phase : and Upper Phase :

15/05/2026

**Lower Phase : Eve (Cha), Middle Phase : Oliver (2D) and
Upper Phase : Baran (4H)**

22/05/2026

The racoons are having a rest and a bath over the half term break.



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:-

24/04/2026

Millie & Eddie (2D), Paolo & Jude (2H), Rishi & Isaac (3C), Pippa & Chase (3P), Reggie (4A), Jack & Mason (4H), Aurelia & Phoebe (5E), Willow & Isabella (5U), Lucy & Dylan (6A), Isla & Fathima (6W)

Weekly winners : 3C

01/05/2026

Millie & Daisy (2D), Jude & Bonnie (2H), Isaac & Rishi (3C), Pippa & Elizabeth (3P), Reggie (4A), Jack & Ivy (4H), Aurelia & Noah (5E), Willow & Casey (5U), Lenny & Grace (6A), Leo P & Leo BD (6K), Noah & Isla (6W)

Weekly winners : 3C

08/05/2026

Millie & Torin (2D), Jude & Dylan (2H), Rishiva & Isaac (3C), Pippa & Elizabeth (3P), Reggie (4A), Jack & Ivy (4H), Noah & Sienna HS (5E), Willow & Casey (5U), Harvey & Dylan (6A), Leo P & Leo BD (6K), Isla & Katie (6W)

Weekly Winners : 3C

15/05/2026

Millie & Gabriella (2D), Jude & Isla (2H), Rishiva & Asher (3C), Pippa & Nelly (3P), Reggie & Oscar (4A), Jack & Zayne (4H), Noah & Bailey (5E), Willow & Casey (5U), Dylan & Millie (6A), Katie & Alfie (6W)

Weekly Winners : 3C

22/05/2026

Mille & Harper (2D), Jude & Harper (2H), Rishiva & Isaac (3C), Pippa & Elizabeth (3P), Reggie & Oscar (4A), Jack & Praise (4H), Bailey & Noah (5E), Casey & Willow (5U), Finley & Harvey (6A), Reginald & Harriet (6K), Alfie & Fathima (6W)

Weekly winners : 4H

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL !



Spring Family Fun Day!

A community event delivered together by local services



Fun!



Games!



Play!



Create!

Venue

Northdown Road Family Hub,
Zion Place, Cliftonville,
Margate CT9 1RP

Date

Friday 29th May,
11am to 3pm

No booking needed—just drop in and join the fun!

Open to families with a child or young person from pregnancy to 19 years and 25 years with a special educational needs or disability.

Sports • Skateboarding • Art & Craft • Under 5's activities
(includes baby area), plus lots more!

Bringing together all your local services to support you!

GET IN TOUCH

thanetfhevents@kent.gov.uk

Kent Family Hub Network





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 Yrs R to 5

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 - Geography Day Year 6

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

Friday 19th June - Years R & 3 'Those Who Love Us' Church Service
10:00am

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 5s 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



AUTISM AWARENESS

Understand and embrace the diverse principles of autism over a 4-week course.

Explore, recognise and celebrate the unique strengths and abilities of autistic individuals in this empowering course.

Where:

Newington Family Hub, Ramsgate, CT12 6HX

Date:.

Thursdays

11th June – 2nd July

Time:.

10am – 12pm

To book a place please contact:

thanetfhevents@kent.gov.uk



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For more information scan the QR code

kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk

FREE, Fun & Informal

MAY HALF TERM SPORTS CAMPS

TOTAL SPORTS COACHING



Ramsgate Holy Trinity
26th to 29th May
9am to 3pm - 5 to 11 years



St George's CofE School
26th & 27th May
9am to 3pm - 5 to 11 years

Our e-mail address is:
info@tscoaching.co.uk

MAY HALF TERM SOCCER SCHOOLS



Ramsgate FC
26th to 29th May
9am to 3pm - 5 to 11 years



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