

Weekly Parents Bulletin



Autumn 1 Week 2 News

Arbor messages going to Junk folder

We are aware that this message and other emails from Arbor are now heading to your junk email folders, since September. Thanks to Mr Marsh, a parent in Year 6, we now know that this is something that Arbor can fix for us (and all of the other schools in the Trust) and you should soon start receiving messages from school to your inbox instead.

We now believe all of the after-school clubs, tuck shop, breakfast club and trip sign up is working as usual. Please let Mrs Sykes know should you have any difficulty accessing the school services on your Arbor app.

Arbor Updates

Speaking of the Arbor app, please take a few moments to review the contact details that are recorded on your app. We use Arbor to find contact details such as phone numbers and emails as we are no longer permitted to keep copies of your details on site. If your contact details are out of date or do not cover all relevant family members then we can struggle to contact parents in emergency situations or keep you up to date with information.

After school club offer

Unfortunately, we did not raise enough interest to subscribe to the Ice Cream making club, offered for Wednesdays. We have found a few alternatives that we hope to put in place soon.

After School Clubs

Mon	Forest School	<i>Mrs Barrott</i>
	Mindfulness	<i>Mrs Millington</i>
	Young Voices	<i>Mrs Rees</i>
Tue	Kids Fitness	<i>Shawny</i>
	Graphics Club	<i>Mr Swallow</i>
Thu	Dance	<i>Shawny</i>
	Yoga	<i>Mrs Moody</i>

Sign up for after-school clubs on the Arbor app now or contact Shawny directly for Fitness & Dance (poster attached)

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Reception	97.2%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	97.8%
Year 3	98.4%
Year 4	99.2%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	97.1%
Total	97.4%

New Pupil Leaders

At Birdwell, we are very proud of the different roles we offer to our pupils to help contribute around school. We have Reading Leads who use a buddy system to listen to a younger pupil read each day. We have maths ambassadors, who support children with learning times tables. Our playground leaders set up games and resources for children to use at playtime...today they were teaching our youngest children how to use the pogo sticks. We even have prefects who are responsible for spotting good behaviour and choosing pupils who deserve recognition for showing our school values.

We ask pupils to put their name forward for a role that interests them or teachers nominate pupils who they think would be good at a role. Then it's over to the pupils...we hold elections and the school vote for their new leaders. Then the teachers meet the new teams to teach them how to do their roles.

Congratulations to all of our new pupil leaders!

Spring / Summer Term (Week 3)

All our kitchens operation under a Nut-free environment



MONDAY

Golden cheese and onion roll with mash (V)

Breezy beanzy cheesy topped pie (V)

Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise

Served with beans or sweetcorn (VE)

Chefs choice of homemade bake (V)

TUESDAY

Southern style chicken goujon wrap with golden rice

Crunchy nuggets with golden rice (V)

Sandwich with a choice of cheese (V), jam (V) or tuna

Served with coleslaw and salad (VE)

Chocolate and beetroot cake (V)

WEDNESDAY

Chicken parma with tomato spaghetti

Spaghetti in tomato sauce (V)

Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise

Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables or salad (VE)

Fruit Jelly (V) or Yoghurt (V)

THURSDAY

Hot dog with new potatoes

Quorn quarter pounder veggie burger with new potatoes (V)

Sandwich with a choice of cheese (V), jam (V) or tuna

Served with peas and coleslaw (VE)

Fruit shortbread biscuit (V)

FRIDAY

Fish fingers or salmon fingers with chips

Curried vegetable pastry with chips (V)

Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise

Served with a choice of Peas or beans (VE)

Fruity Friday (VE) or Yoghurt (V)



Please be aware that we are unable to guarantee a completely allergen-free environment, as foods containing allergens are used in our kitchens

Weeks Commencing:

12th May / 2nd Jun/ 23rd Jun /
14th Jul / 15th Sep / 06th Oct

Available daily: Unlimited vegetables (VE)

Unlimited fresh water. Selection of fruit (VE).

Bread basket (V).

V indicates vegetarian and VE for vegan option



Roald Dahl Day fun

The children really surprised us this year with some fresh takes on previous ideas and even some new character that no one has done before. As always, there was a lot of imagination on show and the kids have loved playtimes today!



Mrs Rees certainly stayed in character all day (no children were actually thrown over the boundary wall by their pig-tails but apparently Violet came close!) Well done all of you and thank you for the hard work, behind the scenes at home.



A very special day of sport at the EIS

We were extremely lucky to be awarded a place at the EIS regional multi sports event today. Mrs Atkinson and Mr Crouch were outside school early this morning so they could be on the bus with our teams for 8:00 and, as we speak, are headed home on the bus from the event.

What a fantastic opportunity to use World class facilities and try out a broad range of events. Let's hope it is the first of many visits to the EIS for our children.



Autumn 1	Events
1.9.25	INSET days, school closed
2.9.25	
3.9.25	Return to school
	Birdwell Geography subject focus- <u>"Understanding the UK"</u>
8.9.25	Freddie Fit Whole school fitness event (Wear PE kits)
12.9.25	Roald Dahl Day. Dress as your favourite character
15.9.25	International Day of Democracy- pupil leader elections
26.9.25	MacMillan coffee morning - 9:00am onwards. Baked donations welcomed
26.9.25	TT Rockstars day - dress as a rock star
30.9.25	Rise and shine Reading event. All parents are invited to read in class with their children
1.10.25	Year 1 parents Phonics workshop.
2.10.25	Year 2 library visit (National libraries week)
3.10.25	National Poetry Day- poetry themed activities in school
8.10.25	Birdwell Black History week begins
14.10.25	Open book evening- History & Geography (3:30 all classes)
17.10.25	Black History Museum (8:30-9:00am and 3:30-4:00pm in hall)
20.10.25	Birdwell Sketching week begins
TBC	School Photos (Individual & siblings)
21.10.25	Open book evening- art sketching (3:30 all classes) Last day of term
22.10.25	Harvest Festival coffee morning - songs and performances in the hall 9:00am-10:30am
23.10.25 & 24.10.25	INSET day, school closed

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