



HOLY MONTH

It is now Advent, a very Holy Month for Christians; it is also a time when many people of other faiths, and no faith, join in this special time and respect the message of Christmas. We are very proud to belong to a community that values all God's children and celebrates all festivals.



IMPORTANT



From time to time we may need to close our school without notice, for example, this could be because of weather related disruptions. We will use text and emails to inform our families, please make sure we have your most up to date contact details.

SPORTS AWARD

KS1 - Year 1

KS2 - Year 3

Individual - Haris, Year 4



CHRISTMAS FAIR

PLEASE SEE POSTER
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PUPIL ABSENCE

All pupil absences MUST be reported
directly to the school office.

Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is very important that you notify the school
by 1.30pm if someone else is collecting your
child(ren) at the end of the day. If we have not
received notification, we may not release your child
into their care until we receive this information.
Please respect our commitment to keeping your
children safe? Thank you.

DATE	EVENT
12 Dec	Y6 trip to see Panto Aladdin. Approx return time 5pm
13 Dec	Christmas Lunch Day Carol Concert 3pm-4.15pm Hall
14 Dec	Y1, 2 & 3 trip to see Panto Cinderella. Approx return time 4pm.
15 Dec	Christmas Food Fayre & wear your Christmas Jumper Day
18 Dec	Nursery AM, Reception & 1AB Christmas Church Service. Parents/carers welcome - 10am
19 Dec	Nursery PM, 1ES and Year 2 Christmas Church Service. Parents/carers welcome - 2pm
20 Dec	Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Church Service. Parents/carers welcome - 9.30am
21 Dec	Disco & Party Day. Food welcome.
22 Dec	Last Day of Term. School closes at 1.00pm. Happy holidays!
9 Jan 2018	BACK TO SCHOOL
16 Feb	St Valentines Day Disco and Chinese New Year
19-23 Feb	Half term
26 Feb	Back to School
1 Mar	St David's Day
5 Mar	SATs Meeting for Y6 parents
17 Mar	St Patrick's Day
19 Mar	Pupil progress reports and meetings
TBC	Easter Service
29 Mar	End of term - School closes at 1pm
16 Apr	Back to school
23 Apr	St George's Day
w/c 14 May	Y6 SATS
15 May - 14 Jun	Month of Ramadan
28 May - 1 June	Half term
17 July	End of term party/disco
19 July	Year 6 Leavers service
24 July	Last day of term, school closes at 1pm



Pudsey will make a special appearance on the day of the fayre.

Pupils to bring a maximum of £5 spending money on the day. Gates will open at 2.30pm for

parents/carers to purchase food.

TOY STALL



Christmas Food & Fun Fayre

Friday 15th December 2017

RAFFLE



Tickets on Sale at School Office

30p each or

£1 per strip.

Draw on 18th Dec



PRIZES TO BE WON!



VARIOUS TREATS TO BUY....

Christmas JUMPER DAY



POPCORN, CAKES, BISCUITS
SWEET POTS, SAMOSAS
AND MUCH MORE...

Please make sure you have plenty of change available, ie £1 & 50p coins



****STARS OF THE WEEK****

Friday 15th December, 10.00am,
parents/carers welcome

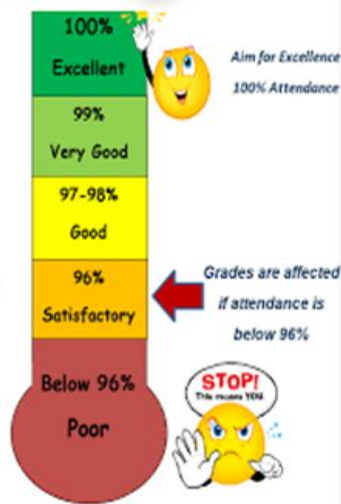
YEAR 1 - Angadvir
YEAR 2 - Chanel/Da'mari
YEAR 3 - Safa/Landric
YEAR 4 - Alisha/Fiza
YEAR 5 - Harry/Colin
YEAR 6 - Farhan/Rhiannon



BIRCHILLS STREET UPDATE

The council have been monitoring Birchills Street traffic with a 7-day traffic survey, and it shows that the flashing lights and reduced speed signs scheme has been successful in reducing the average speed of vehicles along Birchills St from 26.5mph to 21.0mph (this was recorded over a 7 day period). The average number of vehicles using Birchills St on a weekday has also reduced by over 350 vehicles per day following the implementation of the scheme (from 3982 to 3623). There has only been one recorded personal injury collision in the last 3 years and this was not speed related.

ATTENDANCE



THE LAW



Did you know, if attendance is less than 96% you are at risk of being fined and/or receiving a prison sentence? Please respect the law.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Well done to
2CB who had
99.3%
attendance last
week.



School Attendance Matters

RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets now on sale for our Christmas Raffle. 30p each or £1 per strip. Draw will take place on Monday 18th December.

MANNERS MATTER MOST at Birchills Church of England Community Academy



1. We will...
make you feel
welcome



2. We will...
make time to
listen to you



3. We will...
be polite and
understanding



4. We will...
keep you
informed and
explain what is
happening



5. We will...
admit to mistakes
and do all we can
to put them right



6. We will...
value your point
of view

7. We will...
be caring and
kind

8. We will...
keep you involved

9. We will...
go the extra mile

10. We will...
treat everyone
equally



In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Amen

P.E. UNIFORM REMINDER

From now on, PE days/After school sports clubs, pupils can come to school in their PE kits. If they are wearing T-shirt and shorts these may be worn under uniform or alternatively they may wear their black PE tracksuits.

We want to spend more time on actual PE and significantly reduce the time changing; this will also take any anxiety away for those pupils who feel uncomfortable about changing in school.



MONDAY - Year 2
TUESDAY - Year 5
WEDNESDAY - Year 3
THURSDAY - Reception & Year 6
FRIDAY - Years 1 & 4



The PE uniform:

- Black trainers or black pumps (no bright coloured trainers allowed)
- Plain white t-shirt & black shorts AND/OR
- Plain black tracksuit/jogging bottoms & black sweatshirt with white t-shirt underneath.
- **NO LEGGINGS. NO OTHER colours, logos, or writing allowed.**
- **Swimming kit should be plain navy or black. Swimming hats to be worn (sold in school). Goggles not allowed. Pupils require a towel.**

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Hairstyles should be sensible with no extreme styling or colours and long hair should be tied back with a bobble in the same colour as the hair.

The only jewellery items permitted are one pair of small stud earrings.

White shirt or white polo shirt

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Dark blue or black headscarf (no patterns or decoration)

Royal blue fleece or sweatshirt (preferably with school logo)

Royal blue fleece, sweatshirt or cardigan (preferably with school logo)

Royal blue Fleece, sweatshirt or cardigan (preferably with the school logo)

Grey trousers, skirt or Pinaföre dress

Grey skirt or Pinafore dress

Grey trousers

Grey tights or grey/black socks

Grey trousers or grey / white salwar

Grey tights or grey/black socks

Grey or black socks

Black school shoes (NOT trainers)

Smart black school shoes (NOT trainers)

Smart black school shoes

CLICK IT!

If you see anything on the internet that upsets you click this button on your device and tell an adult you trust.



Homework

1. Pupils must read everyday. Reading is very important; it enriches vocabulary and improves writing skill.
2. Learn multiplication facts.
3. Learn number bonds to 10. How many different ways can you make the number 10? Learn to tell the time.
4. How many different ways can you make: 50p, £1.00, £5.00, £10.00, £100?
5. Being tidy, clean and organised.
6. Being polite. Manners matter most.
7. Being kind and caring

URGENT!

Be safe ONLINE and when you are out and about!

NEVER talk or walk with people you don't know!

Always YELL & TELL if someone is trying to hurt you!

Call 999 in an emergency.

Tel: 01922 721063

postbox@birchills.walsall.sch.uk

www.birchills.walsall.sch.uk

HELPLINES

NSPCC 0800 800 5000

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Samaritans

01922 624000 or 08457 909090

Citizen Advice Bureau 01922 700600

Domestic Violence

0800 389 5790 / 0800 389 6990 / 0779 667 2053

01952 406 767

Addictions, Misuse of Alcohol and Drugs

Alcoholics Anonymous - 0845 769 7555

Addiction Walsall (Drug Intervention Programme)
- 01922 646262

Childline - 0800 1111

Police - 999 emergencies only or 101 for other.

If you are worried about anyone or anything tell someone; it may just save a life.



Walk with me

Walk with me in the golden sun
Walk with me in the rain
Walk with me in happiness
Walk with me in pain.

Walk with me at morning time
When the world is light
Walk with me when evening comes
Watch me through the night.

A Really Good School

Dear God,

Let us make our school a really good school:

let us be kind,

let us be fair,

let us be honest,

let us be respectful,

let us be friendly,

Let us be ready to forgive,

Help us to start each day by remembering these things.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE PER CLASS

RRB	RAM	1ES	1AB	2CB	2TM	3LB	3YA	4MB	4PS	5AG	5MW	6PP	6GP
92.9%	92.5%	96.5%	94.7%	96.7%	95.5%	96.6%	96.1%	95.4%	97.6%	96.7%	94.7%	96.1%	96.2%

KEEP UP TO DATE

www.birchills.walsall.sch.uk

We are pleased to inform you we are now virtually a paperless school, apart from pupils books and displays of course! We have no choice but to keep up to date with technological advances so you too will need to join us on our journey. Everything you need is on our website and also available to you via email and texts. If you would like more information please email postbox@birchills.walsall.sch.uk, ring 01922 721063 or pop in and see us.



Training Days for 2017/2018

Monday 4th September 2017

Tuesday 5th September 2017

Monday 8th January 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>First day of term</u>	<u>Last day of term</u>
Autumn Term	Monday 4 th September 2017	Friday 20 th October 2017
Autumn Term	Monday 30 th October 2017	Friday 22 nd December 2017
Spring Term	Monday 8 th January 2018	Friday 16 th February 2018
Spring Term	Monday 26 th February 2018	Thursday 29 th March 2018
Summer Term	Monday 16 th April 2018	Friday 25 th May 2018
Summer Term	Monday 4 th June 2018	Tuesday 24 th July 2018

From time to time we may need to change a date, at very short notice, due to unforeseen circumstances, we apologise for any inconvenience.





P RIVATES ARE PRIVATE

A LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU

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T ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU

S PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP



LEARN PANTOSAUR'S FIVE EASY RULES FOR STAYING SAFE

P RIVATES ARE PRIVATE

Your underwear covers up your private parts and no one should ask to see or touch them. Sometimes a doctor, nurse or family members might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask you if it's OK first. Remember, what's in your pants belongs only to you.



A LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU

No one should ever make you do things that make you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. If someone asks to see or tries to touch you underneath your underwear say 'NO' – and tell someone you trust and like to speak to.



N O MEANS NO

You always have the right to say 'no' – even to a family member or someone you love. You're in control of your body and the most important thing is how YOU feel. If you want to say 'No', it's your choice.



T ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU

There are good secrets and bad secrets. If a secret makes you feel sad or worried, it's bad – and you should tell an adult you trust about it straight away.



S PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP

It's always good to talk about stuff that makes you upset. If you're worried, go and tell a grown up you trust – like a family member, teacher or one of your friend's parents. They'll say well done for speaking out and help make everything OK. You can also call Childline on 0800 1111 and someone will always be there to listen.



Remember all of these rules and they'll help you stay safe, just like Pantosaur.



Stay & Play Group!

Every Wednesday

9am - 10:15am

Free admission

Get your child ready for Nursery!
Explore a range of activities, with your child, which encourage learning through play; support development of early skills and build their confidence with peers.

Come to the school office

Birchills C of E Community Academy,
Farrington St,
Walsall,
WS2 8NF.

