



NEWSLETTER

15th September 2023



A message from Mrs Gibson:

Welcome back to a brand-new school year. It's been so heartwarming to welcome back all of our families. Everyone is looking so smart and smiley! We've had an action-packed first few days with lots of learning and friendship making happening in classrooms and on the playground.

Our children have settled really quickly and are embracing all of the fun opportunities they are experiencing. We're looking forward to working closely with you again this year so please check our list of parental events for 2023-2024

[Latest News — Birley Spa Primary Academy \(birleyspaacademy.co.uk\)](https://www.birleyspaacademy.co.uk).

Meet the Teacher:

These dates are when we are inviting parents or careers to come onto school site and get to know their child's/children's new teachers. This will be a great chance for you to learn about your child's upcoming learning and expectations for the year ahead.

The dates/times:

Monday 18th and Thursday 21st September at 3:10pm in your child's new classroom.

Read with your child:

Call in and share a story with your child on Monday 25th November and Thursday 23rd November from 2:30-3pm. Your child's class teacher will give you tips to make the most out of this special time when reading at home.

Y2 and 3 Sports day:

As you know, parents in Y2 and 3 were informed of a new sports day date last week. Last year, we had to cancel Y1 and 2 sports day (twice!) due to terrible weather, but luckily, the new Y2 and 3 sports day is set to go ahead (weather depending again!) on Wednesday 20th September. Y3 will start at 9:15am and Y2 will start at 1:30. We look forward to seeing you there. Please make sure your child has plenty of sunscreen and a hat.

Food Bank Support:

Can you make a small donation to create a BIG difference?

Birley Spa are delighted to be working with the S12 Community Pantry to support families in our area who may be concerned about the increasing costs of food and essentials.

We have had children, parents and staff suggest that the Birley Spa community could come together to support each other by making a small donation, in keeping with the tradition of a harvest festival.

If you can spare any dry/tinned food or items from the list below, then we would be very grateful to receive them. We will gather as much as we can to donate to make sure that all of the Hackenthorpe families can access what they need.

If you can help, please bring your donation to the **Pop Up Cafe on any Friday** up to half term. Even one tin could make a family's day so please spare anything you can.

The S12 Community Pantry is open every Tuesday morning 9.30-12.30 at Scowerdons Community Centre (S12 4TL).

Thank you so much in advance!

We can accept any items from the list below:

The best non-perishable foods to donate:	
Tinned vegetables – beans, sweetcorn, etc.	tinned fish such as tuna
peanut butter, or other nut butters	tinned meat
rolled oats	brown rice
canned fruit in juice	quinoa
soups	seeds
shelf stable milk and milk substitutes	whole grain cereals
whole grain pasta	olive or vegetable oil
pasta sauce	tinned tomatoes
tinned stews	honey
dried fruits, no sugar added	chicken, beef and vegetable broths and stock.
Long-life milk	Baby food/milk

Useful Link for Parents:

This page is where we will provide a link and barcode for useful links for parents. These will get updated weekly.

- 1. Sheffield Children's Speech and Language Therapy Patient Information Library.**

This is a website where you can find information about activities, resources and therapy techniques to help your child's communication at home



Weekly Attendance

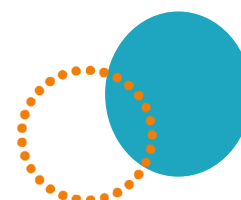
4th – 8th September 2023



EYFS	A	92%
EYFS	B	99%
Y1/Y2	C	97%
Y1/Y2	D	96%
Y1/Y2	E	100%
Y3	F	91%
Y3	G	95%
Y4	H	93%
Y4	I	89%
Y5	J	99%
Y5	K	96%
Y6	L	96%
Y6	M	95%
Y3/Y6	N	100%
Whole School Attendance		96%

At Birley Spa Primary Academy we are committed to helping all pupils to achieve their full potential. Good attendance is a key factor in raising pupils' attainment and supporting their personal development. Whilst it is appreciated that children are ill from time to time, please think carefully before allowing your child to be absent from school. The chart below provides an indication of how just a few days absence can significantly impact a child's overall attendance percentage and impede their learning:

Description	Attendance	Whole Days Lost	Lost Hours of Learning
Excellent	100 – 99%	0 – 2	0 – 10
Good	98 – 96%	4 – 7.5	20 – 37.5
Requires Improvement	95 – 91%	9.5 – 17	47.5 – 85
Persistent Absentee	90 – 86%	19 – 27	95 – 135
Critical	85 – 80%	28.5 – 38	142.5 – 190



STAR OF THE WEEK

11th – 15th September 2023

Class:		
A EYFS	Millie – Empathy and being a Role model for the younger children.	Evie-Leigh – Endeavour and Aspiration in her learning.
B EYFS	Madison – Showing great Resilience in her first weeks of school.	Carter – Showing great Empathy towards his friends and having an amazing start to reception.
C Y1/2	Maisie – Amazing handwriting and always showing Aspiration and Endeavour in class.	Layla – Showing Aspiration and Endeavour in all of her work in class.
D Y1/2	Lily – for showing endeavour across all her learning. Drin – for showing endeavour in handwriting.	
E Y1/2	Harper – Being a great Role model to her classmates by showing fantastic learning behaviour in all lessons.	Jaxon – Being Aspirational and showing Resilience in his learning.
F Y3	Darcey – Showing Resilience, continuing to show enthusiasm and Aspiration. Refusing to give in!	Thomas – Excellent metal skills in Maths, a real Aspiration to achieve his best.
G Y3	Evie – Always Aspiring to push herself even further in every lesson and having an infectious positive attitude.	Ellis – Being really Resilient and pushing through even when he might find something a bit tricky.
H Y4	Jax – Resilience with his handwriting. Jax has had a great attitude and not given up!	Isla – Showing Aspiration – Isla has tried her hardest in class, particularly with her presentation.
I Y4	Elizabeth – Showing Aspiration across all her learning and being a great Role model.	Freddie – Showing Aspiration and Resilience with his presentation and handwriting.
J Y5	Ollie – Showing Resilience and not letting anything distract him from his work.	Mila – Showing Aspiration and Creativity in her writing.
K Y5	Sonny – Endeavour – Sonny this week has impressed me! He is always on task and trying to achieve his best.	Amelia – Endeavour and Aspiration – Amelia is always pushing herself to achieve her best whilst displaying outstanding behaviour.
L Y6	Daniel – Settling into year 6 superbly. Daniel has also produced some amazing home learning.	John – Henry – Settling into year 6 superbly. John-Henry has excellent manners and has really engaged with our learning so far.
M Y6	Rylan – Showing determination in Maths. Your place value knowledge is really improving!	Jorja – Being a great Role model to your peers. Your confidence and presentation skills during history shone through!
N IR	Logan - Aspiration - he has engaged really well in Maths and English lessons this week and tried his best!	

Dates for the Diary

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
18 th September – 3:10pm	Meet the Teacher
<u>20th September – 9:15am</u>	<u>Sports Day (Y3)</u>
<u>20th September – 1:30pm</u>	<u>Sports Day (Y2)</u>
21 st September – 3:10pm	Meet the Teacher
23 rd – 27 th October 30 th October	Half term Holiday INSET day – school closed
31 st October	School Reopens to children
15 th November	Individual School Photos
4 th December	Student Flu Vaccinations
25 th December – 5 th January 2024 8 th January	Christmas Holidays INSET day – school closed
9 th January 2024	School Reopens to children
12 th – 16 th February 2024	Half term Holiday
19 th February 2024	School Reopens for children
29 th March – 12 th April 2024	Easter Holidays
1 st May 2024	School Reopens to children
6 th May 2024	Bank Holiday – School Closed
27 th May – 31 st May 2024 3 rd June	Half term Holiday INSET day – School closed
4 th June 2024	School Reopens for children
23 rd July 2024	Last day of the Academic Year
2 nd /3 rd September 2024	INSET Days – School closed