

Message from Mrs Gibson

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Easter fayre! The children really enjoyed making their enterprise products and were delighted that so many families supported us.

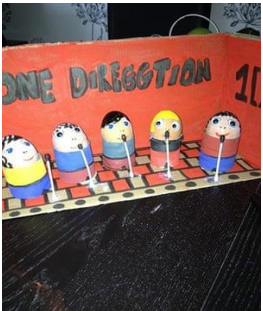
Easter activities

Parents and carers are welcome to join us for our Easter parades. Year 1 and 2 will hold their parade in the Hall at 9:10am on Tuesday 16th April.

EYFS will hold their parade in the Hall at 11:15am on Wednesday 17th April.

For our children in KS2, there will be a prize for the best decorated hard-boiled egg in each class.

We look forward to seeing your designs that you create over the holidays and look forward to seeing them in school on Tuesday 16th April.

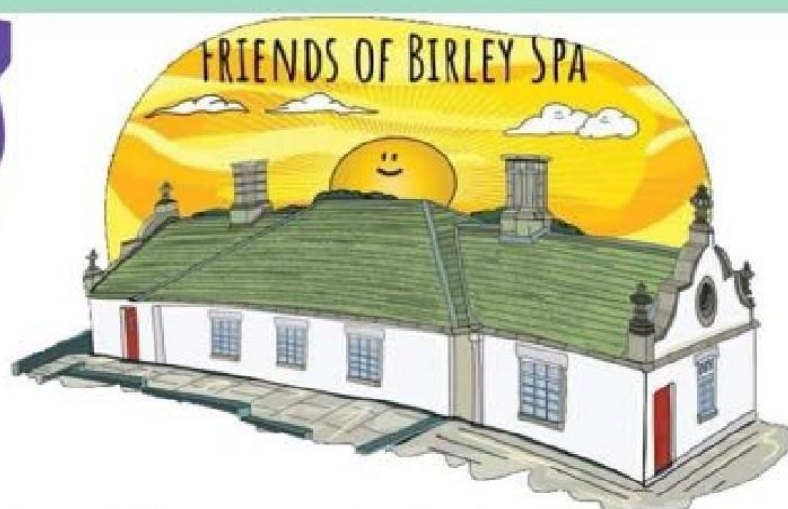


Good luck

We're saying goodbye to Miss Bolton and Mrs. Clayton who are moving on to new chapters after the holidays. Thank you for your contributions and good luck in your new schools.

Easter service

Our younger children enjoyed their visit to Spa View Church to discuss the meaning of Easter and our older children are looking forward to this opportunity after Easter.



Calling all children, are you interested in our local heritage and do you like to get your hands dirty! Come and join us, in our wildflower planting session at Birley Spa Bath House.

**FRIDAY 5TH APRIL
10.30AM**



With thanks to South East Local Area Committee.



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Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Shire Brook Valley Nature Reserve

A beautiful nature reserve nestled between Woodhouse and Hackenthorpe.
The car park is located on Stone Lane in Woodhouse. Meet at the Visitor Centre, S13 7BR.

Spring Trail



Sunday 14th April

Drop in from 11am to 2pm

Drop in, grab a map and find your way around this beautiful nature reserve learning about springtime and about the plants and animals that live here.



Then join us at the visitor centre for a cuppa and some crafts.

This is a free event. No need to book.



Please wear outdoor clothing and sensible footwear.

For more information contact: nell.dixon@sheffield.gov.uk



STAR OF THE WEEK

25th March – 28th March 2024

Class		
A	Eliseos – For his aspiration , for always doing the right thing and for his enthusiasm for poetry.	Kayden – For his resilience and his enthusiasm for learning.
B	Grace – For showing great resilience with her writing using her phonics skills.	Isabelle – For showing great resilience with her writing using her phonics skills.
c	Mason – For showing resilience in times of change.	Eli – for showing resilience in improving his work in literacy.
D	Parker – For working hard to improve his writing through resilience, endeavour and aspiration .	Isla – For showing aspiration in all areas of learning, being more confident in school and making outstanding progress in phonics and writing.
E	Freya – For showing empathy and tolerance and being a good friend. You show kindness and you always want to help.	Ezra – For showing resilience and aspiration with your writing.
F	Darcey – For teamwork . She is always supportive of her peers and encourages them to work at their best.	Ollie – For teamwork . He is always supportive of his peers and encourages them to work hard.
G	Harlow – For showing resilience and aspiration . Harlow has been trying extra hard to complete amazing work and set a great example to the class!	Ellis – For teamwork and empathy and tolerance . Ellis has been helping his class mates make good choices and completing their work if they got stuck
H	Elijah - for Teamwork & Creativity . Elijah knows how to respond appropriately to a situation and recognises when and how to support a classmate	Keaton - Resilience & Creativity - Keaton has had a positive attitude to his learning and ignored distractions which has resulted in brilliant work being produced.
I	Lexi - Settling into our school well, having a positive attitude towards her learning and showing our school values.	Scott - For showing aspiration through continued development of his multiplication tables.
J	George - For showing resilience not only in class but in his friendships.	Leon – For showing all of the school values and having an amazing start to year 5.
K	Dianne – For creativity . Writing a brilliant adventure narrative. It was really descriptive and included all the success criteria.	Sonny – For showing all the school values and being a great role model in and out of the classroom.
L	Rigo- For Creativity . For using the techniques he has learnt in his English lessons to produce a really creative piece of persuasive writing.	John-Henry – For inspiration and focus on his work in all learning.
M	Coleby – For showing aspiration In his learning by improved listening, concentration and quality of work.	Evelyn – For Aspiration and endeavour, putting maximum effort into all her learning in class and completing Reading Eggs twice!
N	Harry – For aspiration – Harry has shown that he can try his very best when learning about writing a postcard and in science learning about the digestive system! Well done Harry!	

Weekly Attendance

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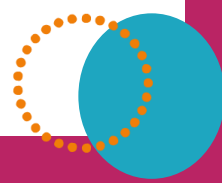
Whole School target: 96%



EYFS	A	86.3%
EYFS	B	94.9%
Y1/Y2	C	96.9%
Y1/Y2	D	97%
Y1/Y2	E	89.4%
Y3	F	91.9%
Y3	G	92.8%
Y4	H	85.9%
Y4	I	96.4%
Y5	J	82.3%
Y5	K	86.5%
Y6	L	88.9%
Y6	M	91.8%
Y3/Y6	N	100%
Whole School Attendance		90.9%

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. **In line with DfE and Local Authority policy, we do not authorise holidays taken in school time and we work with families to do everything they can to support their child to attend school every day.** 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



Dates for the Diary

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
29 th March – 12 th April 2024	Easter Holidays
15 th April 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
14 th June 2024	Father's Day breakfast 8am, 8:30am and 9am
17 th June 2024	Father's Day breakfast 8am, 8:30am and 9am
23 rd July 2024	Last day of the Academic Year
2 nd /3 rd September 2024	INSET Days – School closed