



NEWSLETTER

5th May 2023



Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted with the children's attitudes to learning this week – they've shown positivity and enthusiasm about the exciting events in school and Year Six have shown aspirational attitudes around the SATs next week. All of the children have shown real focus and been ready to learn every day.

Sadly, Miss Hurst left Birley Spa Primary Academy on Friday to pursue a new adventure. We would like to thank her for time at Birley Spa and wish her well for the future.

SATs week – Morning breakfast club (Year 6 only):



With SATs starting tomorrow, we ask all year 6 children to attend our SATs morning breakfast club at 8.15am every day. This will be a space where the children can have time at the start of the day to relax, have breakfast and socialise with their peers to calm their nerves before tests begin. **A register will be taken at 8:30am for Year 6 children.**

Children are to enter the school through their classroom doors, as they normally would. **Classroom doors will be open from 8:15am.**

Sports Mania – Breakfast & After school club:

Please see below an updated timetable for this term's activities.

Breakfast club runs daily from 7:35am – children must be signed in via the Sports Hall doors. Afterschool club runs daily from 3:10pm until 4:15pm – children are to be signed out by the Main School Entrance.

If you would like to book your child a place, please do so via the School Comms Gateway App. Each session has a cost of £4.

Day of the Week:	Club Sport of the day:
Monday	Rounders
Tuesday	Tennis
Wednesday	Cricket
Thursday	Athletics
Friday	Soft Archery





Coronation Disco's



On Thursday 4th May, our Year Fives, Sixes and Shirebrook had their 'King's Coronation Disco'.

The children participated in 'Coronation' themed games and activities at the start of the evening, this followed by the disco.

We loved seeing the children all dressed up and having fun!

Just a reminder that the Year One and Two disco will take place on Tuesday 9th May at 3:15pm – 4:15pm (children need to be collected from their classroom).

Year 3 and 4 disco will take place on Thursday 11th May at 4:00pm – 5:00pm (children need to be collected from the hall).



Life Experience Opportunities

After School Clubs

We are pleased to announce that our life experience opportunities clubs have already been a huge success!

Please see below full details of clubs currently running.

Remember, your child can still sign up for any club which still has places.

Day:	Year 1 & 2	Year 1, 2, & 3	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Monday:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Expression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Expression (club is full) • Reading for please • Mindfulness
Tuesday:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story-time 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Fresh Food (club is full) • Enterprise
Thursday:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Skills through Board games • First Aid for beginners (Club is full) • Design Club • Sewing Club • Art using Story characters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening Club (club is full) • Sign Language(Makaton) • Resilience and Confidence
Friday:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Fresh Foods • Dance 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design Club • Spanish (Club is full)



Y1/Y2 – Making Fresh Foods



Y3-Y6 – Makaton (Sign Language)



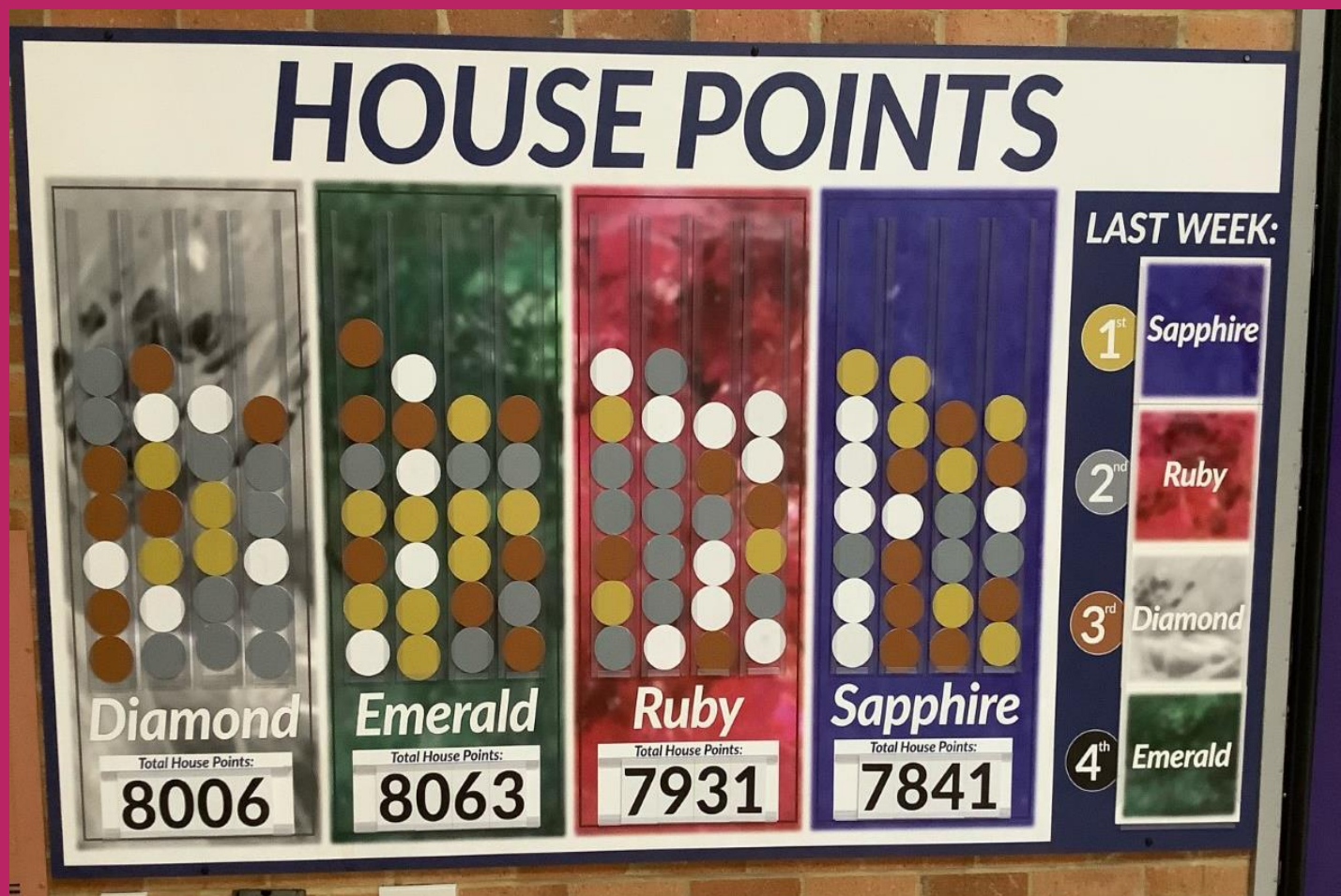
Y1/Y2 – Sewing



Y1/Y2 – Design Club

House Points

Please see below our weekly updated House Points:



House Name:	Total House Points:
Diamond House	8006
Emerald House	8063
Ruby House	7931
Sapphire House	7841

Weekly Attendance

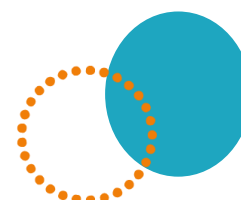
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EYFS	Heeley	87.9%
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Y1	Sheaf	89.8%
Y1/Y2	Endcliffe	94%
Y2	Norfolk	94.9%
Y3	Crucible	91.6%
Y3	Lyceum	92%
Y4	Kelham	93.7%
Y4	Weston	93.5%
Y5	Millennium	90.3%
Y5	Graves	92.5%
Y6	Bolsover	93.2%
Y6	Peveril	93.1%
Y3/Y6	Shirebrook	87.6%
Whole School Attendance		91.9%

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. 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

1st – 5th May 2023

Heeley	Clarabella – Showing Creativity and Resilience in class this week.	Isla – Showing Aspiration and always being ready to learn.
Whirlow	Rosie – Her positive attitude to learning and her Teamwork .	River – Being a confident, independent learner and showing Teamwork in Whirlow class.
Sheaf	Walter – Being an Aspirational learner. Walter consistently shows behaviours which help him to achieve his best.	Hattie – Showing Empathy and Tolerance and offering your support to your peers.
Norfolk	Charlotte – Engaging enthusiastically in all her learning, and always having a positive attitude.	Dexter – Being imaginative, Resilient and working hard in our fable writing.
Endcliffe	Amelia – Writing a fantastic fable independently and showing Resilience	Coen – Trying really hard in phonics.
Lyceum	Oliver – Showing Endeavour and Aspiration . You always work hard in lessons both in class discussion and in your independent learning and you always challenge yourself. Well done!	Isabelle – Showing Determination and Resilience . You found our money topic a bit tricky to start with but you worked so hard and even did some extra home learning to help you succeed.
Crucible	Amelia – Diligently working at all the school values and always ready to learn.	Imogen – Aspiration . I really am impressed with your effort to make sure your work is the best it can be.
Weston	Sophie – Accessing resources to aid her learning and working hard with her independent writing.	Charlie – Always working hard in every lesson, having a positive attitude and being a great role model.
Kelham	Conor – Aspiration in all areas, to achieve his best in everything that comes his way.	Osca – Showing Resilience when finding things difficult in art.
Graves	Jayden – Being Resilient in writing this week and work extremely hard to achieve his target.	Savannah – Being so Creative in history this week! Well Done!
Millennium	Gabriel - Showing Endeavour and Resilience within his biography writing. His research around King Charles III was fantastic.	Hanna - For Endeavour and Aspiration with biography writing this week. Hanna researched at home prior to the lesson which helped her with her writing.
Bolsover	Scarlet – Working really hard in all lessons. You are a great role model to your peers.	Luke – Attending booster sessions regularly. You are showing great Resilience towards your Maths learning.
Peveril	Hollie-Mai – Being Resilient and showing great Teamwork .	Frankie – Showing great Resilience and working hard to achieve his best – very Aspirational!
Shirebrook	Alexander – Aspiration – for always trying his best and engaging in all lessons.	

Dates for the Diary

8 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
9 th May	Y1/Y2 Coronation Disco – 3:15pm – 4:15pm
9 th May – 12 th May	SATS Week – Y6
11 th May	Y3/Y4 Coronation Disco – 4pm – 5pm
18 th May	Y4 Ice Skating
15 th – 19 th May	SATS Week – Y2
29 th May – 2 nd June	Half Term – School Closed
5 th June	Inset Day – School Closed
9 th June	Y6 Crucial Crew Visit
12 th – 18 th June	Phonics Assessment Week
16 th June	Father's Day Celebrations
19 th June	Father's Day Celebrations
21 st – 23 rd June	Y6 Residential to Kingswood
3 rd July	Enterprise Week
11 th July	Sports Day – Y1 & Y2 / Y3 & Y4
12 th July	Sports Day – EYFS
13 th July	Sports Day - Y5 & Y6
14 th July	Reports Sent Home
17 th July	Summer Fayre
21 st July	Whole School Family Picnic
21 st July	Last day of term
4 th – 5 th September	Inset Days – School Closed
6 th September	School Reopens to children

