



NEWSLETTER

9th February 2024

It was an action-packed end to the half term. We were delighted that our pupil voice groups were able to plant trees as part of the “Kidz Plant Trees” initiative – the children were really proud to be part of such an important sustainability project.

If you'd like to know more about the organisation, please go to <https://www.kidsplanttrees.org/>.



The Birley Spa allotment patch is underway in the school grounds, as suggested by our fantastic Eco Council. The allotment has been sponsored for us by Dave Greatorex of Greatorex Gardening Services and Shed n Fence. Dave will be returning to teach the children how to plant and grow their own vegetables which will be sampled in our summer school dinner menus!

Thank you!

We'd like to say goodbye to Mrs. Rust who is moving on from Birley Spa. Everyone wishes her good luck in the future and really appreciates her work with us.

Parents' Evenings

Please see your class window to sign up for parents' evening slots. These are a great chance to see how much progress your child is making so we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 27th February from 3:30pm-6pm or Thursday 29th February from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.



Well done to Ben for his swimming medals. We were so impressed to see that he has earned a Bronze medal for 50m backstroke, Silver medal for 200m breaststroke and Gold medal for 100m breaststroke! Swimming so well is a great way to practise our school values of Resilience, Endeavour, Aspiration and Teamwork.

If your child achieves anything out of school that they'd like to share, please send in their trophies, certificates or medals.

STAR OF THE WEEK

05th – 09th January 2024

Class:		
A	Freddie – For being a kind considerate friend and for doing fabulous phonics at the parent workshop.	Charlie – For his developing independence skills and for doing fabulous phonics at the parent workshop.
B	Lottie– For always aspiring to do her best in all areas.	Dian– For showing empathy and tolerance when being a great friend.
C	Logan – For always showing aspirational learning behaviours and contributing with enthusiasm to class discussions.	Boe – For showing endeavour and working her hardest in maths
D	Felicity – For empathy and resilience . We really liked how you explained to another child about your mistakes.	Isla – For resilience – making sure you are doing things for yourself.
E	Amelie– For showing endeavour and aspiration with your writing. You are always trying to improve both your sentence structure and your handwriting. Keep up the good work.	Darcey– For showing empathy and tolerance and teamwork . You have been helping your friends with their learning as well as doing great job on your own. It has been like having a mini teaching assistant. Thank you!
F	Dexter– For creativity and working hard on his mythical story.	Zac – For resilience and working hard on his sounds to improve his reading.
G	Amie– For resilience , Amie is really pushing through when she’s finding something hard and setting a great example to the class!	Reggie– For resilience and endeavour , Reggie has worked really hard to focus and have positive attitude which is showing in his work! Keep it up!
H	Arianna – For endeavour – always having a go and achieving her best.	Oliver – For endeavour – for always showing kindness to others.
I	Gabriel– For resilience in class and a more positive attitude to his learning.	Lucy– For aspiration in completing all your homework and online learning.
J	The Whole Class – for teamwork with their science experiment.	The Whole Class – for teamwork with their science experiment.
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L	John – For endeavour – for engaging on his home learning.	Hanna – For endeavour- for getting over 1000 points in mathletics in 1 week.
M	Rylan - For Endeavour across the curriculum. Rylan has shown a great improvement in concentration and engagement. Keep it up!	Lexi– For a great improvement in handwriting and presentation.
N	Elijah- For endeavour in his maths work and for working out his fractions.	

Weekly Attendance

5th – 9th February 2024

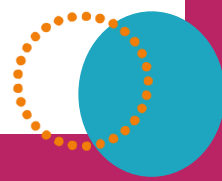
Whole School target: 96%



EYFS	A	87.7%
EYFS	B	94.9%
Y1/Y2	C	86.4%
Y1/Y2	D	85%
Y1/Y2	E	86.9%
Y3	F	90.7%
Y3	G	94.7%
Y4	H	88.6%
Y4	I	88.5%
Y5	J	86.3%
Y5	K	88.9%
Y6	L	88.1%
Y6	M	87.3%
Y3/Y6	N	71.1%
Whole School Attendance		88%

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>
12 th – 16 th February 2024	Half term Holiday
19 th February 2024	School Reopens for children
19 th February 2024	Young Voices Trip for Year 5
8 th March 2024	Mother's day afternoon tea 2pm, 2.45pm and 3.30pm
11 th March 2024	Mother's day afternoon tea 2pm, 2.45pm and 3.30pm
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