

Message from Mrs. Gibson

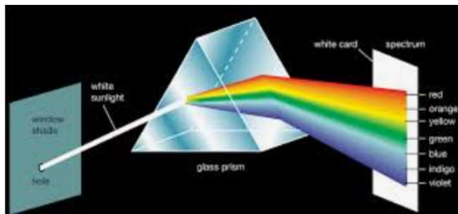
It's been another brilliant week at Birley Spa. I've loved seeing the new units of learning get off to such an enthusiastic start across the school.

I spent some time with the children in Early Years who were having a great time building rockets ready for their trip to the moon – they could use really clear language to describe the parts of their creation. The children in Years 1 and 2 have been very excited to share their learning about the Great Fire of London and are already thinking like historians!



Year 3 and 4 have been telling me all about their learning in Science and could give lots of examples of their learning around their unit about Sound and how they could use a decibel meter to compare the volume of sound in different parts of the buildings and grounds.

Year 5 and Mrs. Horsfield's class are deepening their History skills with their unit on the Romans and were able to tell me how the Roman invasion of Britain built upon the civilization that was already in place.



Year 6 are studying Light in Science and enjoyed explaining how light enters the eye.

I was particularly impressed when the children I spoke to could explain how their learning in that subject when they were younger helps them with their learning now – they really are remembering their learning and thinking about how to apply it in the future – well done everyone!

Attendance

We were delighted to see so many children have the opportunity to be entered into our prize draw for the 12 days of Christmas at the end of the last term 185 children attended school every day for the last two weeks and were excited to see who would be chosen for the prize of a £20 Voucher.

There were 144 children who met our attendance target and it was wonderful to see them celebrated with a certificate – every day really does matter!



Compared to this time last year, there have been 527 fewer days of absence across the whole school, meaning that children really are able to achieve their potential as they are accessing more learning and having the opportunity to make sure any gaps in learning are closed.

Thank you so much for your support in enabling the children to be here every day to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence!

Sofia - £20 voucher 100% September – December

Mailan - Runner up £15 voucher – 100% September – December

Grace W - £15 voucher – 12 days of Christmas

Reggie - £10 Voucher – 100% attendance for the week

Joshua – £10 Voucher - 100% attendance for the week

Hot Chocolate

Each class' role model representative enjoyed hot chocolate and games with me on Friday. It was really heartwarming to see the Year 6 boys playing shops with the Reception role model – what a great way to make new friends and share our school values. I'm really looking forward to seeing who is chosen next week for showing our values consistently in class and around school.



Being ready to learn every lesson.



Setting a good example to others.



Trying my best whenever I'm not sure.



I'm always keen to learn new things.

Young Voices 2025

The Year Five children were an absolute credit to us as they performed in the National Young Voices event last week! The staff were delighted with how well we were represented and it was wonderful to see all the children's hard work pay off. The children got so much from it that we captured a couple of quotes from them below:



'I loved the fact that we all individually learnt the songs and performed them together! I enjoyed the dances and that the conductor put it all together with the other schools!'

'I loved young voices because I got to sing along with special guests and my friends.'

I loved that I got to show what I have been practising to my parents'.



STAR OF THE WEEK

13th January – 17th January 2025

Class :			
A	Reggie – For his engagement in learning and for sitting at the dinner table with all the other children.	Evie – For her wonderful singing. Evie has been choosing and joining in with Nursery Rhymes.	
B	Louie- For showing great creativity retelling the story Whatever Next!	River – for showing great resilience using her phonics knowledge independently to write a sentence.	
C	Eliseos – for showing resilience and endeavour during our writing lessons. You are working hard to apply your phonics.	Freddy – for your fantastic aspirational vocabulary for your fire poem.	
D	Pippa - for being a great role model and coming to school with a smile.	Lottie - for remember her target of finger spaces in writing.	
E	Charlotte - for aspiration in her presentation as well as the content of her work.	Evie-Leigh - for teamwork and endeavour in keeping a positive attitude and producing her best quality work.	
F	Poppy W – Aspiration – She wrote a fantastic character description which included the features in the Success Criteria and more!	Logan – Empathy and Tolerance – Logan is a fantastic role model for his peers.	
G	Eddie – for having aspiration and challenging himself in every lesson.	Amelia B – for showing determination and never giving up in lessons.	
H	Layton S – For showing aspiration with his reading this week. He has moved up reading levels and trying to read more at home	Jaxon – Showing aspiration in Maths and challenging himself with his learning.	
I	Rhys – For showing resilience – Rhys has had a positive mind-set to learning and a willingness to have a go. He knows that mistakes are a positive step to learning.	Isla – For showing creativity and resilience in maths. Isla has thought outside of the box to problem solve and pushed herself even when she thinks its tricky.	Everyone! On the 10 th January, Year 5 took part in a music performance: Young Voices 2025! We are extremely proud of each and every one of you for showing all of the School Values throughout the day and well done to those who stayed in school and showed their creativity!
J	Everyone for being fantastic Birley Spa role models during the Young Voices concert 2025 and for working so hard in school if they didn't go!	Amelia R- Your confidence shone through during PE this week. Well done for showing Creativity by using unique dance moves.	Scott- For showing Aspiration during maths this week. Your prior knowledge has helped with the understanding of converting different fractions.
K	Dianne – For showing empathy and tolerance when exploring though theme in lessons.	Oscar - for showing a mature approach to learning and towards his treatment of others	
L	Alex B for always striving to be the best version of himself.	Iyla-Rose - for working hard in every lesson and showing that being focused leads to great learning.	
M	Mason - For showing resilience when coming into school and now fully engaging in all lessons with full concentration. Well done Mason! 😊		

Weekly Attendance

13th January – 17th January 2025



Congratulations to these children who have attended everyday this week!

EYFS		KS1		KS2		
Mustafa	Remi	Rylee	Coby	Daisy Rae	Yaran	Leon
Finley	Jenson	Isaac	Felicja	Darcie	Margaret	Alexander
Albie-Lee	Cally	Ella	Ahmed	Boe	Harlow	Lyla-Rose
Jayce	Layla	Harlee	Ross	Maisie-Leigh	Lillie	Charlie
Noah	Jaxon	Grace	Paisley	Theo	Thomas	Lucy
Billie	Noah	Lylah	Hazel	Layton	Poppy	Mason
Khenan	Dylan	Chloe	Ross	Amelia	Mohammad	Jenson
Ronnie	Maisie	Louie	Parker	Flourish	Mohammed	Tayen
Liyah-	Harry	Isabelle	Archie	Piper	Lacie-Rose	Carter
Rose	Ella-Rose	Evie-Leigh	Luna-Rose	Noah-James	Oliver	Chloe
Freddie	Karter	Mckenzie	Oliver	Maxwell	Remarni	Oscar
Charlie	Brooke	Ruby	Arlo	Gabriel	Jayden	Elijah
Helen	Ada	Logan	Ellie-Mae	Amelia	Lexi	Tyler
Bobby	Sofia	Carter	Bentley-Jay	Anaya	Kavern	Lucia
Sonny	Louie	Eliseos	Alfie	Amelie	Elijah	Ronnie
Keira	Penelope	Marcie-Mae	Freddy	Jaxon	Elizabeth	Charlie
Evie	Aaron	Lottie	Sophie	Emily	Isabelle	Leo
	River	Summer	Lily	Hattie	Lucy	Sophie
	Rosie	Dion	Georgios	Ezra	Ben	Alexander
	Jaxon	Evie	Marianna	Drini	Caelan	Isabella
		Lylah-Jean	Kya	Harper-Leigh	Jacob	Mila
		Olivier	Ethan	Yasra	Kobie	Maisey
		Precious	Matilda	Darcey	Darcie	Albie
		Esmae	Cooper	Marley	Leo	Tommy
		Mailan	Joshua	Cullen	Jayden	James
		Freddie	Pippa	Madison	Kenley	Ava
		Charlie	Isla	Mason	Lukas	Emaleigh
			Charlotte	Evie Leigh	Joshua	Lucas
			Neveah	Amelia	Harry	William
			Isla	Trisha	Ebony	Chance
			Elinam	Phoebe	Jenson	Amelia
			Freya	Grace	Alarnie	Cohan
			Rosie	Ivy	Samuel	Sonny
			Harper	Harleigh	Scott	Yousif
				Milana	Evie	Oliver James
				Annabelle	Arianna	George
				Layla	Harlie	Luca
				Eli	Cheetah	Logan
				Ronnie	Keaton	Jacob
				Taylor	Libby	Oscas
				Eddie	Amelia	Grace
				Lily	Freddie	Charlie
				Amie	Jax	Dianne
				Ellis	Rhys	Coen
				Darcy	Isaac	William
				Max	Oliver	Willow
				Bryley	Lyla	Isaac
				Evie-Rose	Golnoush	Poppy
				Alana	Kian	Lyla
				Tiffany-Jayne	Conor	Alice
				Charlotte	Jacey	Zac
				Macey	Oscar	James
				Teegan	Ollie	Oliver
				Louie		William

