



Message from Mrs Gibson

Every day at Birley Spa is worth celebrating but at the end of the school year, it really gives us chance to reflect on all of our wonderful children's amazing achievements since September. We've seen personal growth and progress with learning from all children and parents and staff have worked together all year to make sure that each and every child can thrive.

Our unbelievable Year 6s

As we look forward to the new year, I particularly think about our utterly brilliant Year 6 children who will move on to their next chapter soon. They were Year 4 when I first arrived and have been acting like Year Sixes ever since! Their care for their school and each other has always impressed me and their aspiration has always inspired others. We absolutely know that each and every one of them will fit straight in and flourish in their new settings. I hope to hear all about their adventures if they collect younger siblings in September. Their leavers' concert was a fantastic reminder of their confidence and pride - **Well done Year 6!**

Thank you for being incredible role models at Birley Spa!

Sports Mentor Awards

It was a delight to celebrate Scott and Alex who have been chosen out of over 1000 children across the country to receive the Outstanding Approach award for their sports mentorship. We were thrilled to have Mr.

Canoville, CEO of Brighter Futures, along with Mr. Watkinson (sports mentor), come and hold a special assembly to celebrate the children's achievements. Great job, boys!



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Preparation for September:

Reports

You've received your child's school report which covers all of their learning, personal development and character. It also outlines important next steps to help your child access their new learning confidently – please do support your child by working on their targets for a few minutes a day or a few times per week over the summer to make sure that they can really flourish in their new class!

Well done, everyone – I was delighted to read every report and see such growth for each and every one of our children!



The first day

The first day back for the children is Wednesday 3rd September 2025. These first few days are vital for the children to settle into their new classes and routines quickly and confidently so we look forward to seeing you on time on the first day – **doors will open at 8:35am on Wednesday 3rd September.**

Transition

We were delighted to receive such positive feedback from parents, pupils and staff around our transition programme. The children were all excited and worked to the best of their abilities during the two transition days and the staff were extremely impressed with their new classes. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces on the playground at the start and end of the transition days, so we look forward to a really strong start in September.

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Enterprise

As you know, our children love Enterprise week and have this once per term. This is a great way for them to understand how products get to be planned and designed, marketed and costed out to sell. They love to have their products celebrated and to see customers buying them so thank you so much to our families who donate to our fairs!



I was so impressed with the children pictured here, who devised and ran their own stalls – I am sure that they will make fantastic business women in the future!

From home-made lemonade to fair trade chocolate cookies, the children get to show all of our school values, especially creativity!

With pompoms and key rings, plant pots and Eric Carle-inspired artwork, the whole school were able to shine!



Thank you so much for helping us to raise £1004 for the children to make good use of next year...our new Pupil Voice groups will get feedback from their classes and decide what to spend it on in September!

NEWSLETTER

22/7/2025



Birley Spa Primary Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy



Thank you
for your
donations
and for
buying the
children's
products!

We're so proud of our entrepreneurs!



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Role Models

Many of our children have been noticed for showing the school values. Any adult (including visitors) can identify a child to receive a Learner's Code if they see them showing our school values around school.

Did you know that...?

Bronze learners have been noticed for showing our school values between **60 and 119** times this year!!

Silver learners have been noticed for showing the values between **120 and 179** times!

Gold learners have been noticed for showing our school values a whopping **180+** times this year – **that's almost one per day!**



Our values



Creativity

Creativity

Perceiving the world in new ways and making connections. Being able to generate solutions.



Resilience

Resilience

Being able to recover from difficulties and challenges. Seeing mistakes as the first steps to new learning.



Endeavour

Endeavour

Striving to achieve the best and valuing the achievements of others.



Aspiration

Aspiration

Having high expectations and working hard to achieve the best.



Teamwork

Teamwork

Working collaboratively and encouraging other members of the school community to be the best version of themselves.



Empathy and Tolerance

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Being open minded to opinions and beliefs that may differ to our own. Being patient, understanding and accepting of difference.

We are aiming to recognise at least 50 bronze learners by the end of October – every child is able to do this - good luck everyone!

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Experiential Learning – Visits and Visitors

As you know, experiential learning has been a big focus for us this year – our children can talk confidently about what they've done, learned and remembered now. I've loved seeing the children becoming biologists with Key Stage 1 dissecting plants, right through to Year 6 dissecting hearts!

I want to give a big thank you to the staff and parents who have supported the children to learn away from the classroom or had their education enhanced by having visitors into school.

| Y1/2 | Y3/4 | Y5 | Y6 | IR |
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| Shirebrook Valley | Shirebrook Nature Reserve | Weston Park and the Peace Gardens | Crucial Crew | Boccia and Pentathlon |
| The Botanical Gardens | The National Justice Museum | Young Voices | The Holocaust Museum | Ethel Barge |
| NHS nurses to aid learning in History | RE workshop | Birley Spa Bath House | Derne Valley Residential | S12 Foodbank and Asda |
| Toys from the pat workshop | Music Company workshops | Physics workshop from Sheffield University | University led biology workshop | Physics workshop from Sheffield University |
| | | | | Animal workshop |

Next year, we aim to have the children out of school even more so we are committed to finding as many providers and locations as we can to enhance our children's experiences. We will use public transport, where appropriate, to ensure that the visit develops children's independence and confidence in the skills that they will need as young adults before long, such as reading timetables, paying for tickets and organizing themselves with support.

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Amazing Attendance!

Really well done to all the children who have achieved 96% attendance or above. This means that they have accessed enough of their learning and social development opportunities to thrive this year and prepare for next year!



Some of our school community have attended every single day and have been on time so that they can honestly say that they have never missed an opportunity to develop their skills, confidence and knowledge.

A huge well done to:

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| Ezra C | Gabriella D | Cynthia F | Ada I | William I |
| Darcey K | Isaac M | William O | Finley S | Milana S |

*100% attendance!
190 days' education!
1267 hours of learning, aspiring and building character!*



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If, like me, you can't wait to spend some well-earned family time over the holidays, here is a link to a range of activities to entertain family members of all ages!

<https://www.welcometosheffield.co.uk/visit/what-s-on/summer-events/>

Some of the great examples of summer events in Sheffield include:

The Sheffield Grand Prix 2025

Make it! Play it! At the National Videogame Museum

The Tropical Treasures Trail at the Tropical Butterfly House

Summer Beach Club at Meadowhall

Sheffield by the Seaside 2025 in Sheffield Town Centre

Crystal Peaks Market Summer Activities including Superhero event

Wild Play Summer Holidays at Graves Discovery Centre, Abbey Lane

Sheffield by the Seaside 2025

24 Jul 2025 - 25 Aug 2025

Grab your buckets and spades as the seaside returns to Sheffield's Peace Gardens this summer.

Sheffield by the Seaside is back with a whole host of family fun including fairground rides, games, giant sandpit, visiting dinosaurs and TV film characters, kids entertainment and a whole lot more.

The seaside will be open daily through the summer holidays, from Thursday 24 July until Bank Holiday Monday, 25 August, 10am - 6pm.



Birley Spa Summer Reading Challenge

Your child should have come home with a Reading Challenge sheet – all they need to do to win is read 6 books and write their thoughts about each one...good luck!

Summer Reading Challenge

Over the summer, your challenge is to read 6 books all the way through. After each book, just write what the book is about and your favourite part/character and why.

If you bring this back, completed by Friday 5th September, you will win a £5 voucher to spend on or towards a new book and one Learner's Code for each of our school values – this will get you off to a great start to become a bronze learner! **Good luck!**

Completed challenges received after Friday 5th September will still get the Learners' Codes.

Dates

| Date | Event |
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| Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 | Children's first day back (8:40am) |
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| Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 – 3:15pm | Meet the Teacher – EYFS / Key Stage 1 |
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| Thursday 4 th September 2025 – 3:15pm | Meet the Teacher – Year 3/4 |
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| Friday 5 th September 2025 – 3:15pm | Meet the Teacher Year 5/6/IR |
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