



# NEWSLETTER

21<sup>st</sup> July 2023



## House Points Competition:

After a very close competition between houses at Birley Spa, we are proud to announce our winner:

### Well done Sapphire House!

We are so proud of how hard each house has worked to achieve all of their house points! We look forward to watching all houses compete again in the new school year.

House Name:	Total House Points:
1 <sup>st</sup> Sapphire	10174
2 <sup>nd</sup> Diamond	9886
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ruby	9840
4 <sup>th</sup> Emerald	9677



## Attendance Special Mentions:

Birley Spa would like to give a huge special mention to the following children for all achieving **100% attendance** this year, Well Done!

**Jackson** from Heeley class  
**Oliver** and **Isaac** from Lyceum class  
**Jamelia** from Graves class  
**Alexander** from Shirebrook



## SUMMER FAYRE:

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, Birley Spa hosted our Summer Fayre. This was a great experience to end the school year with and we loved seeing the children and their families engage in the activities.

In total, we have raised the wonderful amount of **£1,035.21!** We are grateful for the overwhelming support we receive from our parents/carers and community so thank you so much!



## Roots of Empathy:

Well done to all of our Y5 children at Birley Spa for completing our 'Roots of Empathy' programme this year.



## A Special Message from Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Pemberton:

We're so proud of the action-packed year that we've had at Birley Spa. Our children have been a credit to themselves, you and us throughout the year. Every visitor into school has been so impressed with the children's commitment to showing our school values, their work and the way they've spoken so articulately. We've experienced a range of opportunities to learn outside the classroom from orchestras to exotic animals, ice skating to museums - all of these opportunities are supporting our children to question the world around them and try things that they've not experienced before.

Thank you for your feedback about the opportunities for parents to come into school this year. This is something that we will extend further next year as well as continuing to hold events such as Mother's/Father's Day events, fayres, class curriculum parent activities, parent workshops, Pop-up Café and our baby and toddler group.

We'd really like to thank our parent volunteers who have worked with the children to support their handwriting this year. We will be inviting parents who would like to volunteer to support our children with handwriting or reading next year, so please look out for this information in September.

As ever, the staff have dedicated themselves to supporting the children to thrive this year, so we know that you'll join us in thanking our team for all their hard work, both in the classrooms and beyond, to enrich the children's experiences.

As we say goodbye to our incredible Year 6 children, we wish them all the luck in the world for the next chapter in their exciting adventure. Well done for representing us so well during your time here - keep it up in your new schools!

Thank you again for all of your positive feedback over the last year. We can't wait to welcome our families back at **8:40am on Wednesday 6th September** and we truly hope that all of our children and families have happy holidays with lots of memory-making moments!



# EYFS' 'Top Moments at Birley Spa' this year:

## Whirlow Class' top moments:

1. Making pumpkin soup and writing the recipe.
2. Playing in the snow and building an enormous snowman.
3. At Christmas time we had a party. Father Christmas came and we sang songs in the hall.
4. Celebrating Pog, the pig's, birthday, making buns for him and planning his birthday party.
5. Learning about the life of Queen Elizabeth II and celebrating her life by making lemon tea.



## Heeley Class' top moments:

1. Competing and showing our PE skills on Sports day.
2. Dressing up as our favourite characters for World Book Day.
3. Dancing and singing at the Christmas concert.
4. Decorating the King's portrait.
5. Finding a recipe, baking and then taste-testing our own homemade bread - yum!





# Year 1 & 2's 'Top Moments at Birley Spa' this year:

## Sheaf Class' top moments:

1. When we visited the Tropical Butterfly House and saw the amazing colourful butterflies and furry Meerkats.
2. It was so exciting when Beegu, the alien from our class book, crash landed in our playground!
3. We loved learning our Christmas songs and performing in front of the parents on the stage.
4. We loved visiting our local church for the Easter service.
5. We really enjoyed designing and making our own toy cars in our Design and Technology lessons. Once we had finished them, we then visited the reception and nursery children and let them keep our toy cars to play with in their classroom.



## Endcliffe Class' top moments:

1. Endcliffe really enjoyed the Butterfly House; they found all of the different animals fascinating and were blown away by the butterflies.
2. Endcliffe found World Book Day lots of fun because they got to dress up as their favourite book characters.
3. Endcliffe also found the Birley Spa Bath House very interesting and unique.
4. Endcliffe really enjoyed their D&T topic in summer term because they got to make fruit kebab sticks coated in chocolate and sprinkles.
5. Endcliffe loved performing their Christmas play.



## Norfolk Class' top moments:

1. The visit to the Tropical Butterfly House, we loved seeing how many different colours we could find on all the insects.
2. Performing for our Christmas Play.
3. When a monster snuck into our classroom and left sparkly footprints!
4. Dancing and singing at our Christmas Party.
5. Singing and sharing our memories at Mr Wilson's retirement assembly.



## Top Moments at Birley Spa this year:

### Crucible Class' top moments:

1. We really enjoyed our Science unit on light and making shadow puppets of Theseus and the Minotaur.
2. We loved making our healthy sandwiches in our Design and Technology unit.
3. We all showed the school value of teamwork on our trip up to Birley Academy. The team building activities were amazing.
4. Our Geography volcano unit has been so interesting we have learnt so much about the earth and volcanoes.
5. We were a credit to our school on our trip to Weston Park Museum. We demonstrated all the school values and learnt lots about the Bronze and Iron ages.



### Lyceum Class' top moments:

1. Making new friends at the beginning of the year.
2. Going on a trip to Weston Park Museum and learning more about the Bronze and Iron ages.
3. Writing about Pompeii and using lots of adjectives and personification to describe the eruption.
4. Playing cricket and football in PE lessons.
5. Learning about tectonic plates with Oreo biscuits.





## Top Moments at Birley Spa this year:

### Kelham Class' top moments:

1. Our visit to Ice Sheffield where we learnt to Ice Skate and saw a performance from professional skaters!
2. Learning about the Saga of Biorn unit in English.
3. Using TT Rock Stars to work towards our Multiplication Tables Check progress.
4. PE Lessons including Rounders matches and Tag Rugby.
5. Maths lessons especially decimals!



### Weston Class' top moments:

1. Showing off our Ice Skating skills at our Ice-skating trip.
2. Having lots of fun at our Easter fayre.
3. Learning about Crime and Punishment in History and how it changed over time.
4. Creating our own Making Viking jewellery.
5. Designing and creating our King Charles' Coronation artwork.



## Top Moments at Birley Spa this year:

### Graves Class' top moments:

1. Young Voices – It was so fun and magical (everyone was laughing and smiling).
2. Swimming – We can ALL swim now!
3. Sewing DT – parents came into school and it was a lovely afternoon.
4. Sports day – it was AMAZING!
- 5 .Science Space workshop – really cool, we actually experienced artefacts from Space.

Overall, we have really enjoyed this year; it has been such a nice, positive classroom environment. We will miss it very much, but we are excited for Year 6!



### Millennium Class' top moments:

1. Attending and singing at Young Voices.
2. Learning and improving swimming skills at Ponds Forge every week!
3. Visiting The Birley Spa Bath House for our Geography learning.
4. Building bridges in Design and Technology.
5. Investigating space rocks under microscopes.





## Top Moments at Birley Spa this year:

### Bolsover Class' top moments:

1. We really enjoyed Kingswood residential because we did nightline. We covered our eyes with blindfolds and then guided each other through a course. During the activity, we got covered in mud because we had to crawl through a tunnel. This was really funny!
2. At lunchtime, we got to go down to EYFS to support them. We helped them play games and then we tidied up. We always made sure they were ready for the afternoon before we left.
3. We're really proud of our achievements during SAT's.
4. During residential, our favourite moment was when the teachers all took part in a sassy walk competition. It was lovely to see another side of them.
5. The help we have received with our learning and getting ready for secondary school.



### Peveril Class' top moments:

#### **1. Leavers' party and assembly.**

It was so much fun when we made a human bicycle during 'Just Dance'!

#### **2. Completing SATs**

We enjoyed completing the SATs and we could see all of our hard work pay off.

#### **3. Residential trip to Kingswood**

"I got stuck on the zip-line, but everyone helped me!"

"I got out of nightline and was very very...very muddy! So much fun!"

#### **4. Taking part in sports and trips**

We have had lots of opportunities to learn outside the classroom.

#### **5. Saying goodbye to Mr. Wilson**

We loved singing 'Celebrate Good Times' when Mr Wilson left".





## Top Moments at Birley Spa this year:

### **Shirebrook Class' top moments:**

1. Getting lots of opportunities for practical learning.
2. Making erupting volcanoes in Geography.
3. The Summer/Easter fayres.
4. Playing different sports in PE.
5. Our Food Technology lessons.



**SEE YOU SOON!**

# Discounted children meal opportunities throughout the summer holiday:



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### M&S

Free Kid's Munch Meal when you spend £5+ on non-kids food or drink at M&S Cafés

### TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

### PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day. FREE Crumpets also available

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Monday - Friday from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

# Weekly Attendance

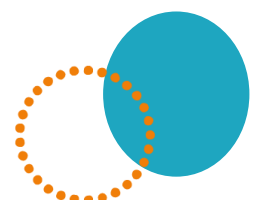
## 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023



EYFS	Heeley	91.2%
EYFS	Whirlow	88.1%
Y1	Sheaf	89.2%
Y1/Y2	Endcliffe	93.5%
Y2	Norfolk	93.5%
Y3	Crucible	91.4%
Y3	Lyceum	92.3%
Y4	Kelham	93.1%
Y4	Weston	92.6%
Y5	Millennium	90.3%
Y5	Graves	92.5%
Y6	Bolsover	93.2%
Y6	Peveril	93.2%
Y3/Y6	Shirebrook	87.3%
<b>Whole School Attendance</b>		<b>91.6%</b>

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

## 17<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Heeley	All of Heeley class – For being amazing, <b>showing all the school values</b> and making great progress throughout this year!	
Whirlow	All of Whirlow class – Your <b>Teamwork</b> , your <b>Aspiration</b> and for positive attitudes and being wonderful.	
Sheaf	Milana – Showing a positive attitude towards your learning and showing <b>Empathy</b> towards others.	Grace – Showing determination and <b>Resilience</b> in all of your learning and always being so engaged during independent tasks.
Endcliffe	All of Endcliffe – we are extremely proud of all of the children in Endcliffe, they have shown <b>all the school values</b> at different times across the school year. They all deserve to celebrate being Star of the Week.	
Norfolk	Amie – Working hard and showing <b>Aspiration</b> in all her learning.	Poppy – <b>Endeavouring</b> to do her best in all her learning. Well Done, Poppy!
Lyceum	Jacob – Having a really positive attitude towards your learning and for contributing answers with confidence.	Isabelle – Showing true <b>Endeavour</b> and <b>Aspiration</b> with your writing about volcanoes. You are trying really hard to keep your work neat.
Crucible	All of Crucible class – Thank you for showing <b>all the school values</b> this week. You are a credit to yourselves and our school. I will miss you all.	Kenley – <b>Empathy and Tolerance</b> and <b>Endeavour</b> this week. You have worked your socks off to produce some great work. Thank you for helping others too.
Weston	George - Showing <b>Aspiration</b> through continued hard work in booster sessions.	Mila – Showing <b>Aspiration</b> through reading at home all year.
Kelham	Lucy – Excellent <b>Resilience</b> when producing a moving poster using levers.	River – Being a really fantastic <b>role model</b> during his time at Birley Spa, good luck at your new school; we will miss you!
Graves	All of Graves class – all being absolute superstars this year and showing <b>all of the school values</b> .	
Millennium	All of Millennium class – For being absolute superstars all year, showing <b>all the school values</b> . Good luck in Year 6!	
Bolsover	Addison - Showing fantastic confidence and leadership during the Year 6 leavers' assembly.	Imogen - Showing fantastic confidence and leadership during the Year 6 leavers' assembly.
Peveril	Destiny – Showing fantastic confidence and leadership during the Year 6 leavers' assembly.	Connor – Showing fantastic confidence and leadership during the Year 6 leavers' assembly.
Shirebrook	All of Shirebrook – <b>Resilience</b> over the last few weeks. They have all coped brilliantly with changes and we are very proud of them.	

# Dates for the Diary

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Inset Days – School Closed</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> September	School Reopens to children <b>(8:40am)</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term Holiday INSET day – school closed
31 <sup>st</sup> October	School Reopens to children
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photos
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Student Flu Vaccinations
25 <sup>th</sup> December – 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas Holidays INSET day – school closed
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School Reopens to children
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Half term Holiday
19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School Reopens for children
29 <sup>th</sup> March – 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Easter Holidays
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	School Reopens to children
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	<b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half term Holiday INSET day – School closed
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	School Reopens for children
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	Last day of the Academic Year
2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	INSET Days – School closed