

No 7. Reward Systems

The House Points are brilliant to show you're doing the right thing. We all love getting House Points and it's so exciting to see how many each house has each week!

The Learners' Code points make us go the extra mile. It pushes us to think about how to show the school values in different ways.



"The values like Team-work are a good idea." Isabella (Kelham)

"The values are really important to our school because they help us to socialise." Mila (Weston)



No 8. Global education

We care deeply about our community and do everything we can to help those close by and those far away. We think about climate change and recycle in school. Our Eco Council works with the Site Manager to care for our environment but also undertake projects to impact the wider world.

We raise money for a range of charities and events around the world, such as Children in Need and support for refugees. **"I turn the lights off when leaving a room and tell others to do that as well."** Joshua (Millennium)

"We show empathy for people in other circumstances." Chloe and Oliver (Millennium)



No 9. Assemblies

We really enjoy assemblies because we have loads of positive things to celebrate. Who has the most House Points this week? Who has won the attendance challenge for each key stage? Who has been noticed by their teacher for showing the school values?

It's brilliant because the House Captains run the assembly for House Points and Attendance. They're really clear and make it exciting.

"My heart was pumping when we won!" Bryley (Endcliffe)

"Assemblies are really inspiring—they've worked really hard to get their achievements." Darcie-Rose (Millennium)

"I'm working really hard to get a certificate." Freya (Heeley)

No 10. Curriculum Enrichment

We also have special assemblies, like when Team GB came to school to work with us about how putting in effort now leads to a lifetime of success.

We have two Enterprise Weeks each year, then we use our Christmas Fayre and Summer Fayre to sell what we've created. Our trips and visits give us chance to deepen our learning as well as experience cultural opportunities such as different places of faith, sporting events and music concerts.

"Team GB were inspiring because they've achieved their dreams!" Eddie (Norfolk)

"It inspired me to set some goals!" Joshua (Lyceum)



Birley Spa Children's TOP 10

I'm proud of mine, and others' achievements in school!!

I'm proud to be at Birley Spa—ever since I started, everyone has been welcoming.



Birley Spa Primary Academy

No 1. Children:

All of our children include each other. If you're new or you've been here for ages, you'll have someone to play with and work with. No matter where we're from or how long we've known each other, we all learn from each other. We like how not everyone is the same, our differences make us interesting. The school values help us really appreciate each other. Playground leaders help younger children enjoy lunchtimes by teaching them how to play and share properly.

"Everyone helps if you're stuck." Tommy (Weston)

"You can really express yourself at Birley Spa." Mila (Weston)

"I like being very kind to others." Cheetah (Crucible)

No 2. Lessons

It's best when we interact with each other when we're learning. Our Teamwork value is really important. Each day is new and interesting. Our lessons build on knowledge from what we've learned before. We have visual ways to learn, like in Active English or Jigsaw characters, so we don't forget what we've learned. We develop loads of strategies to help ourselves if we're stuck.

"Editing and improving our writing makes you learn more and do better work each time you write." James

"Just when you think you know everything, the lessons blow your mind with something new!" Jorja (Graves)

"I like that we get challenged every day each time you get to work." Ben (Crucible)



No 3. Learning environment and outdoor environment

Our amazing outdoor spaces look fantastic and make breaks, lunchtimes and PE great. Our sensory garden is a beautiful, calm space to relax. Our playground has lots of equipment to climb on or practise our gymnastics on. Our court makes it easier to play ball games so we can be separate and our outdoor learning environment is great for us to use for Forest School. Early Years children have a beautiful outdoor space that is perfectly geared towards exploring through play. **"It has a lot of space to exercise and play and a lot of greenery—it's a really good learning space." Tommy (Weston)** **"It's brilliant to have fresh air while we work outside." Olivia (Millennium)**



"We get inspiration for Art by being in the environment." Hanna (Millennium)

4. Lunches

Our school lunches are delicious and we get them really quickly. There's always a lot to choose from and it's made fresh every day. Our CREATE Collaborate children work with Taylor Shaw caterers to design a menu that is scrumptious and healthy so that we can always have a range of exciting meals. The menus change to match things going on in Britain, like World Book Day or Christmas dinner.

"They really are delicious and they're cheap or free for some people. With the cost of living crisis this is really important." Daniel (Graves)

"The dinners are really nice and it's good to sit with your friends." Willow (Endcliffe)



No 5. Staff:

Our teachers and support staff all care about us so much. If you need help you get it and they keep our learning exciting. They're kind and show the values all the time. They know loads and make each subject interesting and fun. If you're ever sad or need to talk, any adult will support you. Our staff keep all children safe and happy.

"I like the creative teachers." William (Endcliffe)

"The adults are glorious!" Chloe (Kelham)

"The teachers are really nice—if you need help you get help." Willow and Annabelle (Endcliffe)

No 6. Pupil Voice

We have lots of ways to be heard at Birley Spa. All the children can be involved and make a difference. We appreciate opportunities to make suggestions or changes in school. Our Safeguarding Stewards have influenced the Local Authority and PCSOs to improve traffic calming measures outside school. Our CREATE Collaborate team have worked with an executive chef to plan our school dinner menu. Our pupil podcasters and Eco Council are looking forward to getting started with their upcoming projects.

"I have loads of ideas about being more eco-friendly. We can recycle different things, not just paper." Alic (Bolsover)

"When you're a role model other people follow your footsteps," Olivia (Millennium)

