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### We've been busy

Over the last couple of weeks, KS1 (Magpie, Dove and Jay classes) have been to Sherwood Forest for a visit, we've had a drumming workshop in EYFS (Wren, Puffin and Robin classes) (which we all heard about!) and we've welcomed lots of grown-ups into school as part of Bring Your Grown-up to... LKS2 (Siskin, Swift and Kittiwake classes) and Nursery (Wren class) as well as a governor, who came to see us all during our leaning. Wow, I think we're all ready for half-term.

I've heard lots about the trip to Sherwood forest 'It was the best trip I've ever been on, we explored the woods and made animal shelters.'



### Parent Consultations

It's always a pleasure to welcome parents and carers into school and it was lovely to see so many at our Parent Consultations this week. Hopefully you found the meeting useful and feel more informed regarding your child's progress and their next steps in learning. Can I remind you that class teachers are always available for discussions about your child's learning and appointments can be made via the school office or emailing [office@birklandsschool.co.uk](mailto:office@birklandsschool.co.uk).

### World Book day

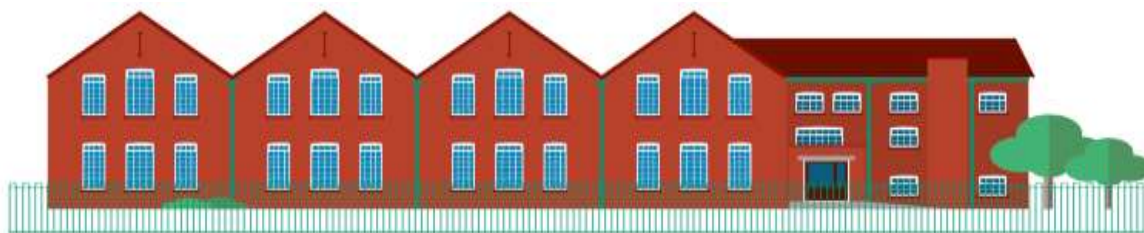
We will be celebrating the annual World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. Pupils are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from the literary world. Half term is the perfect time to sort out costumes! During the day, they will take part in a range of book-themed activities and will be issued with a book token to exchange at a participating retailer for one of this year's book titles.

### Half Price Uniform Sale

As you'll be aware from previous newsletters our uniform is now available to be purchased online via [www.uniformdirect.co.uk](http://www.uniformdirect.co.uk). This has meant that we have current stock which we would like to get rid of to free up

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some space. All uniform will be half the original selling price, but will be on a first come first served basis.

After half term we will set up a mini 'shop' in the reception area and uniform will be available to buy between 8.35am - 9.00am and 3.00 – 3.30pm. We will still not be able to accept cash or card but you can pay via sQuid or bank transfer at the time. Please do not order anything online until you have confirmed with the school office that we have the item in stock and have reserved it for you.

The prices for items are below:

Sweatshirt - £5.00  
Cardigan - £5.50  
Polo shirt - £3.50  
Fleece - £6.00  
Waterproof fleece - £9.00  
PE T-Shirt - £2.25  
Book bags - £3.00  
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Please note that prices will not change on sQuid until after half term.

## School Dinners

There will be a new menu available after half term. This will be available to see on the school website but we will send you out a separate link.

## Cumulative Attendance

It is crucial that your child is in school every day that they are well enough to attend

	Sessions	68	138	194	254	310	380
Days abser	Sessions abs	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
1	2	97.1	98.6	99.0	99.2	99.4	99.5
2	4	94.1	97.1	97.9	98.4	98.7	98.9
3	6	91.2	95.7	96.9	97.6	98.1	98.4
4	8	88.2	94.2	95.9	96.9	97.4	97.9
5	10	85.3	92.8	94.8	96.1	96.8	97.4
6	12	82.4	91.3	93.8	95.3	96.1	96.8
7	14	79.4	89.9	92.8	94.5	95.5	96.3
8	16	76.5	88.4	91.8	93.7	94.8	95.8
9	18	73.5	87.0	90.7	92.9	94.2	95.3
10	20	70.6	85.5	89.7	92.1	93.5	94.7
11	22	67.6	84.1	88.7	91.3	92.9	94.2
12	24	64.7	82.6	87.6	90.6	92.3	93.7
13	26	61.8	81.2	86.6	89.8	91.6	93.2
14	28	58.8	79.7	85.6	89.0	91.0	92.6
15	30	55.9	78.3	84.5	88.2	90.3	92.1
16	32	50.5	75.6	82.6	86.7	89.1	91.1
17	34	44.4	72.6	80.5	85.1	87.8	90.1
18	36	37.7	69.3	78.2	83.3	86.3	88.9
19	38	30.1	65.6	75.5	81.3	84.7	87.5
20	40	21.6	61.4	72.5	79.0	82.8	86.0

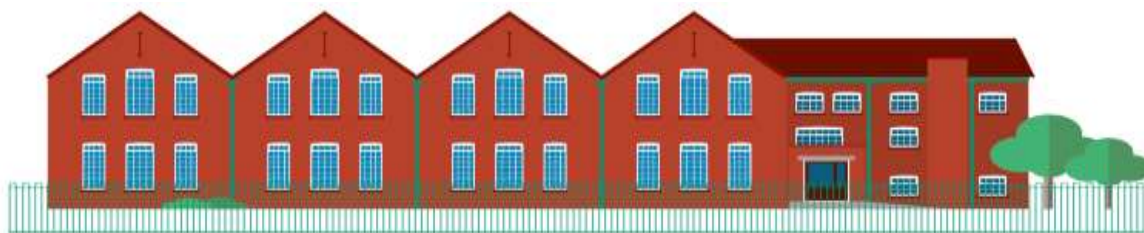
## Did you know... ?

- A child who is 10 minutes late misses 32 hours a year of lost education
- A child who misses 1 day a week loses 2 months a year of education
- Half a day a week missed throughout school life equates to 1 full year of lost education

**DID YOU KNOW?** Research tells us that pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school (that's 19 to 38 days per year) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days!

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### Strike Action

Thank you for your understanding regarding the strike action which led to our school being partially open last week. The next scheduled strike day is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March and I'll let you know plans when we know more about the teachers' intentions.

Diary Dates		
<b>13.02.23</b> – <b>17.02.23</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	
01.03.23	Strike Day	
02.03.23	World Book Day	
23.03.23	Robin & Puffin classes visit to White Post Farm	
13.03.23	Science week	
14.03.23	International Maths day	
27.03.23	Police workshop	
28.03.23	Easter Service at St. Peter & Paul's church	9:30 am
29.03.23 – 31.03.23	Y6 Residential	
<b>03.04.23</b> – <b>14.04.23</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>	

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