

THE BIRCHWOOD NEWS

DECEMBER 2024

BIRCHWOOD WINS ROTARY ENGINEERING COMPETITION

Birchwood High School hosted an exciting and successful Rotary Engineering Competition, with student teams from several local schools coming together to showcase their skills and ingenuity. The event featured three challenging categories, each designed to test the participants' engineering knowledge, creativity, and teamwork.

We're thrilled to announce that Birchwood High School's teams excelled in every category, proudly winning all three awards up for grabs! The competition, a true testament to students' hard work and dedication, highlighted Birchwood's commitment to excellence in STEM education.

The evening was not only a victory for our students but also an inspiring opportunity to connect with other schools and celebrate a shared passion for engineering. Congratulations to our talented students and a huge thank you to all the staff, Rotary members, and volunteers who made the evening a resounding success.

Ms N Montgomery,
Technology



CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT

Birchwood Music department delighted parents and staff with its Christmas concert, an evening of music that celebrated the joy of the holiday season. Held on 28 November in the Main Hall, the concert featured a captivating blend of performances by talented soloists, harmonious choirs, and a dynamic small orchestra. Audiences were transported through a variety of festive classics and modern arrangements.

“We are incredibly proud of our students’ dedication and talent.” said Mr Grogan, Head of Music, “This concert not only showcases their hard work but also brings our community together to celebrate the spirit of the season.”

The event drew an enthusiastic crowd and Mr Grogan and Mr Stock would like to thank everyone who attended and supported the students.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

This year's Carols by Candlelight was a magical evening filled with festive favourites like Once In Royal David's City and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.

Thank you to St Michael's Church for hosting us so beautifully. For details of their upcoming carol services, visit www.saintmichaelweb.org.uk.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



This year's Annual Christmas Lunch was a resounding success, bringing together over 400 students and staff across three days to celebrate the festive season in true Birchwood style. Hosted by our amazing Cafe team, the event has become a much-loved tradition, filling the school with warmth and Christmas cheer.

The menu featured the classic traditional turkey with all the trimmings, followed by a choice of chocolate fudge cake or Christmas pudding - and of course, everyone received a Christmas cracker, complete with hat!

A huge thank you to the Cafe team and all our staff volunteers for their hard work in preparing such a wonderful event.

DECORATE YOUR FORM ROOM COMPETITION



This year's Form Room Decorating Competition brought plenty of festive cheer to Birchwood, as students and staff transformed their rooms and offices with seasonal decorations. The annual event gives everyone the chance to showcase their creativity and spread Christmas spirit throughout the school.

After much deliberation, the winners for 2024 are:

1st place: 11DPN

2nd place: 9DKE

3rd place: Science Prep Room

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



Congratulations to Rowan Thorn, the winner of this year's Christmas Card Design Competition! Rowan's beautiful design captured the Birchwood logo and the festive spirit beautifully and will be sent out on behalf of the school this December. A big thank you to everyone who entered - the quality of designs was truly outstanding!

1st: Rowan Thorn who wins a £15 Amazon voucher, 30 House Points and a set of printed cards in their design.

Joint 2nd: Erika Silva and Hiba Fadil won a £10 Amazon voucher and 20 House Points.

3rd: Milena Dalipi who wins a £5 Amazon voucher and 10 House Points.

CHRISTMAS CLAY WORKSHOP

This year's Christmas Clay Workshop was a fantastic opportunity for students to get creative and make their own festive tree decorations.

The workshop took place over two sessions. In the first, students shaped and moulded their designs from clay, putting their artistic skills to work. During the second session, they returned to paint and decorate their creations, adding a personal and festive touch.

The results were beautiful, unique decorations ready to brighten up Christmas trees at home.



CHRISTMAS QUIZ



A huge congratulations to all the teams who took part in our festive Christmas Quiz! The competition was fierce, but our Sixth Form team emerged as the overall winners! A special mention goes to two fantastic Year 7 teams, who came incredibly close - well done to everyone for your amazing effort and festive spirit!

FRENCH CHRISTMAS MARKETS



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From 15 to 17 December, Birchwood High School students embarked on a memorable trip to France, packed with exciting activities and cultural experiences. Staying at the picturesque Château d'Eblinghem, the group enjoyed a blend of education, exploration, and festive fun.

Highlights included visits to the vibrant Lille and Arras Christmas markets, where students immersed themselves in the seasonal atmosphere while exploring local crafts and cuisine. Other excursions included Vimy Ridge, offering a profound historical experience, and the Ledoux Chocolate Factory in Belgium, which delighted everyone with its insights into chocolate-making.

Evenings at the château were equally engaging, with activities such as a campfire, a birthday celebration and a quiz, bringing the whole group together in the festive spirit.

The trip was a fantastic opportunity for students to connect with history, culture, and each other, making it a truly unforgettable experience. A huge thank you to the staff and organisers who made it possible!



REWARDS FILM DAY



To celebrate the achievements of our students, Mrs Collyer and the House Team hosted a special End of Term Rewards Day. Students with the top 20% of net house points in their year group were invited to a festive screening of *The Grinch*.

The celebration included popcorn and sweets, making it a fun and memorable way to reward their hard work and positive contributions throughout the term. Well done to all - you've earned it!

FOODBANK DONATION

This year's staff Christmas party was a festive celebration with a meaningful twist, raising an incredible £192 for the Bishop's Stortford Foodbank.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed and made the event such a success. Your generosity will help support local families in need this Christmas and beyond.



CONSTRUCTION BBQ



To mark the end of the Brickwork Unit, students hosted a fantastic BBQ, cooking for staff to celebrate their hard work and achievements.

As part of their project, students worked in pairs to construct brick BBQ structures, which they then put to excellent use for the celebration. A big well done to everyone involved for their effort and craftsmanship it was a delicious and fitting way to conclude the term!

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, first performed in 1895, is widely considered one of the greatest comedies in the English language. Its witty dialogue, sharp social satire, and exploration of themes like identity, marriage, and social expectations remain relevant today.

For sixth form students, now exploring more sophisticated literary analysis than in GCSE, the play presents an excellent opportunity to witness the power of language, wit, and character development in action.

Experiencing the play in a live setting allows students to grasp the nuances of Wilde's wordplay and the intricacies of his satirical commentary. The performance at the National Theatre brings Wilde's sharp observations on the absurdities of Victorian society into the present, making the material feel fresh and dynamic. This live experience transcends the classroom discussion of text and brings the play's themes to life in a vibrant, comical, and engaging way.



Olivia Donaldson, Year 13

DANCE CLUB CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE



The Year 7 Dance Club delivered a show-stopping performance this Christmas, showcasing a routine they've been perfecting throughout the term. Set to Mariah Carey's festive classic, 'All I Want For Christmas Is You', the students lit up the stage with their energy, enthusiasm, and impressive choreography.

Their hard work and dedication shone through, spreading Christmas cheer to all who watched.

THE MOUSETRAP

On the 7 November a group of Year 9 Drama students went to London to see Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*. They thoroughly enjoyed working out 'who done it' and have been sworn to secrecy! The school received an email from a member of the public to say how well behaved the group were which was fantastic to hear! Well done Year 9!

Mrs Goddard, Drama



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to all the students who received their Student of the Month awards.
Only 10 of these badges and certificates are awarded from each faculty in the whole year - well done!



Freya W
Art

Dani
Academic Improvement Award

Aiden Day Rose
PE

Erin Fowler
Business

Imogan Ficken
IT/Computer Science

Florence Hyams
Performer

Joziah-Ray Mbangu
Chef

Evie Bateman
French

Caleb Hodge
PLC

Kira Beazley
Dance

Lucas Rugiero
German

Kai Chowdury
Scientist

Liv Donaldson
English

Eliza Pope
Spanish

Georgina Branney
Statistician

Jack Whittaker
Film

Mya Wade Augustine
Maths

Tori Boyten
Technology

Tahlia Sunshine
Geography

Alex Burke
Media

Evie Barber
Musician

TUTOR RECOGNITION AWARDS

This term, we introduced the Tutor Recognition Awards to celebrate students who go above and beyond. Students and their parents attended a certificate morning in the BDC.



YEAR 7

YEAR 8



YEAR 9

YEAR 10



YEAR 11

SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

SCIENCE LIVE

Birchwood's A Level and GCSE Science students had the opportunity to attend inspiring Science Live events in London, where they listened to leading scientists across a range of disciplines. The events featured engaging lectures on cutting-edge topics such as coral reef restoration, forensic anthropology, mental health, nanotechnology, and particle physics. Highlights included insights into growing vegetables on discarded mattresses in Syrian refugee camps, the science of laughter and vocalisations, and ethical dilemmas in human reproduction research. Students also explored advancements in neuroscience, marine biodiversity, and genetics.

These events provided students with a fascinating glimpse into the real-world applications of science, supported by examiner-led sessions on improving exam technique. From examining whether we are made of stardust to witnessing innovations such as nanotech clothing, the experiences were both educational and inspiring, fostering curiosity and ambition among Birchwood's aspiring scientists.

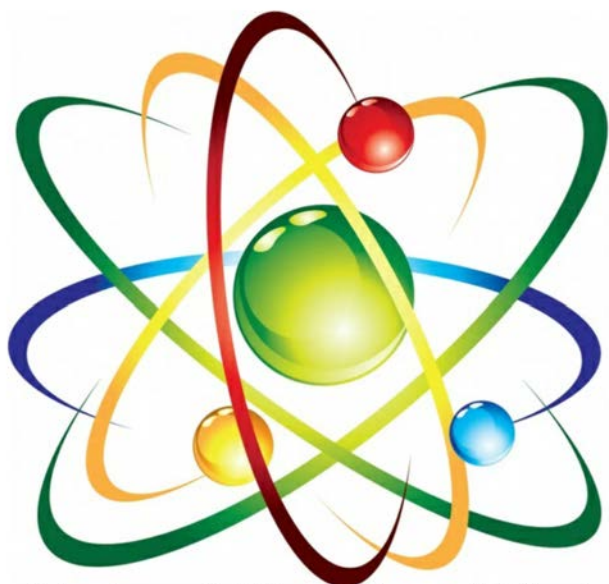


GSK WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS

Chemistry Week celebrations began with an exciting visit from GSK staff, who ran a hands-on workshop for students. The workshop focused on how scientists determine which coatings to use on tablets to control how quickly different medications dissolve in the stomach. By choosing different coating substances, they can adjust the rate at which a tablet dissolves.

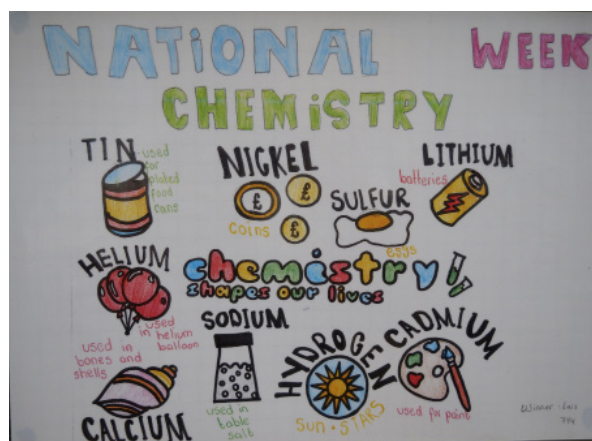
To explore this concept, students used lemonade to replicate the acidic environment of the stomach and coated Smarties with various substances, including jam, honey, mayonnaise, deodorant, and hairspray. They then dropped the coated Smarties into lemonade and timed how long it took for each coating to dissolve, giving them a fascinating insight into the science of tablet design.





National Chemistry Week

COMPETITION WINNER



Lais Goulart won the competition and received £10 Amazon voucher.

LAVA LAMP WORKSHOP

During National Chemistry Week, students had the chance to make their own lava lamps using oil, water, food colouring, and effervescent tablets - a fun and colourful way to learn about chemical reactions!



TUMI SIWOKU



Tumi Siwoku was here for a career speech to Year 10. She is Society of Cosmetic Scientist and Principal Chemist of Beauty Science Labs. She has many cosmetic products that are sold in Boots.



House



SPELLING BEE WINNERS



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1st Sophie Billett, 5 House points for Stort
2nd George Cooper, 4 house points for Dane
3rd Aimee Robson 3 house points for Stort and
Edward McCarthy, 3 house points for Waytemore

SPORT KIT DONATIONS

Mr Barratt is supporting a team of cyclists who are attempting to ride from Cambridge to Bangladesh to raise money for The Dolly Foundation which aims to impact lives of those less fortunate than us. Together with raising money for this charity they would like to take any donations of sportswear from Birchwood which will be given to villagers along the route and help form part of their school PE kit / equipment.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The House Team at Birchwood High School once again collected donations for the Bishop's Stortford Food Bank. This annual initiative helps spread joy and provides essential support to those in need within our community.

We're incredibly grateful for your generosity and know these donations will make a real difference to many families this Christmas.



1st Place - Hadham 3405

2nd Place - Waytemore 2988

3rd Place - Stort 2442

4th Place - Dane 2303



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

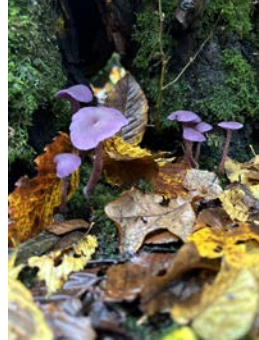
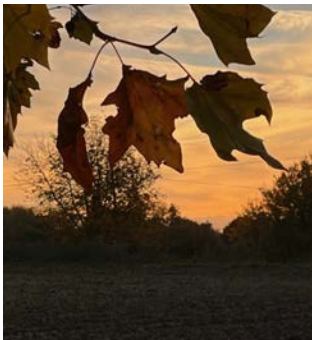


Wonderful entries! Thank you to everyone who to part in this competition!



1st prize went to Emilie Klumpler, pictured with her prize..

2nd prize: Dylan Crouch.



3rd prize: Dylan Crouch.

4th prize: Miss Wade

4th prize: Oliver Klumpler



George Turner

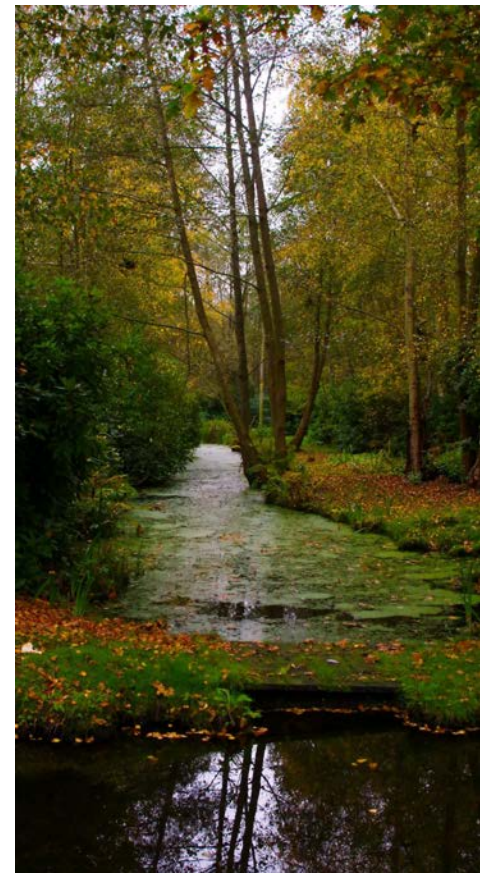
George Turner



Mr Radford



Lucas Tilley



Fraser Ansell

PE NEWS



RUGBY ROUND UP



Congratulations to our Year 11 Boys Team for winning the District competition!



The Year 9 Boys Rugby Team reached the semi final at Districts.



The Year 8 & 9 Girls Team competed at a rugby festival in Watford.



The Year 8 Rugby Team reached the Semi Finals at the Districts.



Year 9 had an impressive victory over St Mary's, winning 24-12

FOOTBALL



The Year 11 Football Team beat Simon Balle 4-2 and are now through to the 3rd round of the district competition.

BIRCHWOOD BOBCATS



Cheerleading Squad displayed at the KS2 Cheerleading Competition at the weekend. It was great to see the team working together, building on friendships and trust, showing commitment and inspiring our younger athletes with a fantastic performance.

MULTI SKILLS



On 5 December, Birchwood High School hosted an exciting Year 1 & 2 Multi-Skills event, welcoming six primary schools from Bishop's Stortford and the surrounding area. The day was expertly planned and delivered by the enthusiastic Birchwood student I leaders, who participated in a training session beforehand. This prepared them to design and run a carousel of engaging activities for the young participants. From throwing and catching games to balance and coordination challenges, the event provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop fundamental movement skills while having fun. The atmosphere was buzzing with energy and laughter as the primary school children worked together, encouraged by the supportive leaders. A huge thank you to Birchwood High School for hosting and to everyone involved in making the day so memorable!



PRIMARY SCHOOL RAPID FIRE

On a bright but chilly day at HECC Sport, we welcomed 12 schools to take part in an energetic and fun-filled Primary School Rapid Fire event. The competition brought together enthusiastic Year 3 and 4 pupils who showcased their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship in an atmosphere buzzing with excitement.

Adding to the success of the day, 10 fantastic sports leaders from Birchwood High School stepped up to officiate the event. Their professionalism and encouragement ensured the smooth running of every match and helped to inspire the younger participants. A big thank-you goes to these leaders for their hard work and dedication!

The event featured two categories: small schools and large schools, with every team bringing their best game to the court. After some thrilling matches, the winners were:

- Small Schools Champion: Furneux Pelham
- Large Schools Champion: Windhill 21

Congratulations to our winners, and a huge well done to all the schools for taking part. Both schools will now go on to represent the Birchwood Sports Partnership in the Herts County Finals

SIXTH FORM NEWS

FINANCIAL TIMES VISITS BIRCHWOOD



Earlier this term we had the pleasure of welcoming three inspiring leaders from the Financial Times to share their career journeys and offer valuable advice to our students. Our students gained unique insights into the world of media, technology, and business. Thank you to: Jon Slade, Chief Commercial Officer, Jennifer Shepherd, Senior Engineer, Editorial Technology & Fiona Spooner, Managing Director, Consumer Revenue

YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHERS

On a very cold wet day Year 12 visited East London to carry out human fieldwork techniques. They visited Hackney Wick, the Olympic Park, Stratford and Westfield. At each location, they carried out fieldwork such as questionnaires, land use surveys, pedestrian counts and clone town surveys. The data collected will form the basis of a practice coursework project.

Miss Crossley , Geography



BISH WRITER

Kate Turner a writer for BISH magazine and Douglas UK was invited to speak to our Year 13 Business students.

Tadd Webster, Year 13 kindly reviewed our guest speaker...

"I found the guest speaker very informative and helpful when asking about marketing and how the adapt to their customers and their budget, I felt I learned a lot from the experience, to the point where I kept wanting to ask more questions."

Mrs Dervish, Business



POLECONUK 2024 CONFERENCE

On the 26 November, 12 Economics students and I were able to visit the POLECONUK 2024 conference. In total, we saw nine speakers all offering different insights into modern day economic issues. Some of the highlights of the day included the talk from ex Shadow Chancellor, Ed Balls, who focused on economic growth under Rachel Reeves' budget. The importance of economic growth seemed to feature heavily in many talks throughout the day. Tim Harford provided an engaging speech on two of the most influential economists of the past, Fisher and Keynes. Grace Blakeley led a discussion asking us to consider who actually holds the power in a capitalist society, and how much freedom is there in a free market economy.

The final talk of the day came from Kate Raworth who introduced us to the concept of doughnut economics which led to conversations over how much economic growth is sustainable for our planet. Throughout the conference there were multiple opportunities for us as the audience to interact and give our opinions via an online poll. Overall, the day was a compelling and insightful look into modern day economics.

Samantha Utle, Year 13

ADVERTISING UNLOCKED



On 13 November advertising agencies across the UK opened their doors to the next generation of talent for the IPA's annual event, Advertising Unlocked. Birchwood was matched with one of the fastest growing Media and Creative agencies,

Bicycle London. A small group of sixth form students were lucky enough to spend the day at Bicycle's offices. The team at Bicycle treated our students to a real insight into the world of Media and Advertising (as well as lunch and a goody bag!)

".... It was very informative as it gave us an outlook on what life is like in an advertising agency. We also found out what goes on behind the scenes in the process of making an advert, which was eye-opening and interesting. Everyone at Bicycle was friendly and helpful, they made us feel very welcome" said Jake Eley, Alfie Hobday and Charlie Howe.

ALUMNI NEWS



Alumni student, Tabitha Gray, came in to talk to the Sixth Form about her apprentice degree with Price Bailey. Price Bailey run a school leaver programme where their apprentices study for an accountancy or tax qualification (CFAB / AAT / ATT and/or ACA), which typically takes five years to complete from start to finish.

The apprentices receive:

Professional accountancy qualifications, fully sponsored with paid study time. Plus, a competitive starting salary with benefits package, career prospects and progression

Our students were given an oversight of Price Bailey as a company and heard about the School Leaver Programme from Tabitha, who joined the scheme just over a year ago when she finished Sixth Form at Birchwood. Tabitha was able to give our students lots of inside information on the scheme and answer any questions they had. It was lovely to welcome Tabitha back to Birchwood and to hear news of the three Birchwood students who secured places on the scheme this September.

We wish every success to any of our students who make applications this year!

Mrs Crimes, Careers

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



On Wednesday 11 December, Mrs Mangin-Griffiths accompanied our A-Level French students to South Kensington for a special outing to the International Film Festival, where they had the chance to enjoy a screening of a popular French film.

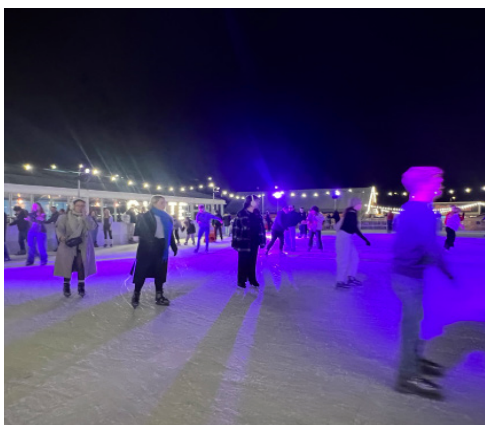
This event provided an incredible opportunity for students to immerse themselves in authentic French cinema, enhancing their cultural understanding and bringing the language to life outside of the classroom. Experiencing the nuances of French storytelling, dialogue, and artistry first-hand was both inspiring and enriching for all who attended.

SIXTH FORM REWARDS TRIP TO CAMBRIDGE



This term, our Sixth Form students were treated to a special Rewards Trip to the Cambridge Christmas Markets. The trip celebrated their hard work and achievements, offering a day of festive fun.

Students enjoyed exploring the markets, sampling seasonal food and drink, and even had the opportunity to ice skate. It was a fantastic way to unwind and embrace the festive spirit—well done to all who took part!



BIRCHWOOD BROADCASTING CORRESPONDENTS

What have our budding Birchwood journalists been researching this month?

WHY I LIKE ART *by Fletcher Fegan*

I like art because it is a way to express our personalities and it brings out the creative side of students. I also think it is important to have art in schools as it is a relaxing and fun activity. The school's art club is loved by many students.

Art and artists inspire children, and adults, to have a more creative imagination. Keith Haring is my favourite artist because his art is so simple but yet has very vibrant colours.

In conclusion, art is a popular, creative and expressive hobby.

THE HISTORY OF BONFIRE NIGHT

by Daniel Anderson

- # THE HISTORY OF BONFIRE NIGHT
- by Daniel Anderson*
- Firework night is celebrated on the 5 November each year. It originated in 1605 when the gunpowder plot took place at the Houses of Parliament. Guy Fawkes was caught trying to overthrow King James I. The plot was planned by a group of English Catholics, led by Robert Catesby. The group wanted to overthrow James because they wanted a Catholic king again. However, their plan did not go to plan. Guy Fawkes was caught guarding the explosives placed beneath the Houses of Parliament. Due to the capture and failure of the plot, people now celebrate by lighting bonfires (what Guy Fawkes originally intended to do to the explosives) and launch fireworks.

SPOTLIGHT ON FOOD TECHNOLOGY *by Josh Beasley*

This term Josh has been making apple crumble in Food Technology and wanted to share his recipe. It will make the perfect pudding for cold December evenings.

APPLE CRUMBLE

50g butter or margarine
100g plain flour
50g oats
25g sugar
2 eating apples (eg Braeburn)
50g sultanas

Method

1. Peel the apples then cut the apples into quarters and remove the core, Slice the apples thinly.
2. Place apples in a saucepan and cover with 100ml water, cook on a low heat until semi soft.
3. Meanwhile, rub the butter or margarine into the flour until it looks like breadcrumbs.
4. Stir the oats and sugar into the crumble.
5. Place the semi soft apples into the bottom of the dish
6. Sprinkle the sultanas over the top of the apples and then the crumble to cover the fruit
7. Bake for 20 mins until the apple is soft and the crumble is golden brown.

I recommend you make this. It is yummy! I am going to make this again!



WHY WE CELEBRATE REMBEMBRANCE DAY

So, in 1914 there was this really complicated thing called WWI. It was brutal with conditions in the trenches being disgusting! The Western front saw the most brutal fighting of the war and many men died there. In fact the deadliest day in British military history was 1 July 1916 at the Battle of the Somme where the Germans inflicted 57,000 deaths on the British. The war also saw many fatalities on the French side with 400,000 casualties at the Battle of Verdun.

After an 100 days offensive into France in early 1918 failed, Germany knew the war was over and began preparations for a peace deal. On the 29 September 1918, Bulgaria, a German ally, surrendered. This was shortly followed by the Ottoman empire on 30 October and Austria on 3 November.

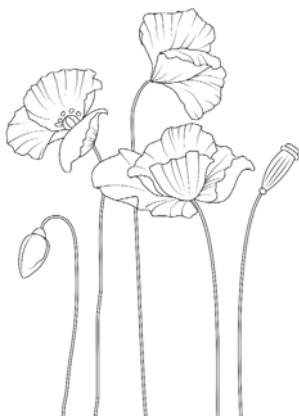
On the 6 November knowing the war was lost Prince Maximilian of Baden instructed the German Foreign secretary, to go to France and gain mercy for the Germans and "For God's sake bring peace". On 7 November at 10 o'clock Erzberger arrived in France. Diplomats agreed terms of peace, Erzberger signed the armistice and with that the slaughter of millions was finally over.

It was agreed the Armistice would take place on 11 November at 11 o'clock. 11 hour of the 11 day of the 11 month!

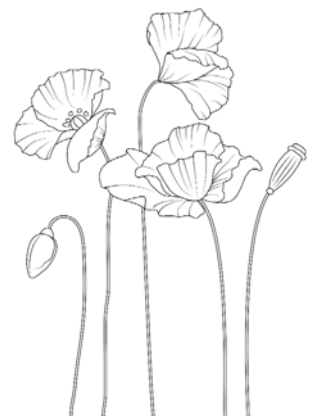
After the armistice came, the battlefields were abandoned and poppies started to grow. This is why poppies are used for Remembrance Day.

We use this day to remember everyone who fought for our nation in all wars, not just WWI.

Thank you for reading, Ollie Stooley.



"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."





Why not follow us on Facebook?

We have a Facebook page where you can keep up to date with events and meetings. Please follow us at Birchwood Parents Staff and Friends Association (PSFA)

PRELOVED UNIFORM

If you are replacing items of branded school uniform and the old items are still in good condition, please consider donating good condition items of preloved uniform to the PSFA. Please drop off washed clean items of uniform to Reception.'

Help needed! Do you have an hour a week to help with our pre-loved uniform?

This could be during the day (DBS check needed) or after school, helping with sorting and hanging up donations and dealing with enquiries (e.g. finding sizes and bagging up orders)

Please contact birchwoodpsfa@gmail.com if you can help.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for Birchwood with easyfundraising? There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/birchwood-parents-staff-and-friends-association/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Birchwood at no extra cost to you whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and Birchwood will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.



The Science Department would like to thank the PSFA for this donation of £1000 so they have been able to purchase this equipment.

- 15 x burettes
- 15 x burette clamps
- 15 x timers
- 15 x thermometers
- 5 x ray box bulb holders
- 6 x microscope objectives
- 15 x balances
- 16 x magnetic field demos
- 2 x immersion heaters



Want to Improve your football... Play Futsal!

Bishop's Stortford Futsal Club (BSFC) run sessions for boys & girls between the ages of u8 to u18 @ Birchwood School Sports Hall every Monday & Wednesday night. We play in the Essex Youth Futsal League and play many Futsal tournaments throughout the year.

We are always looking for new players, so if there are any boys or girls who want to play Futsal or just want to supplement their football development then contact us on the following to book in for a session -

Tel: 07899905117

E: bsfutsal@hotmail.com

X: @FutsalFor

Facebook: @futsalforfun7

FA Futsal & Football Qualified Coaches



TERM DATES REMINDER

Birchwood High School Calendar

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CPD Days – school closed to students
Student holidays
Bank & public holidays
School Open to Yr 7 & 12 only
Open Day
Year 6 Transition Day

Next Year: 2025-2026

SPRING TERM

Monday 5 January 2026- Friday 27

March

Half term

W/B Monday 16 February - Friday 20

February

Easter Holidays

Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April

2026

SUMMER TERM

Monday 13 April - Thursday 23 July

2026

Half term

W/B Monday 25 May -Friday 29 May

2026

CPD Days are yet to be confirmed.

These will be communicated shortly.

Please note that the school is closed to students on all CPD days, unless a member of staff has asked students to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES

January

Tuesday 21 January - Year 11 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 4 February - Year 8 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 11 February - Year 12 Parents' Evening