



Birtley House Highlights

18th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing News

Miss Alderton is not returning to Birtley House and is pursuing a career in tutoring. We wish her every success in her new career.

We are delighted to announce that we have recruited Mr Dan Cook as our new Year 6 teacher from September. He is a very experienced Class Teacher and has also worked as a SENCO and Curriculum expert.

Mr Cook will be joining our wonderful teaching team of Miss Quirk, Mrs Snelgrove, Mrs Karthik, Miss Tennant and Mrs Cox. Class lists will be coming out soon.

We are also overjoyed to welcome Miss Whitehead back from maternity leave.

Mrs E Palmer
Head Teacher

Otters Class

Otter's class have been working hard and doing lots of activities. Children in Otters class have been enjoying lots of stories and were able to write their own version of Handa's surprise. Otter's have also been making salt dough and were able to make their salt dough into 2D shapes. We also had some excellent hairstyles for 'Crazy Hair' day.



Owls Class



In Owls class children have been learning about food and where it comes from. We visited Kent Life

Museum and planted salad seeds and learnt about different types of herbs.



Badgers Class

In Badger's class, we have had lots of fun with our learning this term. In History, the children role-played the Roman Army's invasion of Gaul, which took place over 2000 years ago with Caesar in charge of the Romans. They then role-played the same invasion - this time with the Roman Army successfully taking over Britain with Claudius as their leader. They had a great time acting out the invasion!



In Art, the children made beautiful mosaics made from gems. They enjoyed looking at different types of Mosaic patterns, then creating their own using their designs.



Bats Class



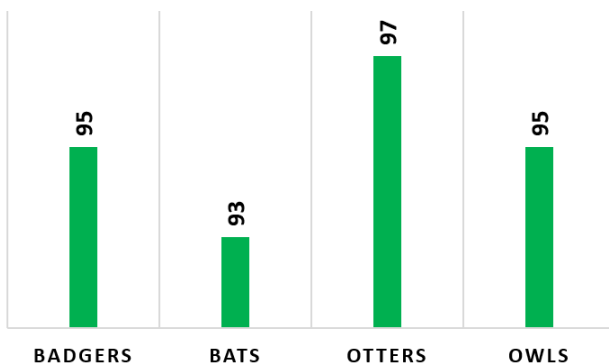
During this term Bats have been exploring electrical circuits and conductors. They have had a lot of fun creating their own circuits, making their on switches from clothes pegs and dissecting plugs to discover how they work.



During Art the children have been looking at statues and statuettes. They have explored how statutes are different and similar across the word and within different cultures. When looking at the Ancient Sumer civilisation, the children created their own clay statuettes inspired by the civilisation.



ATTENDANCE



This years whole school attendance is 95%. Well done to Otters Class who had the highest attendance of 97%

Please remember that holidays during term time are not authorised and any medical appointments must be notified to the school office by email with proof where possible.

Last Words From Mrs Palmer!

On a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to every pupil and family present and past. The last 15 years have been incredible and it is a once in a lifetime chance to start a school and see it flourish. Best wishes to everyone associated with the school. I know that you are all in very safe hands for the future!

Emma Palmer

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Dates For Your Diary

Summer Term 2025	
Term 6 2025	
Pupils Start	Monday 9 th June
Term Finish – Last day for Pupils (finish at 1pm taxis, 1.15pm non-taxis)	Friday 11 th July
Inset Days (Staff only)	Monday 14 th July Tuesday 15 th July

Autumn Term 2025	
Term 1 2025	
Inset Day (Staff only)	Monday 1 st September
Inset Day (Staff only)	Tuesday 2 nd September
Pupils Start	Wednesday 3 rd September
Break up for Half Term	Friday 17 th October
HALF TERM	Monday 20 th October – Friday 24 th October (1 week)
Term 2 2025	
Pupils Start	Monday 27 th October
Term Finish – Last day for Pupils (finish at 1pm taxis, 1.15pm non-taxis)	Tuesday 16 th December
Inset Day (Staff only)	Wednesday 17 th December
Christmas Holiday	Thursday 18 th December – Friday 2 nd January 2026 (2 weeks & 2 days)

SPRING 2026	
Term 3 (2026)	
Inset Day (Staff only)	Monday 5 th January
Pupils Start	Tuesday 6 th January
Break up for Half Term	Friday 13 th February
HALF TERM	Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February (1 week)
Term 4 (2026)	
Pupils Start	Monday 23 rd February
Term Finish – Last day for Pupils (finish at 1pm taxis, 1.15pm non-taxis)	Thursday 2 nd April