



Our Rainbow Curriculum

A celebration of “Life in All Its Fullness” at Birchanger C of E Primary School

Our Rainbow Curriculum expresses our Christian Vision of “Life in All Its Fullness” (John 10:10) by providing enriching, joyful, diverse experiences that help every child flourish spiritually, morally, socially, culturally, creatively and academically. It is built around our four values: Believing, Being Our Best, Being Creative and Belonging.

These values shape the lived experience of our pupils and ensure our curriculum extends beyond the National Curriculum to develop character, celebrate community and foster human flourishing.

Believing

Encouraging pupils to explore faith, wonder, morality and spirituality, so they grow in understanding, respect and a sense of purpose.

Being Our Best

Supporting children to develop resilience, courage, confidence and leadership, enabling them to persevere, aspire and flourish in all areas of school life.

Being Creative

Inspiring imagination, self-expression and creativity through the arts, performance and hands-on experiences, fostering joy and innovation.

Belonging

Building community, celebrating individuality and encouraging service to others, so that every child feels valued, included and connected.

Whole School Entitlement

Every year, all pupils will experience:



- Daily collective worship rooted in Christian teaching
- Church visits for Harvest, Christmas (Christingle), Easter, Leavers
- Weekly Celebration worship with parents
- Puppets Galore shows (Christmas and Easter)
- Wellbeing Days (friendship, peace, Lent themes)
- Agents for Change social justice programme
- MyHappyMind programme
- Living Chicks experience



- Forest School (weekly in EYFS; rotation in other years)
- Quidditch Day
- British Science Week and STEM enrichment
- Safety partnerships e.g. Fire Service talks
- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Interschool sport, festivals and competitions
- Inclusive events such as Neurodiversity Week



- Book Week with visiting authors and workshops
- School productions (EYFS/KS1 Nativity, KS2 Production)
- Birchanger Loves Talent events

- Christmas Decoration and Cooking Day
- Creative competitions (e.g., Creative Council-led art)



- OPAL play provision (daily opportunities: den building, water play, sandpit, building bug hotels, bikes, mud play)
- Community events: Cakes and Carols
- Pancake Breakfast, Santa Dash and Christmas celebrations
- School discos and PTA events
- Multi-Schools Council participation (Silver Award)
- Partner-school communication (Hansraj Public School, India)
- Whole school theatre trip
- Bee Happy Bouncefest

Year-Group Entitlement Maps

Our Rainbow Curriculum is sequenced so that opportunities grow in depth, responsibility and challenge as pupils move through the school. Each stage builds character, confidence and provides myriad experiences for personal growth.

EYFS

- Teddy Bears' Picnic and Run
- Year 6 Buddy programme
- Nativity performance
- Creative cooking and messy play
- Weekly Forest School
- Reading with buddies
- Grandparent Visit

Year 1

- Swimming
- Teddy Bear Run
- Cooking & Baking

- Learning how to be a good friend
- Learning to sew
- Puppet Show experience
- Fun in the Park visit
- Reading with older children

Year 2

- Aerozone trip
- Dance Festival
- 3 Tees Cricket
- Trip to Seaside
- Cross Country
- RE Visitors
- Teddy Bear Run
- Reading with older children
- Swimming

Year 3

- History Theme Day (e.g., Romans, Egyptians)
- Educational visits based on history topic e.g. Stone Age Trip
- Multiskills Festival
- Great British Bird Watch
- Interschools Dodgeball and Cross Country
- KS2 Production

Year 4

- History Theme Day (Egyptians/Romans alternated)
- Multiskills Festival
- Great British Bird Watch
- Interschools Dodgeball and Cross Country
- KS2 Production

Year 5

- Young Voices at the O2 (biennial)
- Indoor Athletics
- STEM Career Talks
- Bikeability
- Cross Country, Football, Dodgeball
- History Theme Day (Ancient Egypt etc.)
- Residential
- KS2 Production

Year 6

- Head Boy/Girl & leadership roles
- Bikeability
- Indoor Athletics
- Dodgeball
- Secondary school visits
- STEM Career Talks
- Residential
- KS2 Production
- Leavers' Assembly & Party
- Leading community events (Cakes & Carols)
- Summer Water Fight