

Summer Fayre Success!

What a fantastic afternoon we enjoyed together at Saturday's Berrywood Summer Fayre! The event truly captured everything that makes Berrywood such a special community. Despite the warm weather, there was a wonderful atmosphere throughout the afternoon, with children, families, staff and volunteers all coming together to enjoy a brilliant celebration of our school.

Events of this scale simply do not happen without an enormous amount of planning, organisation and goodwill. I would therefore like to place on record my sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the day such a success.

A special thank you must go to our outstanding **Berrywood School Association (BSA) organising committee**, whose commitment and countless hours of preparation made the entire event possible. Their dedication to providing memorable experiences for our children is genuinely appreciated.

There are also many families who gave up significant amounts of their own time to help with stalls, set-up, pack-away and countless other jobs throughout the day. In particular, I would like to thank the **Upson, Sterne, Douglas, Johns, Austin, Tull, Brown, Windebank, Lewis, Lahanmi, Newman, Lightfoot, Blanchard, Barratt-Carr, Denyer-Hampton, Masters and Urutty families**, alongside the many other parents and carers who contributed so generously. Your willingness to volunteer your time is greatly appreciated... I am so sorry if I have inadvertently left anyone off this list!

I would also like to recognise our incredible **Market Days Team**, whose produce and enterprise have become such a valued part of Berrywood life and whose contribution to the Summer Fayre was, once again, exceptional.

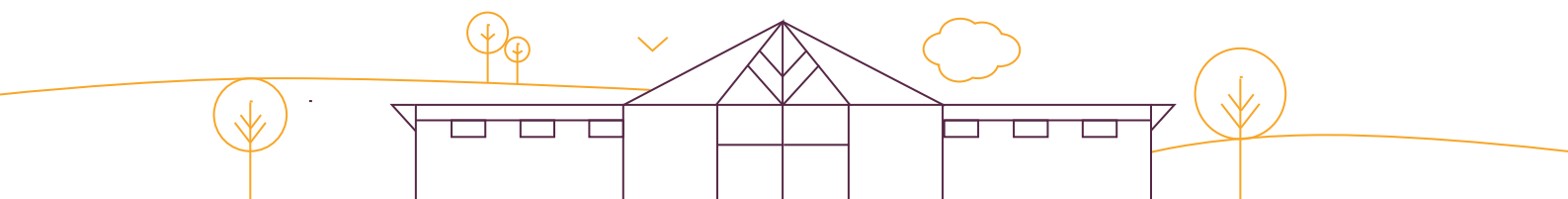
Our entertainment throughout the afternoon was simply superb. The **Berrywood Busking Band** were absolutely outstanding, performing two incredible sets with an impressive variety of music, remarkable talent and infectious enthusiasm. Their passion, commitment and willingness to give so much of their time to the school community made them one of the highlights of the day.

Thank you also to **Dance Junkies** for another energetic and entertaining performance, and to our talented **Year 5 and Year 6 Summer Production cast**, who gave everyone a wonderful preview of what promises to be an excellent production early next week.

The football match was another hugely enjoyable spectacle. Congratulations to our staff team who narrowly emerged victorious, although enormous credit must go to our **valiant Year 6 team**, who competed brilliantly and were superb ambassadors for the school throughout.

We are also extremely grateful to **Mill Cottage Farm**, whose continued support helped create the unique 'School Within a Garden' atmosphere that makes our Summer Fayre so distinctive. Likewise, the WWII Jeep and exhibition of uniform was a very welcome new addition!

Finally, my thanks go to the many members of **Berrywood staff** who worked so hard behind the scenes in the weeks leading up to the event and throughout the day itself. Whether organising activities, running stalls, setting up, clearing away or simply giving up a Saturday to support our community, your commitment to Berrywood never goes unnoticed.



The Summer Fayre is far more than simply a wonderful afternoon for our community; it is also one of the most important fundraising events in the Berrywood calendar. We are delighted that the event appears to have raised **around £5,000** to support opportunities and resources for our children, with the final total to be confirmed later this week. It is a wonderful reminder that Berrywood is much more than simply a school—it is a community built upon kindness, generosity and people who are willing to give their time for the benefit of our children. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making the day such an outstanding success.

Hot Weather This Week

The weather forecast suggests that temperatures are likely to remain high for much of this week, and we will continue to keep conditions across the school under close review. The Met Office are not currently issuing any weather warnings.

As always, our intention is to remain fully open while ensuring that sensible and proportionate measures are in place to keep children safe, comfortable and able to enjoy their learning.

Children are welcome to attend school in their **PE kit** if they feel this will be more comfortable during the hotter weather. Please continue to ensure that your child brings:

- a named water bottle;
- a sun hat or cap;
- sun cream applied before arriving at school (with older children bringing a named bottle if they are able to reapply it independently).

Staff will continue to adapt the school day where appropriate. This may include making greater use of shaded outdoor areas, reducing physically demanding activities during the hottest parts of the day and ensuring that children have regular opportunities to drink water and our now very popular 'cool down' water trays.

We will continue to monitor the latest weather forecasts and will communicate with families should any further adjustments become necessary. At present, however, we look forward to welcoming all children to school as normal and to another enjoyable week at Berrywood.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Chris Reilly