

# BURTON BUZZ

The weeks continue to fly by as we head towards the end of the Spring term. The governing body met this week and discussed the ongoing parking situation outside the front of school, we know there are lots of frustrations around this and we continue to look for solutions. Please continue to drive and park respectfully.

We currently have **86%** of our parents/carers set up and logged in to the Arbor 'Parent Portal'. Mrs Bartlett in the school office has been checking we have the correct email details on record for you if you have not been able to login. Please do contact the school office if you have any problems. We are looking forward to using Arbor fully after the Easter holidays for payments, booking clubs and wraparound care, paying for trips and sending out letters – including our newsletter! **All outstanding dinner balances owed on Parentpay will need to be cleared by 28th March. Thank you.**

With the mornings and the evenings beginning to get lighter and the weather feeling brighter I hope you enjoy a peaceful weekend.

Graham Almond – Headteacher

## ARBOR APP AND PARENT PORTAL

As we have previously mentioned we are moving over to using the Arbor Parent Portal.

We have set up parental access to the Parent Portal on the Arbor website and Arbor app and sent out emails for parents to gain access. Please check your junk folder.

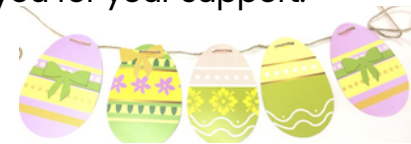
Please make sure you select the Burton End tab when accessing on the app.

If you have recently changed your email address and school is unaware please inform the School Office ASAP.

**Please see the end of the buzz for key dates for transition to Arbor.**

## EASTER CHARITY FAIR

Our Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies are organising a small Easter Fair in the school hall on Thursday 28th March after school. There will be four or five stalls that you will be able to visit to win some prizes. Prices will range from 50p to £1 to take part. We are fund raising for St Nicholas Hospice and Motor Neurone Disease Association. Thank you for your support.



## COMIC RELIEF

Today we had a non uniform day / wear something red for Comic Relief. If you are able and would like to donate, please follow the link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14848>





On Thursday 7th March, Burton End took part in activities to mark World Book Day with the children being invited to dress up as their favourite book character, or in non uniform as we appreciate not everyone likes or wants to dress up!



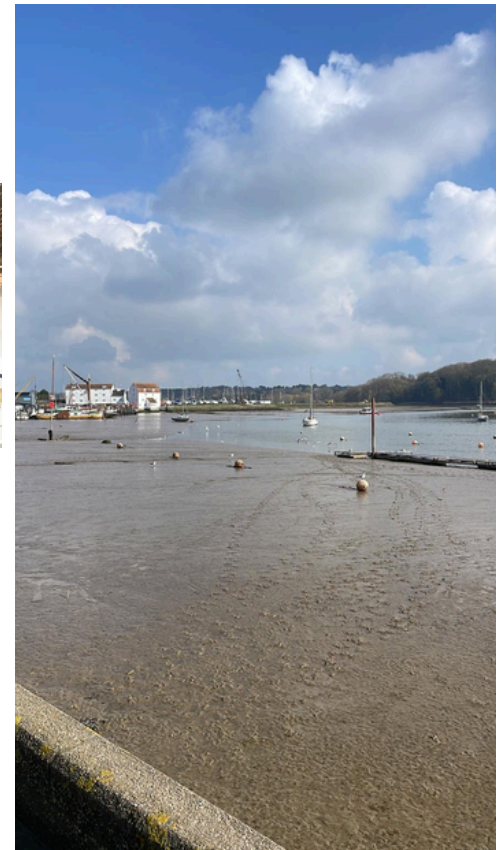
KS1 children brought in their favourite book from home to share with their class. KS2 went graphic novel crazy, writing and designing their own graphic novels.

As you can see, some amazing costumes and another great day of reading across the school.



## YEAR 4 VISIT TO THE LONGSHED

As part of their history enrichment, Year 4 visited The Longshed' to learn about the Sutton Hoo burial ship. The children made mini longships, created Anglo Saxon coins and became archaeologists digging for artefacts.





# OUR MAKATON SIGNS OF THE WEEK



## BURTON END PRIMARY ACADEMY: CALENDAR 2023-2024

### MARCH

Wednesday 20th March	All day	Little City in School	Explorers, Nursery and Reception
Thursday 28th March	3.25pm	Head Students: Easter Fair; School Hall	All welcome!
Thursday 28th March	3.25pm	Last day of Spring Term	All year groups

### APRIL

Tuesday 16th April	8.35am	Back to school: Start of the Summer Term	All year groups
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## YEAR 6 SATS

This Year the pupils in Year 6 will take their Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) on the dates in the table below.

We do not want the pupils to become stressed or disenchanted with school during the build-up. As such we have explained that we do not mind how each pupil does so long as they try their hardest. The SATs are important as they are used to gauge future progress, especially in Year 11 (GCSE year). Doing well now is a firm foundation for the future.

It is really important that the Year 6 children attend school on each day during this week.

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 1 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 2
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	English Reading
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)



Burton End and Arbor

# Key Dates



## Trips 28<sup>th</sup>

All current trips will close on ParentPay on 28<sup>th</sup> March. Any outstanding payments for the PGL Residential trip (Year 6) will need to be paid by this date.

Payments for the Little City Visit (EYFS pupils only) needs to be paid by 18<sup>th</sup> March on ParentPay.

## School Lunches 28<sup>th</sup>

All outstanding dinner payments must be paid on ParentPay by 28<sup>th</sup> March.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> April, all lunch payments will be made on Arbor.

Any balances that you have on Parent Pay positive and negative will be transferred to Arbor on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

**Look out for further information regarding paying for school meals.**

## Wraparound Care 2<sup>nd</sup> April

From 2<sup>nd</sup> of April all wrap around sessions must be booked via Arbor not directly with Mrs Clifton.

Payments for wrap around care will also need to be made via Arbor from this date.

**Look out for further information about wrap around bookings & payments.**

# Community Wellbeing Support

The Link (High Street) Tuesday-Fridays listening and signposting service 10-4pm

## Monday

- Open Mind - Meaningful Support, a free drop-in, confidential service to all experiencing any mental health difficulties Methodist Church Hall  
**First Monday of the Month (excluding Bank Holidays) 7.30pm-9pm Contact:** [openmindinfo8@gmail.com](mailto:openmindinfo8@gmail.com)
- REACH Community Projects Hub: Chalkstone Community Centre **2-4pm**  
**Contact:** 01440 712950 (call before 1pm if you need a food parcel)

## Tuesday

- Little Hub of Hope, Chalkstone Community Centre Weekly wellbeing socials - **2-4pm**  
**Contact:** 07756 973 611
- ABC group, Cleves Place Millfields Way, Haverhill CB9 0JB **2.30pm - 4.30pm**  
It is a drop in session for over 55's with refreshments and sometimes an optional craft or activity. Cost is £1 per session, people with Dementia are welcome if supported by a family member or care.
- REACH Community Projects Hub: Clements Community Centre **2-4pm**  
**Contact:** 01440 712950 (call before 1pm if you need a food parcel)

## Wednesday

- Open Mind - Meaningful Support, a free drop-in, confidential service to all experiencing any mental health difficulties Methodist Church Hall **10am-12pm Contact:** [openmindinfo8@gmail.com](mailto:openmindinfo8@gmail.com)
- St Nicholas hospice Bereavement Café (Haven Café)- Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month **10.30am to midday**  
**Contact:** 01284 715572
- REACH Community Projects Hub: Chalkstone Community Centre **2-4pm**  
**Contact:** 01440 712950 (call before 1pm if you need a food parcel)

## Thursday

- REACH Community Projects Hub: Next Door Café **2-4pm**  
**Contact:** 01440 712950 (call before 1pm if you need a food parcel)

## Friday

- Open Space, Haverhill Library - Wellbeing drop-in **1pm-3pm**
- REACH Community Projects Hub: St Marys Church **2-4pm**  
**Contact:** 01440 712950 (call before 1pm if you need a food parcel)

## Weekend, other support and Crisis Contacts

- Little Hub of Hope, Chalkstone Community Centre, First **Saturday** of the month **7-9pm**  
**Contact:** 07756 973 611
- Haverhill Mens shed, **Saturdays 10am-2pm** - No. 3 Rookwood Way Haverhill CB9 8PB  
**Contact:** 07938017851
- Wellbeing Suffolk: talking therapies, groups and online courses Mental Health, Wellbeing support  
**Contact:** 0300 123 1503 / [wellbeingnands.co.uk](http://wellbeingnands.co.uk)
- Steam House Café: a safe space to seek mental health and wellbeing support.  
The Malthouse, Elseys Yard, Risbygate Street, Bury St Edmunds, **IP33 3AA**  
**Open Seven Days A Week 10:00am - 16:00pm Contact:** 07435 944076 & [steambse@accessct.org](mailto:steambse@accessct.org)
- Suffolk Night Owls: Suffolk Mind Providing free emotional support in the evenings via telephone call/text/email - **7 days week, 7pm-1am** (Self referral online)

### Crisis Contacts

NHS 111, Option 2  
Samaritans 116 123  
Text SHOUT to 85258



# SAFE PARKING AT OUR SCHOOL GATES

## Please keep clear:

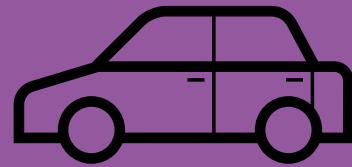
- Zig zags
- School entrances
- Dropped kerbs
- Resident's driveways
- Opposite or within 10 metres of a junction



**This helps our children to see cars and drivers to see our children.**

## You can help by:

- Keeping your speed low, this will allow everyone else to see, think and act safely
- Always encourage your child to enter and exit your car on the pavement side
- Check for pedestrians or cyclists before opening the car door
- Stopping at the zebra crossing or for a school crossing patrol when asked
- Waiting patiently at the zebra crossing
- Parking away from school gates to reduce congestion
- Taking care when reversing.



## Please don't:

- Stop in the middle of the road to drop your children off: this puts our children at risk
- Overtake cars who are allowing traffic to flow or pedestrians to cross
- Turn around in entrances of gateways
- Park on yellow lines, the yellow zig-zag lines or opposite entrances
- Keep your engine running as it pollutes the air around our school





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# FORTNITE

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 million people playing online every month. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons', which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

## ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away of a certain length – such as days out and holidays – than you might have expected.

## IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins, rare weapons and so on – which don't really impact on gameplay, but can cost quite a significant amount. These items are bought with game's currency, V-Bucks – which can be earned through playing, but are also often purchased from the game's store for real-world money.

## POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like *The Walking Dead* to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as *Street Fighter*. This means you could find your child asking questions about the creature from *Alien* or who Geralt from *The Witcher* is a little sooner than you'd possibly anticipated.

## CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with vast numbers of gamers ... of various ages. Crossplay lets friends play with and against each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation or PC – while party chat allows them to communicate during the game. This chat feature can also, therefore, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

## VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them. That said, there's no blood or gore: the violence is generally rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood (fishing mini-games, for example). The machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

## FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep returning to their screens.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to want to play Fortnite alongside their friends. With this in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of your child's social group and trying to coordinate their gaming around certain hours of the day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help your child feel that they're getting adequate opportunity to socialise with their friends online.

### SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into splashing out on those sought-after items before they disappear again for weeks. This could potentially lead to surprise outlays on your card if your child is tempted into an impulse purchase. You could consider setting up a prepaid card for them to use – or ensuring that any online purchases require adult authorisation.

### USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free – but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 (and are available as part of larger bundles) and can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for chores like tidying their room.

### BE WARY OF SCAMS

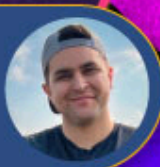
The immense popularity of Fortnite with more trusting younger audiences means that there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure your child knows this.

### ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously via the same TV or computer. That's ideal for siblings or when your child's friends visit – but it also offers you an opportunity to spend time doing something fun with your child, while also being able to make sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows, you might even teach them a thing or two!

## Meet Our Expert

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