Congratulations Mrs Mace

Another busy week in school. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing our youngest children learning to read in their phonics lessons, Year 3 children understanding the difference between the past and present verbs, Year 5 learning about cultural differences and enjoying their story The Explorer and spending the afternoon with Year 1 today teaching RE and helping them with their handwriting. Hopefully by now you have seen the letter that has been sent to you this afternoon from our Chair of Governors. I am delighted that Mrs Mace will be the new Headteacher at Burton End in January – she has done an amazing job in her time here and I know the school will continue to be as successful as it so clearly is. Have a super weekend.

Graham Almond - Headteacher

Christmas Colour Hamper Raffle



Unity Schools Partnership new CEO

You may have seen over the last few weeks that our Multi Academy Trust Unity Schools Partnership have appointed Dominic Norrish to replace Tim Coulson as their new CEO. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Norrish when he visits the school in the new year.

Congratulations Mr Newman

We are delighted to let you know that Mr Newman has been named the Active Suffolk Activity Champion of the Year for 2025. A fantastic achievement that demonstrates the excellent work Mr Newman is doing developing PE and Sport for our school. Well done Mr Newman!



Christmas Fair



Mr Newman's Sporting Roundup

Before starting this week's sporting update, I would just like to thank everyone for their kind words and messages after winning the Active Suffolk Activity Champion of the year! This was truly a team effort as this wouldn't have been possible without the support of Senior Leadership Team and staff at school, the parents and carers for taking children to events and dealing with the hundreds of letters that get sent home and of course the children for showing so much enthusiasm and passion for PE and Sport. This really is an award for all of us at Burton End and hopefully the first of many!

We have had a busy start to the term with four football fixtures for our football teams and our Year 6s participating in the Sportshall Athletics event held at Samuel Ward on Monday. Burton End purples continued their unbeaten start to the season with a Harry C hat trick in the 4-1 win against St Felix and a close 1-0 win against Coupals reds thanks to Daniel's goal. Our yellows got their first point of the season in a great 2-2 draw against Westfield greens and battled well in a 2-0 loss against a good Place Farm team.



20 of our year 6's took part in the Sportshall Athletics event going up against New Cangle and Churchill. There were lots of races and events won but I was most proud to see how well the children represented Burton End showing lots of great sportsmanship to the other schools cheering them on and encouraging them. I am delighted to say that we came out as winners by just 4 points, well done to all the children involved!

Anti-bullying week

Antibullying week was held last week, nationally and at Burton End with every class discussing this year's theme – Power for Good.

Year 1 created odd socks and faces to remind ourselves that nobody looks exactly the same and people might like different things (like the funky socks), but we are all equal and deserve kindness and respect.

Year 6 took part in a live lesson, based around the theme of this year's anti-bullying week, ' Power for good'. They learnt how to define bullying.

During PSHE lessons Year 2 shared examples of times when we have used kindness, courage and positive choices to support others. The children discussed what bullying means, how it can make people feel, and—most importantly—what we can do to help if we see unkind behaviour

Go Ape!

As part of their personal development curriculum, pupils in Year 5 spent the day exploring the high ropes and taking part in team building games at Go Ape in Thetford.

The children were really resilient and it was lovely to see how well they all cheered each other on to try something outside of their comfort zone!



Thank you Mrs Brown

At the end of next week we say farewell to Mrs Brown an LSA in our SEND Hub she has worked with us for a number of years and we wish her every success for the future. Thank you Mrs Brown!

Makaton Sign of the Week













Dairy Dates

December 2025

Wednesday 3rd	All day	Flu Immunisation Catch Up	All year groups
Monday 8 th	6pm	Carols at St Mary's	Christmas Choir
Monday 15 th	9.30am	Nativity performance	Reception/Y5
Monday 15 th	2.00pm	Nativity peformance	Reception/Y5
Tuesday 16 th	9.15am	Christmas 'Sing a Long'	Year 1/2
Tuesday 16 th	2.30pm	Christmas 'Sing a Long'	Year 1/2
Wednesday 17 th	All day	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	All year groups
Wednesday 17 th	2.30pm	SEND Hub Christmas Cracker	SEND Hub
Wednesday 17 th	2.30pm	Nursery Winter Star celebration	Nursery
Thursday 18 th	2.45pm	Carols on the Playground	Y3,4,5,6
Friday 19 th	3.30pm	End of Autumn Term	All year groups

January 2026

Tuesday 6th Start of Spring Term All year groups 8.35am



Term Dates 2026-2027

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Bank holidays

Staff PD Days (school closed to pupils)

School Holidays

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RECEPTION AND YEAR 5 NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER 9.30AM

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2PM

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 'CHRISTMAS SING ALONG'

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 9.15AM

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2.30PM

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

NO DONATION REQUIRED FOR CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

SEND HUB CHRISTMAS CRACKER

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2.30PM

JOIN EXPLORERS AND ADVENTURERS FOR SOME CHRISTMAS FUN: ACTIVITIES, SINGING AND GAMES

NURSERY WINTER STAR CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2.30PM

JOIN NURSERY FOR SOME CHRISTMAS FUN AND GAMES

YEAR 3.4.5.6 CAROLS ON THE PLAYGROUND

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2.45PM

ON THE TOP PLAYGROUND, FINISHED IN TIME TO COLLECT YOUNGER SIBLINGS