



The fortnightly news from Burton End Primary Academy

Burton Buzz

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Happy New Year

It has been a positive and settled start to the new term and an exciting time for us all as a school community as we begin the next chapter of the school's journey. It is a privilege to lead the school as Head Teacher and I am excited to continue to work with our children, staff and families. I am committed to excellence for all, ensuring every child is supported, challenged and inspired to achieve their very best. Strong partnership with parents and carers is an important part of this and your involvement and support is greatly valued and encouraged. By working together with openness and shared purpose there is very little that we cannot overcome to ensure that your children are happy in school and achieving their full potential. Although many of you know me already and I am a familiar face to the school community, I am very keen to get to know all parents and for you to get to know me also so please do stop and say hello when you see me on the gate. I have attached my one-page profile so that you can learn a little more about me beyond my role as Head Teacher.

- Kelly Mace - Headteacher

Welcome back!

Music Mondays

You said, we did! Mr Boddington and Mrs Mace have been inundated with positive feedback (as well as some song requests and interesting dance moves) from parents and children following the introduction of 'Music Monday's'. This idea grew from some parental feedback at the end of last term suggesting that it would be nice to have music on the gate. We decided to do this on a Monday to give everyone something to look forward to after the weekend and to support a positive start to the week. We are happy to take song requests from children and parents so watch this space-you never know when your song will be played!

Enjoy music on the gate on a Monday

Year 6 SATS

We are incredibly proud of the way that our Year 6 children have approached their mock SATs tests this week. They have demonstrated our school values of ambition and resilience. Well done to all children and thank you to the staff and parents who continue to support the children to secure the very best outcomes as they near the end of their primary education. If you would like to know more information about how you can support your child's learning and progress at home please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.

Well Done Year 6

Parent voice

As we begin a new chapter at Burton End I am keen to seek feedback from everyone within our school community including parents. This is the perfect time to reflect upon what the school does well currently and what we could do better, differently or more of. I am also keen to know your views on the core purpose of the school from a parental perspective.

Please use the QR codes to share your views which the Senior Leadership Team will take on board. QR codes are 'live' until Thursday 22nd January.



Share your views by scanning the three QR codes above

Road Safety

We have ongoing challenges regarding how busy the road outside the school gets at the start and end of the school day. We ask that parents ensure that they are driving and parking safely. Mrs Mace will be discussing road safety with the children in assembly on Monday.

We appreciate that with two schools on school lane, parking can be an issue. Please be considerate when parking in residential areas near school, or consider using the spaces available at the Rugby Club at the top of School Lane.



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



Please help keep our children safe

Positive Playtime Champions

We would like to introduce you to our team of Positive Playground Champions! These children will be working with Miss Holt to ensure that playtime is a positive time for everyone. They have created the following vision: make people happy, smile and spread joy, help people, invite children to join games, make the playground a fun space by coming up with new games, ensure that everyone can join in and give children someone to talk to. We will update you on their actions over the term.



Introducing our Positive Playground Champions

Introducing... Fortnightly Feel-Good

Hi, Miss Holt here! I'm excited to launch Fortnightly Feel-Good, a regular wellbeing column in our school newsletter designed to support the emotional health and wellbeing of our whole school community.

Every two weeks, I'll be talking all things wellbeing. I will share practical tips and tricks to help children (and adults!) manage stress and build confidence. I'll share Information about local services and support, so you know what's available in our community. And sometimes, it will just be something to make you smile – a feel-good story, quote or an idea to brighten your day!

I hope you'll enjoy reading the Fortnightly Feel-Good as much as I enjoy putting it together.

Life is busy. Mornings are chaotic. Homework can be stressful....

**So my first wellbeing tip is practical and powerful:
The 3-Breath Reset.**

Whenever you or your child feels overwhelmed, worried or upset:

1. Stop what you're doing – feet on the floor, hands resting on your lap or desk.
2. Breathe in slowly through your nose for 4 counts – 1, 2, 3, 4.
3. Hold for 2 counts – 1, 2.
4. Breathe out slowly through your mouth for 6 counts – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
5. Repeat this three times.

Wellbeing tips to support our children and families

Mrs Mace



I enjoy working with lots of children, their families and staff to ensure that everyone at Burton End is included and supported to be the best that they can be.

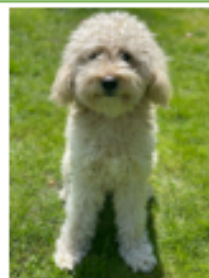
In my own time I enjoy reading and spending time with my family (including our dog-Dougie!).



My favourite colour



My favourite food



My favourite animal



My favourite book



My favourite drink



My favourite film



I love spending time with my children

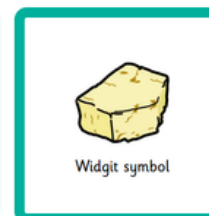
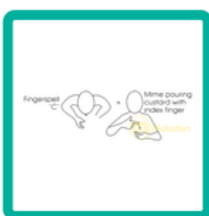


I like spending time in Cornwall



I like reading

Makaton Signs of the Week



Dairy Dates

January 2026

Wednesday 28th	3pm	Wow Wednesday	All year groups
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February 2026

Friday 13 th	All day	End of Spring term 1	All year groups
Monday 23 rd	All day	Children return to school	All year groups



Term Dates 2026-2027

September 2026							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36		1	2	3	4	5	6
37	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
38	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
39	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
40	28	29	30				

October 2026							
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November 2026							
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49	30						

December 2026							
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February 2027							
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March 2027							
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April 2027							
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June 2027							
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July 2027							
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Bank holidays

Staff PD Days (school closed to pupils)

School Holidays

Burton End Primary Academy

2026/27 Term Dates

****** PD dates to be confirmed ******

In school: Thursday 3rd September 2026 – Friday 23rd October 2026

Half Term

Monday 26th October 2026 – Friday 6th November 2026

In school: Monday 9th November 2026 – Friday 18th December 2026

Christmas Holiday

Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027

In school: Tuesday 5th January 2027 to Friday 12th February 2027

Half Term

Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027

In school: Monday 22nd February 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027

Easter Holiday

Friday 26th March 2027 – Friday 9th April 2027

In school: Monday 12th April 2027 to Friday 28th May 2027

Monday 3rd May 2027 – Bank Holiday

Monday 31st May 2027 – Bank Holiday

Half Term

Monday 1st June 2027 – Friday 4th June 2027

In school: Monday 7th June 2027 to Tuesday 20th July 2027



WOW WEDNESDAY!

WELCOME TO OUR CLASSROOMS

A monthly chance to come and visit your child's classroom to take part in an activity or see the excellent work they have been doing!

3.00PM
UNTIL THE END OF THE DAY

DATES

19th November 2025
28th January 2026
4th March 2026
20th May 2026
17th June 2026

If you have more than one child in school we ask that you attend only one classroom per WOW Wednesday to allow us to make sure we can manage visitors in school in line with our safeguarding procedures. We have provided the dates so you can plan which child you will visit on which date.



How we communicate at Burton End



Arbor

Updates, copies of letters, newsletters and important information is sent via Arbor and will appear in your email inbox.

Please keep your email address up to date so that you can continue to receive information; you can update your contact information by logging into your Arbor account. The school will receive notification of any changes.

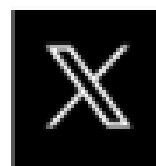


ClassDojo

Class Dojo is a school communication platform to share learning that has taken place in classrooms through photos, videos and messages. The school will invite you via email to join class Dojo and once accepted you will see whole school and year group specific updates.

There is a messaging facility in the app. Please remember during the school day teachers are teaching and do not have time to pick up messages (these should be directed to the School Office). Teachers are able to pick up messages and reply between the 'open hours' of 8am and 5pm but not during the school day when they are teaching.

Snippets of information, celebrations and updates can be found here. If you have any urgent questions or messages, please do not message via social media as these may not be checked in time—please telephone the school office.



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This is our fortnightly newsletter which includes lots of information for parents and carers about what is happening in school and what is coming up in the future.

The diary dates section is regularly updated. By sending one newsletter out every other week it saves the need for us to be sending lots of letters out individually. We add to ClassDojo send out via ParentMail and display a copy on our noticeboard and on the website.