



The fortnightly news from Burton End Primary Academy

# Burton Buzz

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## A positive start to the Summer term

*The start of the summer term has been really positive in school-the sun has also been shining which is always welcomed! This half term we have reintroduced a consistent way of adults in school gaining the attention of the children collectively. Ask your child to show you what they do if an adult says "Hands free, eyes on me" I have seen lots of examples of great work across the school this week. In future editions of the Buzz I am going to share with you more about what goes on in our classrooms every day so watch this space!*

*Finally, thank you for your cooperation with the works that have been taking place to provide the children with an improved area to store their bikes etc during the school day; this is now complete.*

*Have a great weekend!*

*Kelly Mace - Headteacher*

**Hands free eyes on me!**

## Parent questionnaire

We would like to invite you to complete a short survey to share your views about our school. The results will assist us and Unity Schools Partnership in making decisions on how we can make improvements, and your views will be an integral part in helping us achieve this.

The survey has been kept as short as possible and all responses completely anonymous. The link to the survey is now open and will close at 5pm on Tuesday 5th May.

Please follow the link below or QR code to access the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026-Parent-BurtonEndPrimaryAcademy>



**Tell us your views!**

## House points winners

You may have seen the Benjamin House flag flying proudly last week. This is because they were the house with the most house points last term. We have reset for this term and it is anyone's to win!

Please ask your child if they have been awarded any house points and find out why they have been awarded them-your children do brilliant things in school every day which we love to celebrate.

**Benjamin  
House**



**Well done Benjamin House!**

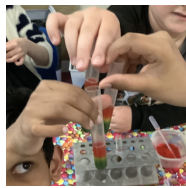
## Access gates

The pedestrian gate leading to the office is now fully automated with the gate opening outwards.

**Please stand back after buzzing!**

## Curious Adventures

On Monday Year 4&5 were visited by Curious Adventures who delivered some exciting Science workshops. The children experimented with different senses – seeing if they could walk in a straight line blind folded, measuring their oxygen levels and heart rate, as well as testing their lung capacities!



## Haverhill Science Festival 2026



Curious Adventures will be on the Market Square in Haverhill on Saturday 11am-3pm as part of the Haverhill Science Festival. This is an opportunity to get parents, grandparents and carers to come along and try out many of the things the children have been doing in school, visit the Curiosity Cube plus take part in a wide range of other STEM-based fun activities, including a planetarium in St Mary's Church.

**Why not visit the Haverhill Science Festival with your family**

## Fortnightly Feel-Good with Miss Holt

**Surely this beautiful sunshine is enough to make everyone smile!**

This week, I'd love you to take a moment to complete a feelings check in with your child. Simply ask them 'How do you feel today?' then gently follow this up by encouraging them to explain why they feel that way. Taking the time to talk about emotions helps children to build confidence, self-awareness and communication skills.

**Ideas for activities depending on how your child is feeling:**

**Happy:** Enjoy an upbeat conversation together! Share what has made you both smile this week :)

**Sad:** Offer comfort and reassurance. Spend time together doing something nice, a simple cuddle and chat works wonders.

**Worried:** Talk through their worries to help them feel heard, try a calming grounding activity like deep breathing.

**Angry:** Help your child to release the anger safely, encourage a physical activity. After, talk about what caused the big feeling.

**Excited:** Celebrate together! Channel the energy into something fun like dancing around the kitchen (a personal favourite of mine!).

Have a lovely weekend  
Miss Holt



**How do you feel today?**

## Mr Newman's Sporting Roundup....

We have a number of afterschool sports clubs running this term where children can take part in sports such as rounders, cricket, athletics and football. Clubs are a great opportunity for the children to stay active, try new sports, have loads of fun and interact with other pupils they might not see on a daily basis making new friends in the process! It is also a chance to develop social skills, confidence and team work.



Our Year 5 football team were back in action after the easter break playing against a very strong Coupals red team on Tuesday, it was great to see the team work that our team showed and a number of children getting their first experiences of representing the school football team. Both of our year 5 and year 6 teams are in action next week!



As well as our football fixtures, coming up we will be taking part in the Mini London marathon, visiting the brand new Padel courts that have opened in Haverhill and looking forward to a very busy summer term with lots of events being planned!

Come and support Mr Newman and Haverhill Rovers in their biggest game in 50 years!

## SEND Spotlight with Mr Austin-Guest

## Makaton Sign of the Week



Our last SEND Spotlight focused on fine motor skills, involving small muscles in hands and fingers. This week we focus on:

### Gross motor skills

Gross motor skills involve the large muscles of the body and help children move confidently. They include skills such as walking, running, jumping, climbing, balancing, and coordinating movements.

In school



We help children strengthen gross motor skills by:

- Providing regular opportunities for **active movement** through PE, outdoor play, and structured games.
- Using **balance, coordination, and core-strength activities** such as obstacle courses, throwing and catching, and movement games.
- Building movement into learning with **movement breaks** and physical activities between tasks.
- Supporting those who need extra help with targeted activities and adapted equipment.

At home



- Encourage **outdoor play** such as running, climbing, scooting, and ball games.
- Try simple **movement games** like hopping, animal walks, or balancing along a line.
- Visit parks or playgrounds to practise climbing and coordination.
- Celebrate effort and progress, not just skill level.

Useful links



<https://oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/cit/12-weeks/gross-motor-skills/>

<https://nhsforthvalley.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Gross-Motor-Skills-5-11.pdf>



red



Widgit symbol

Spotlight on gross motor skills

Sign the word 'red'

# Diary Dates

## May 2026

4 <sup>th</sup>	all day	Bank Holiday	all years
6 <sup>th</sup>	all day	Little City	EYFS + Hub
20 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Wow Wednesday	all years
22 <sup>nd</sup>	all day	Thurlow Farm	Year 3
25-29 <sup>th</sup>	all week	May Half term	All Years



### Term Dates 2025-2026

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To be confirmed

# Summer term overview



## May 2026

4<sup>th</sup>  
Bank Holiday



6<sup>th</sup>  
EYFS + HUB  
Little City workshop in  
school



20<sup>th</sup>  
**WOW  
WEDNESDAY!**

22<sup>nd</sup>  
Year 3  
Thurlow Estate trip



25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>  
May half term

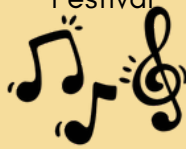


## June 2026

4<sup>th</sup>  
Class photos



15<sup>th</sup>  
Year 5: Music  
Festival



17<sup>th</sup>  
**WOW  
WEDNESDAY!**

22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>  
Year 6: PGL



25<sup>th</sup>  
Year 5: Trip to  
Lackford Lakes



25<sup>th</sup> June  
Summer Fete



26<sup>th</sup>  
PD day



29<sup>th</sup>  
Year 6: Gym Visit



30<sup>th</sup>  
Sports workshops  
with local schools



**Active week 29<sup>th</sup> June - 3rd July 2026**

## July 2026

### Active week 29<sup>th</sup> June - 3rd July 2026

1<sup>st</sup>  
Sports Day -  
Reception + KS1



2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sports Day  
KS2



Nursery & Hub - dates tbc



17<sup>th</sup>  
Last day of school

**School's  
OUT  
Summer is  
ON!**



# 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**

20<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
17<sup>th</sup> 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.