



The fortnightly news from Burton End Primary Academy

Burton Buzz

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A lot to look forward to in the last half term

Welcome back, I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term break. The second half of the summer term is always a busy one; with so many events for us to enjoy together from sports days to leavers celebrations, residential and transition arrangements. I am really looking forward to seeing you all over coming weeks.

Kelly Mace - Headteacher

Top up Shed & Lost Property Bench

Thank you to Mr Hopkins who has built us a lovely new **top up shed** - this is located next to the bike/scooter/buggy shelter near the staff car park and can be accessed via the gate to the school office. Mrs Brace has kindly offered to lead on this element of our early help offer to families and has spent a considerable amount of time organising it and ensuring that it is topped up with items that may benefit families. We have also installed a **lost property bench** next to the top up shed. Mrs Brace will bring the lost property out at the start of the school day and we invite parents to come and have a look to identify any missing uniform - thank you Mrs Brace!

Donations of non perishable/toiletry items would be greatly appreciated

Driving safely & considerately

We understand that the road outside of the school gates is very busy at the start and end of the school day. We would like to remind parents of our collective responsibility to keep the children of Burton End safe by driving safely and adhering to the rules of the highway code. Further information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code>. Please can we also remind parents that the way in which we communicate in times of challenge are a model for our children, therefore we ask that adults consider how they are doing this during this time when adult behaviours are witnessed by children across the school. There is very little we cannot resolve if we communicate with kindness and respect.

Thank you for your support

Bike Shelter

Following the groundwork that was done to ensure a secure base for our bike shelter we have decided to further upgrade this. You will notice that the old shelter has been removed and Mr Hopkins is working on building a bespoke wooden shelter for the school community to use. Watch this space!

A new bike shelter is in the making

PHSE Curriculum

On Monday all parents received an email from Mrs Mace regarding our transition to a new PSHE curriculum. Please ensure that you have a read of this if you have not yet done so. The consultation period ends on 22nd June.

If you have any comments please contact us

Wow Wednesday

Our next WOW Wednesday will take place on **17th June**. During this time parents will work with their child to create a one page profile which will be passed up to their new class teacher in September. For those parents who are unable to attend, school staff will work in a group with your children to create a first draft which will then be sent home for you to look at with your child and return to school following your input.

We look forward to seeing you!

Final 'Wow' of the year - 17th June 3pm

Attendance

As a school we are always striving to work with parents to ensure that all children attend school consistently and are on time every day. This gives your children the best chance of benefitting from all aspects of school life including developing a strong sense of belonging, secure relationships with staff and peers, academic progress and personal development. Parents can track their child's attendance via the Arbor app. We are also going to begin sharing our year to date and weekly attendance percentage on the Burton Buzz so that you are aware of our overall school attendance. We are always aiming for over 95%. Please ensure that you reach out to your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team if you would like to discuss your child's attendance or make us aware of any challenges that you may have. There is very little that we cannot achieve when we work together.

This week: 96.4%

Year to date: 94.7%

[Check out Arbor for attendance](#)

Design & Technology

Over the last few weeks, year 5 has been looking at structures and the use of certain shapes, like the strong triangle which help structures in our lives to stay standing for many years or withstand lots of footfall. Taking inspiration from this, year 5 have been learning how to use the saws and apply their knowledge of structures to make their very own mock playgrounds.



Great building skills Year 5

Screening Checks

Well done to Year 1 who have completed their phonics screening assessments this week. Well done to Year 4 who have completed their multiplication tables check this week.

Both assessments are really important as they enable us to assess these areas which provide secure foundations to build upon in English and Maths as children progress through the school. As always, the children approached these showing our school values of ambition and resilience and we are so very proud of them.



Well Done Year 1 + Year 4

Tooth Brushing workshop

Year 5 took part in a dental hygiene workshop that taught them lots of different ways to look after their teeth.

The children were given toothpaste, toothbrushing charts and a plaque revealing tablet. I'm sure they enjoyed turning their teeth purple!



Thank you Henderson House Dental Practice

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SUMMER FAIR

Thursday 25th June 2026
3:45pm - 5:00pm
BURTON END PRIMARY SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- inflatables
- face painting
- hook a duck
- water or wine
- Tombola
- E in a bucket
- shoot a hoop
- stocks
- and much more!

We are looking forward to the summer fair

Why Anxious Children Worry

Some children move through the world on “high alert.” When something is unclear, they may jump to the worst-case scenario. This happens because their brain is trying to protect them, not because they are being dramatic or difficult.

An anxious child may; Misread situations as threatening, assume danger when things are uncertain or react before they fully understand what’s happening.

1. Open-Ended Questions

Open-ended questions help your child slow down and explain what they are thinking. This gives you a clearer picture of their worry and helps them move from reacting to thinking.

Try asking:

- What is going through your mind?
 - Why are you worried?
 - What do you think will happen?
- What is it about this situation that makes you worried?



These questions show curiosity rather than judgement.

2. Alternative Thoughts

Once your child shares their worry, gently guide them to explore other possibilities.

Useful prompts:

- What else might be going on?
- Is there another way to look at this?
- What would you say to a friend who felt this way?
- Has something like this happened before, and how did it turn out?
- What is the most likely thing to happen?



This helps your child challenge the “scary story” their brain is telling them.

3. Clear, Specific Praise

Anxious children often overlook their own bravery. Specific praise helps them recognise their strengths.

Instead of “Good job,” try:

“I bet that was really scary, but you didn’t let it stop you. Well done.”



4. Be Careful with Reassurance

Reassurance can help briefly, but too much can make anxiety stronger. If your child keeps asking the same question, it may mean the reassurance is only giving short-term relief.

Key Message

You don’t need to remove every worry. You just need to help your child understand their thoughts, challenge unhelpful beliefs, and recognise their own bravery.

Small steps, calm conversations, and consistent support make a big difference.



SEND Spotlight with Mr Austin-Guest



Anxiety related to change

As the school year comes to an end, children may feel anxious about changes such as new classrooms, teachers and routines. Some children worry about the unknown, find change difficult, or need extra time to feel confident and secure.

In school



We help children prepare for transitions by:

- Providing opportunities to **meet new staff and visit new classrooms**
- Using **transition booklets, photos, and visual supports** to build familiarity
- Talking positively about upcoming changes and **keeping routines as consistent as possible**
- Giving children opportunities to ask questions and share worries with trusted adults

At home



You can support your child by:

- Talking **calmly and positively** about the new school year, **sharing excitement** about the adventures ahead
- Using **countdowns or calendars** to help prepare for change
- Encouraging your child to share worries and reassuring them that **it is normal to feel nervous**
- **Maintaining routines** over the summer where possible

Useful links



<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/transitions-and-times-of-change/>
<https://suffolksendiass.co.uk/education/sen-support/transition-tips/>

Spotlight on: anxiety related to change

Makaton sign of the week



family



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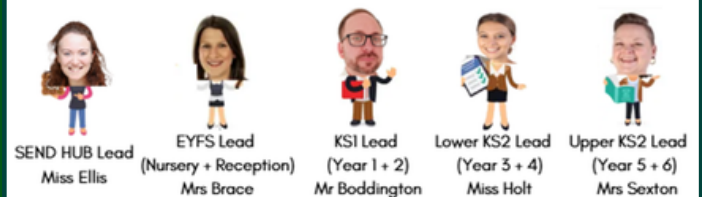
Sign 'family' with us!

How can we help you ?

If you need some support or have any concerns, please do come and speak to one of us in the first instance - we would love to hear from you!



For matters that require escalation to a Phase Leader (usually after having spoken to the class teacher initially) please contact us ...



Matters that require further escalation to the Deputy or Headteacher...



Other specific matters:



Anything else - please call or pop in to the school office to speak to Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Bowmer or Mrs Jobson.



if your child is accessing intervention currently with Mrs Lumm or Mrs Talbot, you are welcome to contact them directly



Who to go to and who can help



Last week our Year 5's played in their final game of the Prestige football league season, whilst the results haven't gone the way of the Year 5's this year, they will have gained valuable experience playing against children a year older than them and hopefully really enjoyed the opportunity to represent the school. At every game they have tried their hardest, played so well as a team and always showed great sportsmanship but the most important thing is, they have really enjoyed every game!

Yesterday we were getting into the World Cup spirit with a football fun day where all children from Year 1-6 took part in some football matches to celebrate the start of the 2026 FIFA World Cup! Each class has taken part in a sweepstake so all of our children should have a team to follow during the tournament and keep up to date with their scores on the wallchart in the sports hub. England's campaign starts next Wednesday against Croatia!

Our Year 6's were meant to have their last primary football game but unfortunately Westfield pulled out of the game a couple of hours before it was due to kick off, meaning we were given a 5-0 win but not able to play in their last game. This means that our Year 6's finished 5th out of 14 teams capping off a really good season and I hope to see as many as possible representing their new schools from September. A huge well done to everybody that has represented the school this year!



Heading into the last few weeks of the academic year we have a busy Active Week, Padel visit, Year 2 cricket event and a Year 4 multi skills festival coming up!

Active Week 2026

29th June - 3rd July

Monday 29th June
Nursery Sports morning - 10am-12pm



Explorers & Adventurers Sports morning
Location: Hub outdoor area
Time: 9am - 10:30am



Tuesday 30th June
Local sports clubs and primary schools will visit for activities day where our Year 5 and 6 children will enjoy a number of taster sessions from local sports clubs to show them what is available in the local community to support them in their transition to secondary school and keep them active.

Wednesday 1st July

Explorers & Adventurers Sports morning
Location: Hub outdoor area
Time: 9am - 10:30am

EYFS + KS1 Sports days
Families are invited on to the field for a picnic 12-1pm followed by races from 1pm.

Thursday 2nd July

KS2 Sports days

Families are invited on to the field for a picnic 12-1pm followed by races from 1pm.



Friday 3rd July

Burton End Fun Run. Throughout the day each year group will complete a few laps of the course set up around the field and playground but as they go around there will be a few stations where teachers and staff can offer encouragement.



Lots of activities to look forward to!

Summer term overview



June 2026

<p>15th Year 5: Music Festival</p>	<p>17th WOW WEDNESDAY!</p>	<p>22nd - 24th Year 6: PGL</p>	<p>25th Year 5: Trip to Lackford Lakes</p>
		<p>26th PD day</p>	<p>29th Nursery: sports day</p>
			<p>30th Summer Fete</p>
			<p>30th Sports workshops with local schools</p>

July 2026

Active week 29th June - 3rd July 2026

<p>1st Sports Day - Hub Sports Morning Time: 9am - 10:30am</p> <p>Reception + KS1 - pm</p>	<p>2nd Sports Day KS2</p>	<p>15 + 16th Transition days</p>	<p>17th Last day of school</p> <p>School's OUT! Summer is ON!</p>
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Term Dates 2026-2027

September 2026							
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40	28	29	30				

October 2026							
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November 2026							
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December 2026							
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January 2027							
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March 2027							
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April 2027							
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May 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 ■

To be confirmed