



Burton Buzz

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A fortnight of events enjoyed by pupils and families

As we approach the end of term, the calendar becomes very busy with so many lovely events for the school community to share. This issue of the Buzz includes lots of the events that have been enjoyed by the school community over the last fortnight. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for working in partnership with us to support the children during the heatwave—the children have coped brilliantly in school. We have also taken the opportunity this week to discuss staying safe in the hot weather with the children as well as sharing information on water safety. We hope that you enjoy the PD day this week—staff across Unity School Partnership will be attending ‘Unity Day’ which is an annual event providing a wide range of training sessions for staff and opportunities for networking.

Kelly Mace - Headteacher

Children’s University

Mr Boddington and Mrs Mace had the pleasure of attending the Children’s University graduation event last week. The children who graduated represented the school brilliantly showing all of our school values and behaving exceptionally. It was a real moment of pride from both parents and school. This is an opportunity for every child from reception to year 6 at Burton End. If you would like to find out more information about this please speak to Mrs Mace or Mr Boddington.

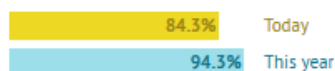
It could be you graduating next year!



Graduation event

Attendance

84.3%



Check out Arbor for attendance

Uniform Swap

On 7th July we will be hosting a uniform swap shop. This is an opportunity for our school community to help each other. If you have any school uniform that is in a good condition that could be used by another child, please bring donations to the school office on the morning of 7th July. We will then lay this all out in the hall and open the doors to the hall from 3-4pm so that parents can come in and take what they require.



Swap Shop 7th July 3-4pm main hall

Farewell Miss Ellis

Miss Ellis has worked at Burton End in Year 5 – New Zealand class for the last two years completing the start of her career as an Early Career Teacher. She will be moving onto a new school at the end of this term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Ellis for everything that she has done during her time at Burton End and wish her all the best in her new school.

Good luck Miss Ellis

Top Up Shed

Thank you for the donations that have been made to the top up shed. Please note that we can only accept donations that are unopened/unused.

Thank you for your support

WCIT Music Festival



As part of Year 5's personal and music development, pupils participated in the Suffolk County Music's WCIT Fest. The children performed in front of other schools and had the opportunity to listen to other schools perform a range of different instruments.



Year 5 showcased their cornet playing

Congratulations Miss Fennemore & Mrs Taylor

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Taylor (Madagascar) and Miss Fennemore are expecting babies. Miss Fennemore also got married a few months ago and will be known as Mrs Mower in school from September. Miss Fennemore will be with us at Burton End for the Autumn term and will begin her maternity leave in the Spring. Mrs Taylor will be back after the summer for the first part of the autumn term before she starts her maternity leave.

Lovely baby news

Burton Bees

The Burton Bees have been working hard across the academic year to provide lots of additional opportunities for the school community to enjoy, including Christmas fayre, Halloween movie night, discos, Frozen Friday and the summer fete. We know that these are events that are valued by the whole school community and are also an opportunity to raise funds for the school.

We are reaching out to ask for support from our parent community to keep this going; currently this small team consists mainly of staff and in order for it to continue we need your help.



If you are interested in joining please contact the school office who will share your details with Miss Fennemore

Food Festival

Burton End took part in the Trust food festival this week; the theme was Japanese Cuisine. We had a go at making some lettuce or seaweed rolls, using sushi rice and prepared vegetables which were rolled in a choice of lettuce or seaweed. The rolling part was quite tricky. Some of the children thought they were delicious!



Adventurers had a Japanese themed afternoon as part of the celebrations; learning about Japan, creating cherry blossom art work, making a Japanese flag and trying some Japanese food!



They also learnt how to say 'hello' in Japanese!

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We enjoyed learning about Japanese food

WOW Wednesday

It was really lovely to see many parents and carers attend our final WOW Wednesday of the academic year last week.

We have been reviewing our transition processes this year and felt it was important that all parents had the opportunity to contribute to their child's transition through supporting them to complete a one-page profile. We really appreciate your engagement and partnership working with school.

Thank you for coming to our final WOW of the year

Egyptian Experience

The children started the morning by listening to the story of the Pharaoh Akhenaten, who was thought to be Tutankhamun's father. They took part in a variety of activities as Egyptian slaves would have done: making artefacts like the wax melts they would use under their head dresses, and canopic jars which were used to house embalmed organs that were removed during mummification.

In the afternoon they children re-enacted the story of the Pharaoh. Everyone enjoyed immersing themselves in Ancient Egyptian culture for the day



Year 4 became Ancient Egyptian slaves for the day

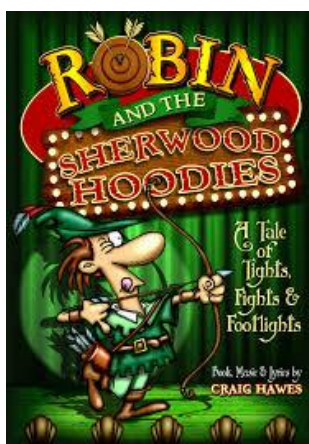
Year 6 - Residential trip

This week Year 6 enjoyed a very warm residential trip at PGL Caythorpe Court, Lincolnshire. The children took part in a wide range of activities, including raft building, climbing, high ropes courses, sensory trails, zip lining and more.

A great time was had by all!



Year 6 celebrations set to continue:



Lots to celebrate as Year 6 enter their final few weeks at Burton End

Supporting Children Through Friendship Difficulties

Friendships are central to a child's happiness, confidence, and sense of belonging. They help children learn communication, empathy, and resilience but they also come with challenges. Arguments, misunderstandings, shifting friendship groups, and moments of feeling left out are all normal parts of growing up. While it can be hard to watch your child struggle socially, these experiences offer valuable opportunities for learning.

When your child comes to you upset, your instinct may be to fix the problem. What children need first is to feel heard. Try to stay calm, listen without interrupting, acknowledge their feelings, and avoid criticising the other child. Simple phrases like "That sounds really upsetting" or "I can see why you felt hurt" help children feel understood and ready to talk.

Instead of stepping in straight away, guide your child to think about what they could do next. Questions such as "What could you say tomorrow?" or "Is there another way to solve this?" help them develop confidence and independence in managing relationships.

Children often see friendship issues from only their own viewpoint. Gently helping them consider another perspective "I wonder if your friend knew that upset you?" builds empathy and reduces assumptions, without dismissing their feelings.

It can be tempting to intervene or contact other parents, especially when your child is distressed. While adult involvement is sometimes needed, most everyday disagreements are best resolved by children themselves. Supporting them to handle smaller conflicts builds resilience and communication skills.

Children learn by watching the adults around them. Showing empathy, respectful communication, and positive conflict resolution in your own relationships teaches them powerful lessons about how to treat others.

Friendship difficulties can be painful for children and worrying for parents, but they are also important stepping stones in social and emotional development. By listening, validating feelings, and offering gentle guidance, you help your child build the confidence and resilience they need to navigate friendships throughout their lives.



SEND Spotlight with Mr Austin-Guest



Spelling

A very common area that children (and many adults!) find tricky, particularly in the digital age of spellcheck and autocorrect, where the requirement to have 'good spelling' is no longer seen as a priority for some. Spelling is essentially the ability to hear sounds in words, remember letter patterns, and recall how words look.

In school



We support children by:

- Teaching **phonics and sound patterns** to build confidence words
- Practising **common words and spelling rules regularly**
- Using **multi-sensory activities** (saying, writing, building words) to support memory.
- Giving children frequent opportunities to **see and use words in real contexts**

At home



You can support your child by:

- Encourage your child to **sound words out and break them into parts**
- Practise little and often using **games, flashcards, or writing in fun ways** (chalk, sand, whiteboards).
- Focus on a **few key words at a time** rather than long lists.
- Use **patterns and word families** (e.g., cat, bat, hat) to make learning easier
- Praise effort—spelling improves **gradually over time**

Useful links



<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/34110/Supporting-children-with-spelling-a-guide-for-parents-carers-and-families>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/supporting-spelling-at-home/>

Makaton sign of the week



Dad



Tap twice



Widgit symbol

Footer

Spotlight on: Spelling

Sign 'Dad' 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...



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



Other specific matters:



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



Who to go to for help & advice

Mr Newman's Sporting Roundup

We have had a quieter couple of weeks with lots of preparation for sports day and active week going on in lessons and afterschool clubs.

Coming up next week we have Sports Day's, Burton End Fun Run, Year 2 cricket festival and a Year 4 multi skills festival!



Key Information Summary.

Sports Days:

- **PE Kit** - children to come in in their PE kits - they are welcome to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their houses (no football shirts please) - this is optional
- Please ensure that children have plenty of **water**, **sun cream** and a **sunhat**
- **Trainers** that are suitable for running and jumping - no cros
- **Picnic on the field** - parents welcome from 12pm



On Friday for the **fun run**, we will be raising money for the big cat sanctuary, a charity that Lexi in Year 5 is very passionate about. Children will be welcome to come in sports kit with cat / feline accessories for their run. . Well done Lexi for helping to organise this fundraiser alongside Mr Newman - any donations would be greatly appreciated!

Active Week 2026

29th June - 3rd July

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

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.

We are looking forward to active week

Summer term overview







June 2026

29th	30th
Nursery: sports day	Sports workshops with local schools
	

Active week 29th June - 3rd July 2026

July 2026

1st Sports Day - Hub Sports Morning Time: 9am - 10:30am Reception + KS1 - pm 	2nd Sports Day KS2 	15 + 16th Transition days 	17th Last day of school 
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Bank holidays 

Staff PD Days (school closed to pupils) 

School Holidays 

To be confirmed