



The fortnightly news from Burton End Primary Academy

# Burton Buzz

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## *A fortnight of events enjoyed by pupils and families*

*I cannot believe I am writing to you all in our final edition of the Buzz for this academic year—the year seems to have flown by! I believe it is really important that at these times we take a moment to pause and reflect upon all that we have achieved by working in partnership as a school community over the year and all of the wonderful achievements that your children have accomplished—every single one of your children are amazing! One of the key indicators that we have of our success is our vision statement which we reviewed in January. I stood back this week as I watched our Year 6 pupils performing in their play, socialising at their disco and finishing their final days at Burton End and had an overwhelming sense of pride. Every single one of them have demonstrated that they are "curious, confident learners who thrive and believe that anything is possible." I know that they will go onto achieve amazing things and that is down to the hard work of the staff team and parents over the years to support each child to navigate their own way to achieving this—thank you for the part that you play in this partnership. We are looking forward to the transition days next week which always creates a new energy and sense of excitement for the year ahead. Next week there will be a special edition of the Buzz as we head into the summer break.*

*Kelly Mace - Headteacher*

## Burton Bees.

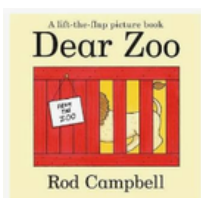


It was lovely to see so many of you at the summer fete on the 25<sup>th</sup> June. Moments like this are great for us all to enjoy. Our staff and small team of volunteers go over and above to provide a brilliant time for the whole school community to enjoy which is so well supported by our families. A special thank you to Miss Fennemore as none of this would be possible without her!

**Thank you for your support**

## Nursery – Dear Zoo

Nursery 2026 have become authors and illustrators and are very proud to share their own version of Dear Zoo. Please scan the QR code to see what they have created – it really is lovely!



**Great story telling Nursery!**

## Caterlink – school meals provider

We have been notified by Caterlink, our school meals provider, that from September they will be increasing the cost of a school meal to £2.90 per meal for children in Years 3 – 6.

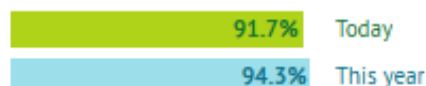
If you think that you may qualify for free school meals, please visit:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals>

## School lunch increase

## Attendance

**91.7%**



**Check out Arbor for attendance**

## Staffing updates

We will be saying a fond farewell to the following staff:



**Mrs Bennett** who has been with Burton End for 16 years as an LSA and MDSA.

**Mrs Bilinski** an LSA who has spent the majority of her 4 years in Year 6.

**Miss Ellis** came to Burton End as an NQT in 2024 and has been teaching Year 5.

**Miss Rubio** has taught in various year groups during her time here

**Mrs Young** – joined the LSA team last year to cover Miss Gormley's maternity leave.

*Thank you for everything you have done for our school, our pupils and our families! We wish you all the best in your new ventures – we will miss you!*

I am sure you will extend your warmest Burton End welcome to the following new staff:

*Welcome*

**Teaching:** Miss Burch, Miss Breeze, Miss Chandler, Mr Dunne, Mrs Riceman & Mrs Taylor

**Support:** Mrs Cojacaru, Miss Cook and Mr Player

We also welcome back Miss Gormley as she returns from maternity leave.

Mrs Hughes will be covering the role of SEND Hub lead while Miss Ellis is on maternity leave.

**Goodbye, Good Luck & Welcome!**

## Uniform Expectations

### Uniform: Reception to Year 5

- Green School Jumper or cardigan with/without school badge on\*
- White Polo Shirt
- Black or Grey Trousers, Tailored Shorts, Skirt or Pinafore or green/white dress in summer
- Black shoes (practical for safety and comfort, children should not be wearing boots or canvas shoes) or plain black smart trainers
- Plain White, Black or Grey Socks or tights



### PE Kit Uniform:

- Green or white plain t shirt (Burton End PE Polo shirts are available)
- Black Shorts
- Plain black tracksuit (top and trousers) for colder weather
- Black plimsolls or a change of trainers
- All ear rings must be removed before taking part in PE and Sport

### Accessories

- Burton End Book bag (Optional)
- Burton End Water Bottle (Optional)

### Uniform: Year 6

- White collared shirt (Not polo shirt)
- Burton End tie
- Green School jumper or cardigan with/without school badge on
- Black or grey trousers, tailored shorts, skirt or pinafore or green/white dress in summer
- Black shoes (practical for safety and comfort, children should not be wearing canvas shoes) or plain black smart trainers
- Plain white, black or grey socks or tights



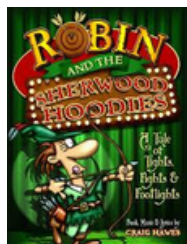
### Additional information

- Pupils are not permitted to wear jewellery to school apart from a maximum of one small stud or sleeper in either or each ear these must be removed when taking part in PE and Sport
- Pupils should not attend school wearing makeup or nail varnish.



**A reminder about uniform expectations ahead of the new academic year**

## Farewell Year 6



What an amazing performance of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies, I am sure Year 6 parents enjoyed it as much as we did!

Well done to all of the children: those who performed, those who helped behind the scenes with music, directing and making the props, and to all the staff in Year 6 who helped bring the whole performance together.



A fantastic time was had at the leaver's disco on Thursday evening where children enjoyed singing along to 'singing all over the world' from Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies, and dancing to the Cha Cha Slide with staff – the face painting and selfie station were also very popular.



At the start of the year the children were asked what trip they would like at the end of the year and they all chose the zoo! We hope they enjoyed it as a treat to end their time at Burton End.



We wish you lots of luck as you start your secondary journey – we will miss you!

## Dance Club performance

A big well done to all children who attended our Dance Club recently. They worked really hard to learn a dance to 'Better When I'm Dancing' by Meghan Trainor, remember the moves and perform it to their grown ups! The children showed excellent confidence, rhythm and co-ordination. An extended thank you to Miss Andre who gave up her own time to run the club and teach the children the dance.



Amazing dancing at Dance Club – it was great fun!

## Roman Experience

Even after a late notice cancellation by the company delivering a Roman workshop, Year 3 still managed to have an amazing Roman day.

The children had the opportunity to immerse themselves in Roman life through a range of engaging activities and experiences, they also created helmets and shields and went into battle With Mr Newman.



**Miss Holt rescues Roman Day !**

## Nursery Celebration

Today Nursery hosted an end of Nursery celebratory party, with the summer theme of animals. The children were invited to come dressed as an animal or in their favourite animal print.

It was a lovely afternoon celebrating and we wish all of our children well as they transition to Reception in September.



We would also like to send our very best wishes to Miss Butt as she starts her maternity leave and we welcome Mrs Taylor in September.

## Good luck to our September Reception starters

## Car park upgrade

We are pleased to announce that work will be starting over the summer holidays on extending the school car park; this is to make it safer for our children and families.

Further guidance around carpark use will follow when we return in the Autumn term.

## Our commitment to a safer environment

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

Last Tuesday we had visitors from St Felix, New Cangle and Clements taking part in a range of different sports activities that are all available locally in Haverhill. The year 6 children all took part in a 45-minute taster session trying tennis, Padel, karate, rugby, golf and football. The aim of the day was to try and provide the children with opportunities to stay active and in sport as they transition to secondary school, as well as having the opportunity to mix with children from other schools who they will likely be sharing schools with from September!



Last Friday we took part in the first ever Burton End fun run and this year's chosen charity to support was The Big Cat Sanctuary as chosen by Lexi in Year 5. She managed to raise over £50 which is an incredible achievement so a big well done to Lexi.

At lunchtime, all children took part in the fun run around the field having to overcome various obstacles on the way around and complete as many laps as they could.



We are coming to the end of another very successful year of PE & sport at Burton End and I am looking forward to running our summer sports camps during the holidays.

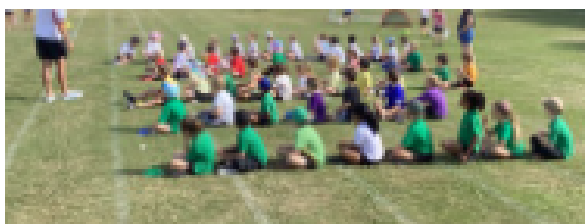
# Sports Days



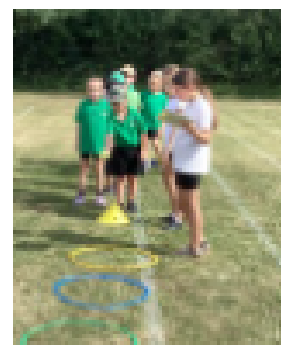
**Adventurers and Explorers** completed a range of activities- bubble pop, races, yoga, bean bag throwing, parachute games and ring toss and finishing with some refreshing ice lollies!

**Nursery** Sports Day was fantastic.

The children were confident and showed great resilience. Everyone tried absolutely every activity and cheered on everyone in the races.



## Reception & KS1



## KS2



Well done to Mr Newman for winning the staff race (of course he did!)

Special mentions go to Mr Boddington, Miss Holt, Miss Ellis, Miss Norris and Mrs Bilinski for being such good sports - the children were great cheerleaders!



I would like to end by thanking everyone for their continued support.

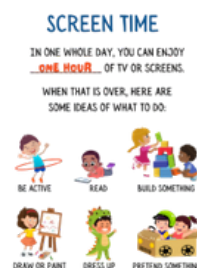
## Fortnightly Feelgood with Miss Holt

Final Fortnightly Feel-Good of the academic year! As the summer holidays approach, I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and restful break.

The holidays are a wonderful opportunity to slow down, spend quality time with loved ones, enjoy the outdoors, try something new, and make time for the activities that support positive wellbeing. Remember that rest is just as important as staying active, and everyone recharges in different ways.

A few wellbeing reminders for the summer:

- Keep a regular sleep routine where possible.
- Get outside and enjoy some fresh air each day.
- Read, be creative, or explore a new hobby.
- Remember to stay hydrated and look after yourself in the warm weather.
- Balance screen time with time away from devices.



I look forward to continuing the Fortnightly Feel-Good in September!

Join us at The Zone this August for a host of FREE activities as part of the Suffolk Holiday Activity Programme (HAF). Activities are available for children aged 7-11 (Key Stage 2) who receive benefits related free school meals. Some paid for activities are available for children who do not qualify for the HAF programme.

- Indoor Soft Play
- Arts & Crafts
- Outdoor Activities
- Bug Hotels & Den Building

3 - 26 | Mondays - Wednesdays  
August

9:00 AM  
3:00 PM

The Zone, Haverhill  
CB9 7YH

CONTACT US  
01440 710071

Book and find out more

Haverhill Town Council | West Suffolk Council

If your child does not qualify for Free School meals, we as a provider also offer paid places, subject to availability.

As well as activities we include healthy snacks, a healthy lunch and unlimited squash/water.

Here is the link for the HAF programme on The Zone website - <https://thezone.org.uk/summer-haf-programme-at-the-zone/>

This will show all the activities we are providing on each day.

We hope these activities provide a fun, engaging, and supportive experience throughout August.

## SEND Spotlight with Mr Austin-Guest



### Handwriting

Just like spelling in our last Spotlight, the digital age is making handwriting a thing of the past. However, it is really important that children develop a fluent, joined style of handwriting.

In school



We support children by:

- Teaching **correct letter formation and pencil grip**.
- Providing **regular practice through short, structured activities**.
- Using **multi-sensory approaches** (tracing, air writing, writing in sand).
- Supporting posture and positioning (e.g. correct seating, paper position).
- Offering adapted resources where needed (e.g. pencil grips, sloped boards).

At home



You can support your child by:

- Encourage **drawing, colouring, and writing little and often**.
- Practise **fine motor activities** like playdough, Lego, or threading.
- Help your child use a **comfortable pencil grip**.
- Try fun writing ideas (chalk outside, whiteboards, writing in sand).
- Keep practice short and positive—confidence is key

Useful links



<https://nha-handwriting.org.uk/handwriting/help-for-parents/resources-for-parents/>

<https://www.bedslutonchildrenshealth.nhs.uk/services/bedfordshire-and-luton-childrens-occupational-therapy-service/supporting-your-childs-handwriting-skills/>

### Spotlight on: Handwriting

## Makaton sign of the week



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Sign 'sister' with us!



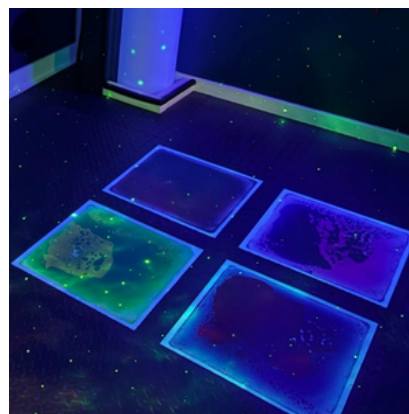
## Introducing The Zen Den

Well over a year ago now, Mr Austin-Guest started working with staff from Unity's central SEND team on a project to seek funding for sensory rooms for some of Unity's SEND hubs. After months of applying for numerous grants and charitable trusts, we finally had success! Two charitable trusts gave generously to fund several sensory rooms and we were first on the list!

So, here's introducing The Zen Den, a quiet space for de-escalation, emotional regulation or simply to enjoy a moment of calm!

The space was designed and installed by Michael Bennett of Cave Creations, based in Linton, who has transformed this once-empty space into a truly magical environment for children and adults alike.

We hope you'll agree that this is a much welcomed resource and we know that the children will love spending time in there and being 'zen'. We'll let you pop in and take a look at some point soon to!



# Summer term overview

July 2026

**15 + 16th**  
**Transition days**



**17th**  
Last day of school

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





**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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| 41           | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 42           | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 43           | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 44           | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

| November 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 47            | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 48            | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 49            | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |    |

| December 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| January 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| February 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 8             | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |

| 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

To be confirmed

We look forward to welcoming the children back on

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026



## Bikeability

Level 1 and 2 courses



Suffolk Roadsafe (Suffolk County Council) are delighted to be able to offer the following courses

### Level 1 and 2 courses

**This course is suitable for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who can already ride a bike without stabilisers.**

Training is delivered by qualified National Standard Instructors and helps children build the skills and confidence to ride safely and responsibly.

The sessions times are **10:00 to 12:00** and **12:30 to 14:30** both days

**Free of charge**

**Mon the 27<sup>th</sup> and Tue the 28<sup>th</sup> of July**  
**The Zone**  
**1a Boundary Road**  
**Haverhill**

To book, please visit  
[suffolk.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking](http://suffolk.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking)



## SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

**WITH MR NEWMAN!**

*See arbor for the dates available!*

**8:30am - 3:30pm**

**Only £15 for the day!**

