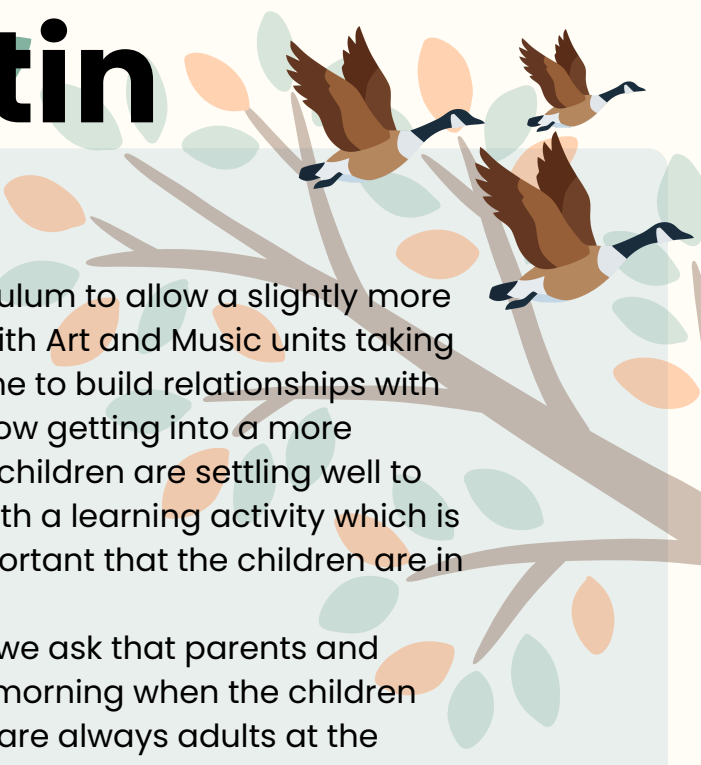


Burton Bulletin



Dear Parents and Carers

We have over the last few years arranged our curriculum to allow a slightly more relaxed and creative start to each academic year with Art and Music units taking a priority in the first 2 weeks. This allows teachers time to build relationships with the children at this crucial time of change. We are now getting into a more consistent timetable with the core subjects and the children are settling well to the routines. All classes are now starting their day with a learning activity which is either phonics or number fluency related so it is important that the children are in class and ready to start their learning by 8:45am.

A gentle reminder that for the safety of the children we ask that parents and carers do not come onto the KS2 playground in the morning when the children from Y3-6 are having their morning playtime. There are always adults at the gates who can take and pass on messages and hopefully answer any questions as class staff are busy preparing for the morning. Similarly for the younger children a quick message left with the adult on the door is fine but longer conversations will need to be arranged for a different time to allow staff to supervise their classes and start their teaching day on time. We really appreciate your co-operation with this.

It was fabulous to see so many of you celebrating 40 years of the BSA with Doughnut Day yesterday. A really popular event judging by the size of the queues and the number of sticky paper bags being clutched. Thank you to our fabulous BSA team for organising this.

It is great to see people beginning to take up the offer from QDOS (our uniform supplier) of a Burton badged fleece jacket. These are available in school bottle green with the school logo as an optional extra and are available to buy through their usual channels. The Fleece can be worn instead of a jumper outside on PE days or may be instead of a jacket in warmer / dry weather. It is not intended that this take the place of a school jumper on normal uniform days as they are a little heavy for all day indoor wear.

A letter will come out next week about parent teacher consultations which will be Monday 5th October (Virtual for all classes except Kingfishers) and Wednesday 7th October (face to face all classes) and Thursday 8th October (Virtual Kingfishers only). Please keep your eyes open for this as it will have all the details about signing up for these meetings.

Best wishes

Mrs Alison Timmings

Please note that after a risk assessment by Burton Teddy Bears Nursery, the gate between the nursery and school will no longer be opened during the day. Parents will need to use the Salisbury Road School Gate at pick up and drop off.

29.09.2026	Badgers & Hedgehogs	Trip to Hengistbury Head
02.10.2026	Rabbits	Trip to Hengistbury Head
12.10.2026	Y6	Residential trip week
23.10.2026	All	Last day of term – school finishes at usual time Non uniform day – donation of items for Christmas fair
02.11.2026	All	Inset Day – children do not attend school
03.11.2026	All	First day of term – Children to be in class by 8.45am
16.12.2026	All	Christmas lunch – book through Forerunner by 2 nd December Usual Christmas festivities arranged by the BSA
18.12.2026	All	Last day of term – school finishes at usual time
04.01.2027	All	First day of term – Children to be in class by 8.45am
12.02.2027	All	Last day of term – school finishes at usual time
22.02.2027	All	First day of term – Children to be in class by 8.45am
25.03.2027	All	Last day of term – school finishes at usual time
12.04.2027	All	First day of term – Children to be in class by 8.45am
26.05.2027	All	Last day of term – school finishes at usual time
27&28.05.2027	All	Inset days – children do not attend school
07.06.2027	All	First day of term – Children to be in class by 8.45am
21.07.2027	All	Last day of the school year – school finishes at usual time

Please be reminded that children should be in class for registration before 8.45am. As part of our ongoing commitment to positive attendance, we will be focussing on supporting families with a positive and timely start to the day.

Useful Links:

Pop up bookshop – [click here](#)

School calendar – [click here](#) (don't forget to subscribe to the school calendar and sync it to your personal calendar)

Pastoral – we have a wealth of great resources to help our families on the website – [click here](#)

Collective Worship – keep up to date with our Collective Worship schedule and the details – [click here](#)

BSA – [click here](#)

Forerunner (hot lunches) – [click here](#)

New Uniform (Qdos) – Please call 07774 679472

Pre-loved Uniform (Uniformd) – [click here](#)

Nametags (on the payment screen select 'My child's school/nursery is a member of My Nametags fundraising scheme.' and then add the code 21578 to raise funds for school) – [click here](#)

Check if you are eligible for **Pupil Premium** (if you are eligible your child will receive free lunches as well as financial help with uniform costs and trips / clubs) – [click here](#)

School Census Day – 1st October 2026

School census day is a significant day in school because it determines certain funding for us. The more children that order hot school meals on this day, the more funding we are eligible for.

If you would like to order hot meals for that day you can choose from either chicken nuggets or vegan nuggets, both of which come with potato bites and peas and a small packet of party rings. The jacket potato is served with cheese on that day. You can order [here](#)

We ask that all families check whether they are eligible to receive **Pupil Premium**.

As well as providing meals for your children if you choose to take them up, it also provides precious funding for school.

You can check your eligibility [here](#)

Uniform

We currently have a massive stock of uniform that we are struggling to store. As a result we are going to hold a uniform giveaway event on Tuesday Morning at drop off (29th September).

The uniform will be outside the Office and you may come and collect whatever items you need. We won't be charging for the items however we will leave a donation pot there because any donation will be gratefully received.

An update on Otters Class

A big well done to our Otters children, they have settled in so well and we are all very proud of them.

We are very excited to see the 'sock things' they make next week with the socks they have taken into class.



Christmas Rotary Shoebox Appeal

We are proud to be a part of the Rotary Shoebox campaign once again this year. The shoeboxes and leaflets will be available from the office from Monday 14th September. The boxes will be collected by the Rotary members on 18th October.

Christmas lunch at school

The lovely annual Christmas lunch at school will be held on 16th December. There will be lots more info to come but it's open for bookings on Forerunner and we know you like to be prepared! The lovely BSA will be arranging the festivities and Christmas jumpers may be worn. **If you have any Christmas jumpers to donate, they would be gratefully received**

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.



TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'salt and ice challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.



EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT

The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.



CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.



SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when Autoplay is enabled. Without an account, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.



SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT

YouTube Shorts – short, fast-paced videos – are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.



Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, younger, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.



USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.



WATCH TOGETHER

Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downtime in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.



Meet Our Expert

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October Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm

As part of our school's graduated response to SEND, we have bought into a scheme that provides parents and carers with a vast bank of resources for parents. **As we have paid an annual subscription, the talks and workshops are now free for all of our parents to access.**

The Burton Primary School Discount Code is BP170726

This code grants all Burton School parents and staff unlimited access to all FACE Parent Talks (usually £24 each).

Please make as much use of this resource as you need! You can attend as many talks and access as much content as you wish. Please give us feedback if you do use this service so we can review its effectiveness.

The website and booking link is [here](#)

Our **Harvest Collective Worship** is Thursday 8th October, we are pleased to welcome Tracy Blick from the Food Bank Plus again to celebrate with us. As usual, we will be collecting donations of food and toiletries for the Food Bank and Tracy will take any donations with her afterwards.

The Food Bank Plus requires the following donations:

UHT or Long-Life Milk: Essential for cereal and hot drinks.

Complete Meal Tins: Options like stews, chili, or hot dogs that provide quick nutrition without needing extra ingredients.

Cooking Basics: Small packages of vegetable oil, salt, pepper, and universal herbs or spices to make plain parcels flavoursome.

Kid-Friendly Snacks & Treats: Multipacks of crisps, biscuits, or sweets that bring a sense of normalcy and care to families.

Long-Life Fruit Juice or Squash: Shelf-stable drinks that add vitamins and variety.

Instant Noodles or Pasta Pots: Ideal for individuals with limited cooking facilities or high energy costs.

Tinned Soup and Instant Mash: Quick, comforting options prepared using just boiled water

Non-Food Essentials

Toiletries: Soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant.

Household Products: Washing-up liquid and laundry detergent powder or liquid.

Sanitary & Baby Supplies: Period products, nappies, and baby wipes.

More details can be accessed [here](#)



Parent drop-in

Your next drop-in will be on:

1st October 2026

Please send an email to
office@burtonpri.dorset.sch.uk
to make an appointment

Your school nursing team can provide non-judgemental and confidential support and advice about:

Healthy lifestyle advice

Bedwetting and toileting

Behaviour support

Emotional health and
well-being support

Nutrition and growth

Signposting to various
services

Parenting advice

Sleep advice

You can contact us via

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Parentlineadvice 5-19 texting service on 07312 277162 -
Website at www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing

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