

Burton Bulletin

A note from Mrs Timmings:

Dear Parents and Carers

I have been really impressed with how calmly the Y6's have managed a week of mock SATs this week. We try not to place too much emphasis on these end of primary school assessments but equally want to prepare them to do the best they can. Likewise the Y5s have had a disrupted week making space for the Y6s and have managed this brilliantly.

I will be sharing with you our new Parent Code of Conduct next week. This reflects how we would like all adults to conduct themselves around school in order to set a good example to our children. Please have a read and sign on Arbor to share your agreement.

Sadly the BSA is struggling to continue to run as the current committee members are finding it difficult to run all the events with such a small group of members helping – who also have family and demanding jobs; as well as some naturally coming to the end of their time at Burton. Please consider speaking to the BSA committee or Mrs Wallis in the office if you feel taking on a role within the BSA is something you could do. We would miss their contributions to school life massively – additional resources; coaches for trips; visitors in school all being paid from their fundraising to name a few things.

We try hard at school to keep the lines of communication open with parents and appreciate that there are often important messages that need to be passed on but the mornings are a really difficult time for staff to be drawn into parental conversation as their priority needs to be greeting the children and starting the school day. Sometimes these conversations mean the children are then late getting started or to their first lesson or worship. There is always a member of staff out on the playground and usually a member of SLT. Please leave messages with these adults or with the office and we will ensure they get to the class teacher in a timely manner. We ask that parents of children in EYFS; Y1 and 2 say their goodbyes at the gates to their fenced areas and avoid coming up to the classroom doors as this can be quite distracting. Your help with this is really appreciated.

I wish you a lovely weekend (although I suspect it may be wet) and wish you all a very happy Mothers day.

Best Wishes. Mrs Alison Timmings

Please can all parents go into their Arbor app and update their mode of transport to school.

Thank you!





27.03.26	All	Last day of term - break up at 3.15
13.04.26	All	First day of term
04.05.26	All	Bank Holiday (children do not attend school)
21.05.26	All	Last day of term - break up at 3.15.
22.05.26	All	Inset day (children do not attend school)
01.06.26	All	Inset day (children do not attend school)
02.06.26	All	First day of term
21.07.26	All	Last day of term - break up at 3.15
22.07.26	All	Inset day (children do not attend school)



No matter what a young person is going through – whether it's relationships, school stuff or mental health – parents and carers are often the first person they turn to.

For Children's Mental Health Week this month, we were talking to parents. We want parents and carers to know:

You're there when they need you most – and we're here for you.

Please visit the website ([here](#)) to find all the ways we can assist and support you

Nip in the Bud® was set up to encourage awareness about mental health disorders in children.

These relatively common problems which begin in childhood and adolescence can have wide-ranging and long-lasting effects, affecting a child's relationships, their educational attainment and job opportunities.

The films are sensitively produced by top quality filmmakers. They illustrate the behaviours common in different conditions in children. They are accompanied by downloadable fact sheets and information on how to follow up and get help through the 'Where to go for Help' page.

Website ([here](#))



Action for Children are running some further free sessions "Behaviours That Challenge Us" (for parents and carers of children aged 5-11).

Join our one-off information session delivered by a Clinical Psychologist to find out more about how you can support and understand your child's challenges and difficulties. An Action for Children Parenting Practitioner will also be at the session on Wednesday 15th April 2026 Virtual session via Microsoft Teams 10:00am – 12:00pm – [Book here](#)



We need you!

You will start to see some communications from us regarding a critical need for parent / community engagement and support.

We are urgently seeking:

2 x Parent Governors (can be parents/carers grandparents / aunts / uncles etc)

Parent Governor is a vital position in which you have a real day to day impact at school. Governors help to set the strategic direction plan for the school, holding the Headteacher to account on finance and outcomes, overseeing the running of the school, working to improve outcomes for every child at Burton school.

What is the commitment? Attendance at two 2-hour Full Governing Board meetings per half term – 6pm on Mondays at the school including some pre-reading, come with questions! Induction and ongoing training from recognised educational authority providers as well as visiting school to meet with staff and children and write observational reports as directed by the Board.

It's a real chance to make a difference in children's lives. If it is something you are considering please come and talk to us so we can answer all of your questions.

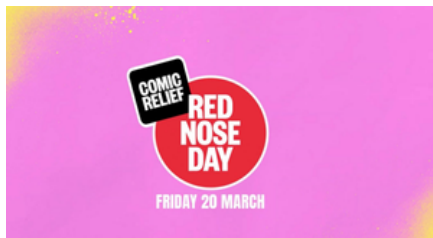
Multiple BSA Volunteers:

For the BSA to continue running we need a Chair, Co Chair, Treasurer and Secretary as well as people to help plan and run events. We appreciate your time is precious and we would be grateful for any time you can offer.

If these roles are not filled the BSA will have to cease operations.

The BSA pay for a lot of books, classroom equipment and playground equipment. They arrange discos, visit from Santa and the gifts that he gives, they pay for the Year 6 leavers pizza lunch. They subsidise trips, coaches, swimming, leavers hoodies and so much more.

Without the BSA none of this can continue.



Red Nose Day

Funny hair / funny hats / funny headwear

Please bring in £1 and do something funny with your hair or wear a hat or headwear.

(Any hair dye needs to be washed out over the weekend)

On Friday 20th March



Science Learning!

Some children from Y1 and Y2 went to a Science event at Mudeford Infants on Thursday and spent the morning investigating, exploring and quizzing. There was a brilliant range of investigations including magnets, electricity and gardening to name a few. Much fun was had by all.



BSA Story Spoon Competition

The children have created some truly incredible designs on their spoons and it was so hard to pick a winner! In the end a team of staff members had to get involved and we looked at, and appreciated, every single spoon!

Sadly, not everyone can have a prize but Mrs Timmings was so impressed with the quality of the entries that she has insisted upon a spoon parade so that everyone can showcase their spoons and their creative ideas.



EYFS had a visit from Crazy Creatures!

Wow, we had a wonderful morning when Crazy Creatures came to visit! We met Rufus the millipede, Turbo the tortoise, Simon the Giant African Land Snail, a Leaf Insect and Galaxy the Royal Python. Mrs Edmunds was very proud of how patiently we waited for our turn and how brave we were when we met the animals. We learnt lots about them and we asked super questions.



St Luke's Church invites you to.....

St Luke's invite you to
Mothers' Day
BREAKFAST CHURCH
Sunday 15th March 9-9.45am
Free breakfast followed by a
short service for all ages!
St Luke's Church Hall

River Mude Churches
St Luke's
Burton

We invite you to
Presence

A quiet, reflective hour in the
peace of God's presence

St Luke's Hall 6pm
3rd Sunday of each month

World Book Day

Our annual celebration of 'All things books' arrived earlier this month with children's author, Andy Seed joining us in school for the day. The children loved hearing about his 5 good things about being an author with eating tea and cake to travelling the world being two of them! Andy spent time with each year group across the day and enjoyed hearing our children's questions, sharing moustache pencils and generally entertaining them with stories about his work and his books. It was lovely to then see so many children buying his books at the end of the day with some of this money going into our piggy bank at the Pop up Bookshop- thank you for your support.

Books at Bedtime was also well attended and it was lovely to have some of our Reading Champions leading these sessions with the younger children. We raised over £100 with these events! Part of this money will be used by Rabbits and Doves Classes who won the February Half-term Reading Challenge. Each class got to choose 3 new books for our Book Nook. The 2026 Guinness Book of World Records was one choice as well as the sequel to class read in years 3/4; The Last Fire Fox. It's lovely to hear that the children want to read more of the books we are reading to them!

PJs and onesies descended on World Book Day itself and the children enjoyed buddying up with other classes to read together. They enjoyed the webinars with years 5 & 6 being particularly intrigued by Kwame Alexander. The children also enjoyed looking at each other's 'Wooden Spoon Book Character' (the competition organised by the BSA). They really were awesome and made lots of us smile. Well done to all children who took part and an extra well done to our winners.

We celebrated the end of the week with West End in Schools. Pedder led workshops for children from EYFS, KS1 and LKS2. The children were enthusiastic, keen and all channelled their Broadway Superstar which meant the afternoon was rounded off with a fantastic performance by the children of the story of Pinocchio to the whole school.

What a celebration of reading and all things books!

