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Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Dear Parents

I hope that you have had a lovely summer break and been able to enjoy the gorgeous sunshine we have had. Yesterday and today are training days for staff but we are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow - **Thursday (3rd September)**. Our Reception (EYFS) children start on Monday 7th (mornings only – full days from Thursday 10th)

A few of the reminders which were shared at the end of last year:

- **Y1-6** On the children's first day back in September (**Thursday 3rd**) we would ask that all children come straight into their classrooms when they arrive between 8:35 and 8:45am.
- From the Friday (4th Sept), children in KS2 (Y3 to Y6) may arrive from 8:30am for a morning play time on the KS2 playground when the weather is dry and will need to be dropped at one of the gates onto this playground. We ask parents and carers not to walk across this playground whilst in use. Messages can be left with the adults on the gates.
- Children in KS1 (Y1 and Y2) will continue to enter their class from 8:35am.
- Gates close at **8:45am** and all children should be in class by this time.
- **Y1-6** There will be an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher next week – the sessions have been spread out to avoid parents having to hang around and wait and **all will be 3:30-4pm** with an opportunity to hear about year group expectations and arrangements as well as ask questions and meet your child's teacher if you haven't done so yet.
 - Monday 7th September Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)
 - Tuesday 8th September Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)
 - Wednesday 9th September Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6)
- **Y5/6 only** Please note the information sent before the end of last term about use of mobile phones on school site. We would ask for 'brick' phones if at all possible. Any smartphone should be turned off and out of sight once on school grounds. All phones to be handed in at the start of the school day and should only be brought in by those who are walking to or from school.
- **Y5/6** Permission forms for walkers will come home as a hard copy on the first day back but an electronic version is attached with this email if you wish to sign in advance so you child can walk home on the first day. Children will not be allowed out of class alone without a signed form. Please complete this for all walkers – even if your child walked to / from school last year.
- Please check the website for guidance on school uniform and acceptable hairstyles etc before buying new uniform or PE kit and getting back to school haircuts. Hair colour must be natural and lines and logos shaved in are not allowed. We also ask that any hair adornments such as bows are small and adhere to school uniform colours. Please note we ask for dark, plain tracksuits for PE and Black (completely black) trainers may be worn in place of school shoes on non-PE days.

- INSET dates for the coming year are below and where possible have again been placed to support cheaper flights and holidays around holiday periods (particularly May half term) rather than in term time.

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	(Before start of Autumn term)
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	(Before start of Autumn term)
Monday 2 nd November 2026	(After October Half term)
Thursday 27th May 2027	(Before May Half term)
Friday 28 th May 2027	(Before May Half term)

Any questions or concerns, please contact the school office (office@burtonpri.dorset.sch.uk / 01202 483588).

Best wishes

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