



# Whole school Newsletter

## Burton Joyce Primary School

### September 2025

#### Welcome Back to a New School Year!

We're delighted to welcome everyone back to Burton Joyce Primary School for the start of a new academic year. We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for the year ahead!

I'm truly excited to be writing to you as the new Headteacher of Burton Joyce Primary School. Having been part of the team here for seventeen years, I already feel very much at home—and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to lead a school that means so much to me.

First of all, a special welcome goes out to all our new children and families joining us this term. We're confident you'll quickly feel part of our school community and enjoy your time here.

It was lovely to see the children return with such enthusiasm and readiness to learn on their first day back. The smiles on their faces were a joy to see.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to the team Miss Dando who has joined us in Y3/4. We know she will be a great addition to the team.

There are many exciting activities planned for each year group as part of the curriculum, which you'll find detailed in your child's class newsletter which will be sent on Friday. In addition, we have a range of whole-school events lined up.

Soon you will receive an email with the full list of school dates, and they're also available on our website. We'll continue to share more details about upcoming events as they become available.

#### School PRIDE Values

This term, in classes and assemblies, we will be reaffirming our school PRIDE values; not only what each of these words mean but how we can demonstrate these qualities in all we do.

**Positivity**  
**Respect**  
**Integrity**  
**Determination**  
**Equality**

Our new PRIDE Ambassadors will be voted for and elected in the next few weeks. Their role will be to help develop and model each value throughout the school. We will keep you updated with this work through our PRIDE PRESS which will be published later in the term.

#### Our Amazing PTA!

Our PTA have already organised several fundraising events for the school this term. Please support our PTA, the school benefits in many ways from their hard work and dedication. They are also an integral part of the life and soul of the school helping to develop children's learning and understanding of the world. So, if you could join them, offer any help or support the events they hold, this would be greatly appreciated. Please remember they are always looking for new members, so if you feel you have a little time or any skills to offer, please email [bjpta@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk](mailto:bjpta@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk)

#### Key dates to note

Meet the teacher: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
September 3.45pm or 4.30pm. These will take place in your child's classroom and will provide you with information regarding your child's class and an opportunity to meet the class teacher.

### Reminders

**Please make sure that ALL school uniform and property is clearly labelled.** Please ensure children have the correct PE kit in school each day. Black/blue shorts, plain white T-shirt or blue school sports top, blue/black joggers and blue jumper for outdoors for inclement weather. Trainers must not be worn instead of school shoes.

Please also remember that **no jewellery, including earrings,** nail varnish or other make – up can be worn at school by any child. Novelty head bands and hair accessories are also not permitted. Small simple headbands in either school colours or black or brown only please. Thank you for your support with this.

**Water bottles** – all children should bring a refillable water bottle to school every day. They must only contain water – no juice please.

**Packed lunches-** please ensure if your child has a packed lunch, they contain a balanced healthy meal. Children should not bring sweets or chocolate bars.

**Could we please ask, as always, if bringing children to school by car, you park safely and with due consideration to our neighbors and pedestrians.**

Finally, please ensure that you do not drive on to the school site at any time without prior permission from the office. This includes parking for The Lime Trees.

### Attendance

We know it's difficult some mornings, however if you could please ensure your child is on time to school it does make a big difference to the start of the day. If they are 10 minutes late this will be recorded as 'a late arrival'.

We appreciate holidays are a lot cheaper in school time, but we aim for an attendance of 97% and taking a holiday in school time really can have a detrimental effect for your child on their attendance figures and education.

**Please be aware that 'Fines' for term time holidays and persistent absence and lateness are in place. We are not able to authorise holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances for the absence.** More information is available on our school website along with our attendance policy.

### School Priorities 2025-26

Each year as a school we write a School Improvement Plan (SIP)

This allows governors and staff to monitor and evaluate priorities within school. An overview of our priorities for this year are stated below:

**Priority 1:** To improve reading fluency and confidence across all year groups.

**Priority 2:** To raise standards in writing through improving handwriting, spelling and sentence construction.

**Priority 3:** To strengthen how maths is taught using small, clear steps.

**Priority 4:** To support children with limited vocabulary, especially in Early Years and KS1. Our SIP allows us to plan training and monitoring throughout the year to ensure our pupils are achieving their potential.

**At home you can support** through regular reading, spelling and times tables practice. Also, our meet the teacher evening, curriculum and reading evenings will provide ideas and support for you at home.

### Class Dojo

Earlier this week you will have received information regarding ClassDojo (years 1-6). It is a fantastic communication platform whereby staff can share exciting parts of your child's learning journey and keep you up to date with learning content. If you haven't already done so please sign up so you can see these updates. FS parents you will have received information to sign up to Tapestry to access information regarding your child's learning and development.

Thank you for your continued support—it really does make all the difference. I'm looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and all the exciting things we'll achieve together.

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