

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



13th April 2026

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed some of the glorious sunshine! Thank you so much for your support throughout last half term. The final week was incredibly busy, and I know how much effort went into our Easter celebrations, so thank you for all you do at home.

Over the Easter break, lots of hard work took place in and around school, including the installation of our new KS1 playground.

Our amazing PTA, along with generous parent and carer contributions, made this possible. Mrs Haywood and Simon were also busy improving the school grounds, and Simon had his paintbrush out too! A huge thank you to everyone for their hard work.



Here we are in the Summer term—and wow, how fast the year is flying by! The Summer term is always incredibly busy but also one of the most enjoyable. We welcomed the children back into school today with a wellbeing day focused on the importance of being active and how positive movement can boost our mental health. The children took part in a mini marathon, with everyone completing a mile or two around our school grounds!

Before the Easter holidays, I sent a letter regarding Mrs Guerbaouy commencing her maternity leave early. Many of your kind words and well wishes have been passed on, and she is very grateful. If you have any concerns or questions regarding SEND, please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office or via email at head@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs will take place during the week commencing 11th May, and our Year 6 pupils have been working brilliantly in the run-up to them. We're so proud of their effort and determination—this is the final push, and they're more than ready for it! Our Year 5/6 team will be supporting the children every step of the way, helping the week feel calm, positive, and encouraging. To give everyone the best possible start each day, it's really important that children attend every day and arrive on time throughout SATs week. A settled, punctual morning routine makes a huge difference to confidence and helps the children feel fully prepared. If your child is feeling particularly anxious about the tests, please do reach out to a member of staff. The tests matter, of course, but not nearly as much as our pupils' wellbeing. Their happiness, comfort, and confidence in school will always come first.



Parents evening

You will have received an email regarding parents evening bookings which will be taking place on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th April. This is an opportunity to discuss how your child is getting on at school, take a look at some of their work and ask any questions. To ensure there are enough appointments for the whole class could we please request that one appointment per family is made. Each appointment lasts for 10 minutes. Children's work along with refreshments will be served in the school hall. Please ensure you attend your appointment on time by waiting outside of your child's classroom, staff will not be able to collect you from the hall.

Cultural Diversity Week w/c 18th May

At the end of this half term, we will be hosting a Cultural Diversity Week in school. Although we already celebrate a range of cultures and traditions throughout the year as part of our curriculum and whole-school assembly programme, we felt this would be a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to explore different cultures in even greater depth and context. If you would like to contribute any information, artefacts, or stories to support the week, we would be delighted to include them. Below is a QR code where you can sign up if you would like to take part in any way at all. A form will also be sent out separately for those who wish to get involved.



General reminders

Parking and attendance are two things we all love to talk about!

Please could we remind adults doing the school run to be mindful when parking, especially near the school gates and around our neighbours' homes. We simply want to keep everyone safe and ensure our school community continues to be a considerate one.

Regarding attendance, some reminders have needed to be sent home about low levels of attendance. This is never something we enjoy doing, but it is something schools are required to monitor closely. Good attendance is vital to children's learning, progress, friendships, and overall wellbeing – and even small amounts of missed time can have a big impact. Schools must adhere to national attendance expectations and statutory guidance, which means we are required to follow up when attendance falls below certain thresholds. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping your children be in school, on time, every day. It really does make a difference.

Thank you for taking the time to read all of the information included in this newsletter and thank you for your continued support. I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of such a positive, enthusiastic, and supportive community, where pupils, staff, and parents work together towards the same shared goal.
Summer Term, lets go!

Mrs.Pickard