



Burscough Village Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

What a half term it's been! Our classrooms and corridors have been buzzing with energy, curiosity, and a real sense of togetherness. From learning about our school values to practising how to manage distractions, work as a team (or shine independently!), show respect, and bounce back when things don't go our way. Your children have truly risen to every challenge with heart and determination.

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We've been delighted to see our Nurture Nest back up and running, offering a calm, supportive space for some of our children. It's been wonderful to watch all the children ease into their new year groups with growing confidence and building great relationships with staff.

One of the highlights this term has been the fantastic 'Come Learn With Me' sessions. It was lovely to see that 76% of the parents attended the sessions. It was a joy to welcome so many of you into school, seeing the children's faces light up as they shared their learning. Your support, enthusiasm, and partnership mean the world to us and we're so grateful for the strong, caring community we're building together.

Kids' Club - extension of after-school club provision

We are delighted to announce that from **Tuesday 4th November** our after-school club provision will be open **until 6:00pm**. We will continue to review the children that are accessing the provision. Booking and costs remain the same. Please ensure that you book well in advance. Please be aware that any children that are collected after this time will be charged a late collection fee.

BVPS Holiday Club – Funda

We have been looking at ways to offer clubs during the school holidays. We are pleased to reveal that we are working with **Funda** a holiday club at BVPS in February 2026 (Half Term). However, we need your assistance to assess the demand and the needs for our families. This holiday club will be managed by an experienced team called Funda. Please complete the linked questionnaire **FUNDA School Holiday's Child Care Need Survey**

House Day – Wednesday 5th November

On Wednesday 5th November, the children will be taking part in a House Day. This will include the children in Reception through to Year 6 spending the day with their houses completing a variety of different activities. There will be five sessions focusing on our school values.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to be collaborative, creative and have lots of fun. Staff will be awarding stickers to those children who show our school values throughout.

On the day, the children need to be dropped off and collected as normal from their classrooms. They need to wear their school uniform although they will be changing into PE kits when they arrive in school. Please could you ensure that they have PE kits and trainers.

Parents' Evening – Wednesday 12th November & Wednesday 19th November 2025

We have organised the termly parents' evening sessions, further information will be sent on the first day back with a booking link. Appointments will be scheduled for 10 minutes per child, we ask that if you feel that you need additional time, this should be organised later. We would encourage all families to attend one of the sessions, as it is an important opportunity to celebrate your child's successes and targets for the coming year.

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Striving for the future

Can you help? Friday 31st October 2025



Volunteers Needed

The Great Tarantula Takedown

Friday 31st October

We are looking for willing volunteers who can help with the following activities:

- Removal of the tarantula and fence (free fire wood!)
- Removal of the artificial grass.
- Clearing of the trees and shrubbery area near the willow tunnel

Do you have access to a mini digger | chain saws | grounds maintenance equipment?

If you could spare any time to be a part of 'tarantula extraction team' we would love to hear from you. Autumnal refreshments will be served throughout the day.

COMING SOON!

If you are able to help please contact Mrs Newsome bsnews@burscough-primarieschool.uk 01704 895403

Please note that children must be supervised at all times

In preparation for the new multi-purpose sports zone which will be installed mid-November, we are looking for volunteers to help remove the current wooden climbing frame on Friday 31st October. If you can help please let us know.



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PROPOSED MUGA

20m x 10m Multi Use Games Area



COMING SOON!

Playtime to mugs



Spooky Disco Success

The children had an amazing time at the PTFA Spooky Disco on Wednesday night. Thank you to staff, parents and volunteers who made this a brilliant success. We are delighted to share that the PTFA **raised £661** which will go towards Phase 2 of the outdoor development project: a new climbing area.

Photos can be viewed on the website



PE Health & Safety Reminders

We follow H&S guidance set by the PE association. Children must take their own earrings out for all PE, FMS and swimming lessons. If they are unable to be removed, the child must cover them with plasters. Ideally earrings should not be worn on days they are doing PE. Staff are unable to remove or cover earrings for children. Children wearing earrings will take part in the PE lesson, however, in a designated area to mitigate accidents. Long hair must be tied up. As we move into the colder months, please ensure that that your child has plain black joggers/tracksuit trousers for outdoor PE. We will be selling PE black hoodies at both parents’ evening.



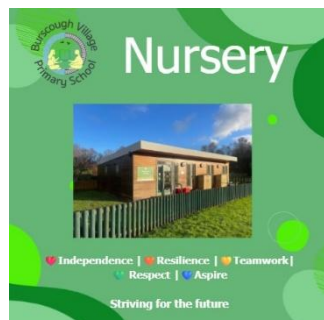
PE and FMS – Autumn Term

Class	PE Day 1	PE Day 2	FMS	Swimming
Nursery			Daily	
Reception	Wednesday	Friday	Daily	
Year 1	Tuesday	Friday	Daily	
Year 2	Tuesday	Friday	Daily	
Year 3	Monday	Thursday		
Year 4		Thursday		Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday	Thursday		
Year 6	Monday	Thursday		

Parent Governor Election

Thank you to everyone who returned their ballot papers, over half of the school voted. After counting the votes, this morning we are delighted to confirm Mrs Debbie Rouse has been elected as the new parent governor. Thank you to all the applicants.

Nursery | Reception Applications - Do you have child waiting to start Nursery or Reception?



We are now accepting applications for:

- Reception places for September 2025
- Nursery places for the Spring Term 2026

At Burscough Village Primary School and Nursery, we pride ourselves on providing a nurturing, supportive, and inspiring environment for every child.

We warmly invite you to book a personalised tour with our Headteacher, Mrs Yates, to see our school in action and meet our friendly team.

Please help us by sharing the nursery provision which can be seen in this [video](#).

Stay & Play – Baby & Toddler Group

We are pleased to welcome both new and returning families to our Stay and Play baby and toddler group, which takes place every Monday from 9:00am to 10:30am. This group is open to the entire community and is known for its friendly and inclusive atmosphere across all age groups. Please have a look and share the timetable for the upcoming term; a variety of engaging activities are scheduled, including the return of last year's popular 'Breakfast with Santa' event.

Important dates

- Monday 3rd November – Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 4th November – Autumn Term 2 start
- Wednesday 5th November – House Day
- Thursday 6th November – Flu vaccinations
- w/c Monday 10th November – Early Risers census week – *please ensure you book, as this is how the school receive funding from the DfE.*
- Wednesday 12th November – Learn to ride sessions
- Wednesday 12th November – Parents Evening 1
- Wednesday 19th November – Parents Evening 2
- w/c 24th November – DT week
- Tuesday 25th November – Year 2 Trip to Burscough Methodist Church – Hope Journey
- Thursday 27th November – Lancashire Day Special Menu
- Friday 28th November – PTFA Christmas Movie Night
- Thursday 4th December – Lancashire Sings Event – Choir
- Wednesday 10th December – afternoon - Infant nativity at St John's Church
- w/c Monday 15th December – Christmas junior events TBC throughout the week
- Tuesday 16th December – 5:00pm - Cinderella – Staff Panto
- Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Special menu
- Wednesday 17th December – 5:00pm - Cinderella – Staff Panto
- Thursday 18th December – Burscough's Got Talent – during the school day
- Friday 19th December – celebration assembly - invitation
- Friday 19th December – 2:30pm finish – End of Term
- Monday 5th January 2026 – Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 6th January – School reopens for Spring Term

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Yates, Headteacher

Date	Event	Theme
Monday 6th October	Autumn Crafts and Keepsakes	Specially designed craft session to make Autumnal keepsakes to gifts to family members and friends.
Monday 13th October	Story Time with Mrs Seddon	Pumpkin Soup
Monday 20th October	Spooky Bubbles & Rhymes session.	Spooky themed messy play, bubbles and stories.
27th October & 3rd November	No session due to half term and Inset Day	
Monday 10th November	Firework Spectacular	Firework arts and crafts. Bonfire night themed messy play.
Monday 17th November	"Why is play important?"	This session will be delivered by our Play Therapist.
Monday 24th November	Squirgle while you wiggle workshop	Dedicated section of our session to learn and explore the squirgle while you wiggle scheme with Mrs Seddon.
Monday 1st December	Story Time with Mrs Seddon	We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Monday 8th December	Festive Keepsake crafts.	Specially designed craft session to make festive keepsakes to gifts to family members and friends.
Monday 15th December	Breakfast with Santa	Christmas Meet and Greet with Santa. Christmas Stories and singing.