

# Burscough Village Primary School

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## Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you and your children are settling in well and enjoying the start of the new term. Please take a few moments to read through these important updates and friendly reminders for the weeks ahead—we're so glad to have you as part of our school community!

# Early Risers Club

Our FREE Early Riser Club continues to run from 8.30am each morning. Places must be booked in advance via the School Gateway App. Please ensure your child arrives on time if attending.

#### School Uniform

A gentle reminder that all children should be in full school uniform, including school shoes and black trainers to get changed into. Please label all items clearly with your child's name. The full uniform list can be found on the website.

## Jewellery & Hair

For safety and consistency, please ensure that children wear only plain stud earrings to school—no hoops or dangling designs are permitted. Hair should be tidied back neatly, and we kindly request that any hair accessories are green to match our school colours. This helps everyone feel part of our community and keeps children safe during lessons and play.

#### Individual Class Letters

Each class teacher has prepared a welcome letter with key information about routines, topics, and expectations. This is where you will find the curriculum overview for the year.

Please visit the relevant page on the website:

- Nursery https://www.burscough.lancsngfl.ac.uk/our-school/class-pages/nursery
- Reception <a href="https://www.burscough.lancsngfl.ac.uk/our-school/class-pages/reception-mrs-beevers">https://www.burscough.lancsngfl.ac.uk/our-school/class-pages/reception-mrs-beevers</a>
- Year 1 https://www.burscough.lancsngfl.ac.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-1
- Year 2 https://www.burscough.lancsngfl.ac.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-2
- Year 3 https://www.burscough.lancsngfl.ac.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-3
- Year 4 https://www.burscough.lancsngfl.ac.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-4
- Year 5 https://www.burscough.lancsngfl.ac.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-5
- Year 6 https://www.burscough.lancsngfl.ac.uk/our-school/class-pages/year-6

#### Extra Curricular Clubs

We're hoping to create a fantastic range of extra-curricular clubs for your children to enjoy, from creative arts and sports to STEM and music. We're taking a little extra time to ensure the smoothest start possible, details about club start dates and sign-ups will be shared soon.

# Morning Snack

The deadline for payment of Autumn term snack is today. If you would like your child to receive this, please ensure payment is made by the end of the day.

The children can have fruit or toast at break times. Crisps and chocolate bars or item containing chocolate are not allowed.

## Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school each day. Fresh water is available throughout the day to keep everyone hydrated.

#### Scooters

To encourage our children to be more active, everyone is welcome to scoot to school. We ask that scooters are walked on school grounds for safety. Please use the designated storage areas and ensure your child has a helmet. There will be an opportunity to use them at lunchtimes.

# # Parking & Traffic

Please can we ask all parents to park considerately and avoid blocking driveways or the school entrance. If possible, please consider walking to school to help reduce congestion and promote healthy habits.

#### School Car Park Guidelines

To keep everyone safe and ensure staff can access their spaces, our school car park is for staff only during drop-off and pick-up times. Only parents with a valid disabled badge should be accessing the car park. This includes families using Kids' Club and Early Risers—we kindly ask that you park outside the school grounds.

#### Music Lessons

We are continuing to offer an exciting musical journey for your child with the Music In Your School (formerly Adam Christopher School of Music) at BVPS! For the 2025-2026 academic year, we are offering private music lessons in Guitar, Keyboard, and Singing, for all junior children. Please check your emails for further information on how to sign up or contact the school office.

# School Gateway App

Please ensure you are signed up to the School Gateway App for all communications, payments, and updates. If you need help setting this up, contact the school office.

## Social Media

Stay connected with us on our active social media pages. We regularly post updates, photos, and reminders. Each class teacher will post photos of their class.

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BVPSPrimarySchool">https://www.facebook.com/BVPSPrimarySchool</a>

Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/bvps">https://www.instagram.com/bvps</a> primaryschool/

## **Nobile Phones**

Children should not bring mobile phones to school until they walk home in Year 6. Phones must be handed to the class teacher and will be stored securely until the end of the day.

# Meet your child with a smile not a phone

We encourage you to be with your child and pay attention when you spend time together at school. When you put your phone away, your child feels special and happy. Being present helps you make good memories and shows your child how much you care.

## >> PTFA Support Needed

Our Parent, Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA) is at the heart of so many wonderful events and opportunities for our children. However, we truly need your support to keep these activities going. Without enough members, some of our much-loved events simply cannot take place. If you can spare any time at all, whether to help at events or behind the scenes, please consider joining the PTFA. Your involvement makes a real difference and ensures our children continue to enjoy memorable school experiences. If you're interested or would like to find out more, please get in touch with the school office.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing everyone a fantastic and successful year ahead! By working together, we can make this school year truly special and continue building a vibrant, caring community for all. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

# **Key Dates – Autumn Term 2025**

- 8<sup>th</sup> September Stay & Play Baby and Toddler Group returns every Monday 9.00am 10.30am - everyone is welcome to join
- 10<sup>th</sup> September Year 6 Robinwood Parents Information Evening 5.15pm
- Week beginning: 22<sup>nd</sup> September Music lessons start
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> September Year 6 Robinwood Residential
- 1st October House Day children will have a fun day in their houses. (Not Nursery)
- Week beginning: 6<sup>th</sup> October Come Learn with Me sessions Dates to be confirmed
- 8<sup>th</sup> October Individual School Photos Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October Spooky Disco
- 24th October Awards Assembly 9.00am / 3:30pm End of Term
- 27<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> October Half Term
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November Inset Day Staff Training
- 4<sup>th</sup> November Term starts
- 6<sup>th</sup> November Nasal Flu Immunisation
- 19<sup>th</sup> November Parents Evening
- Week Beginning 24<sup>th</sup> November Design and Technology Week
- 10<sup>th</sup> December (PM) Reception, Nursery and Year 1 Nativity
- 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December Wait for it Staff Panto Time!
- 18<sup>th</sup> December Burscough's got talent (in school time)
- 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am Awards assembly / 2.30pm School finishes (no Kids' club)
- Christmas Holiday 20th December 2025 5th January 2026