



# Burscough Village Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the last week of the school year, we would like to remind you about a couple of events and share some notices for next year.

## PTFA Colour Run and Summer Fair

The PTFA worked hard providing an excellent celebration to the school term, with refreshment stalls, tombola's and lots of different games for everyone. Thank you to everyone who attended, it was a great success.

## Community Unity Through Sports Project

We have been actively seeking donations and grants, and we are delighted to report that we have raised just over £10,000 towards the cost of the new area. We are also awaiting the return of two grant applications.

All donations and profits from the colour run will be donated towards this project. We have a target to build this by the end of 2025; however, we are still looking for further support.

If you know or work for a business that would be able to donate/sponsor the area, we would love to speak to them. Please help us spread the word.

## Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Reports

Reports will be sent home on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July; they will include statutory assessment data and attendance.

## Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Special Menu – Year 6 Leavers Lunch



## **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - Celebration Day**

Children are invited to wear their own clothes. Each class will be taking part in an end-of-year activity suitable for the age of the class.

## **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Last day**

Children are welcome to bring a favourite toy to enjoy with friends—just please leave electronic gadgets and very precious items at home, so nothing special gets lost or broken. We want everyone to have a fun and worry-free day together!

## **2025 / 2026 Academic Year**

We're delighted to share that, following a recent meeting, our governors have thoughtfully reviewed several of our school policies for the coming year. We appreciate your ongoing support as we continue working together to make our school community the very best it can be.

## **Physical activity/Uniform**

We're so pleased to share the fantastic progress we've made in getting our children moving! At a time when many schools find it tricky to keep physical activity front and centre, we're proud to lead the way with more and more opportunities to get active each term.

Physical activity does so much for children—not just building strong bodies, but also supporting healthy minds, better concentration, and building teamwork and resilience. It truly plays a key part in helping every child to thrive both in and out of the classroom.

Our 'active soles' initiative is going from strength to strength, inspiring pupils to move more every day. In line with government and Youth Sport Trust advice, we're always looking for ways to make uniform affordable and practical for all families, while keeping movement at the heart of our school.

With your feedback in mind, we're pleased to share that our current uniform policy will remain unchanged next year.

Here's what you need to know for September: children will need black school shoes for everyday wear, plus a pair of black trainers for physical activities. When it's dry, we'll encourage children to wear their trainers more regularly - making the most of the opportunity to be active.

During the winter and rainy days, children should come in their school shoes and swap into their trainers for break times. That way, we can keep everyone comfortable and our school nice and tidy.

Just a quick note: please avoid old-fashioned black canvas plimsolls, as they're not quite sturdy enough for all the activities we have planned!

Thank you so much for supporting our efforts to keep every child active, healthy, and ready to learn. Together, we can keep building a positive, energetic school community!

## Governors

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs Belinda Matchett, who, after 15 years of remarkable service as Chair of Governors, will be stepping down from her role. We are sincerely thankful for her unwavering dedication, wisdom, and the many ways she has supported our school community. Thankfully, Mrs Matchett will continue to share her invaluable experience as a member of the governing board, and we are truly delighted to have her ongoing support as we look to the future together.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Michael Nolan as our new Chair of Governors, beginning his role on 1st September 2025.

With two children at the school, I was impressed by the welcoming and supportive community at Burscough Village Primary. Wanting to give something back, I stood as a parent governor in late 2022. In addition to my role on the governing board, I serve as a primary school governor member of the Lancashire Schools Forum - a statutory body that advises the council on school funding and holds certain decision-making powers.

Professionally, I have over twenty years' experience in IT and marketing, mainly in the higher education sector. I currently work for a local university, managing websites and digital services.

In my spare time, I volunteer as an Explorer Scout leader and was previously a trustee of Ormskirk & District Scouts.

To ensure everything runs smoothly, there will be a thoughtful handover process, and Mr Scott Rimmer will continue to offer his valuable support as Vice Chair. We look forward to working together and building an even stronger school community.



It Takes a Village To Raise a Child...

- Do you have a career, profession, or hobby that you could talk to the children about?
- Do you have an hour a week to listen to the children read?
- Do you have a passion to support and oversee the school's strategic direction? BVPS is seeking new governors.

All volunteer roles are subject to enhanced DBS checks, application, induction, and training provided.

**Volunteers Needed!**



There are several vacancies on the governing board, and a parent election will be held early next term. The board of governors regularly reviews its collective skills and is seeking volunteers with experience in Health and Safety or Building Project Management. If you know someone who may be interested in joining and contributing time to support the school's development, please contact the school.

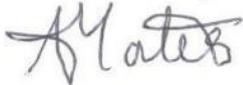
## **Outstanding debts**

If you have any outstanding payments, we kindly ask that these are settled before the end of term. Thank you so much for your understanding and support!

We extend our best wishes to our Year 6 pupils as they complete their final weeks at BVPS. While it will be difficult to bid farewell to our Year 6 cohort, we look forward to marking their departure with our annual whole school celebration on the field on the last day.

School closes at 2:30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Please note there will not be any Kids' club on the last day. We reopen on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025, where we look forward to welcoming all of our new families.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A Yates".

Mrs A Yates  
Headteacher

