



# Burlington Junior School

## Newsletter



### Friday 24th October 2025



Banksy - Mrs Cripps  
Kusama - Mrs Tal  
Riley - Miss Morgan  
Samba - Miss Golding



Carver – Mr Lawrence  
Goodall - Mrs Kreczman / Miss Henry  
Tesla - Miss Puvaneswara  
Turing – Mr Panesar



Jemison - Mr West  
Peake - Mr Kim  
Sharman - Miss Rolfe  
Wakata - Miss Duncombe/Mrs Harvey



Bloom - Miss Grinsted  
Eliot – Mrs Le Voir-Matthews /  
Miss Wightwick  
Silverstein - Mr Southren  
Zephaniah – Miss Harris

Dear Parents,

Happy Diwali to all our families who have been celebrating the Festival of Light.

It was lovely last week to see all the children dressed up for our diversity week. Children told me about why they had chosen their outfit and what it meant to them. Daniel was wearing an ancient Korean hat because his parents are from Korea. Jaiden was wearing his Liverpool football club top as he supports the team. Aadhya wore a beautiful dress from India because her grandparents live there. Frankie was wearing a colourful dress from Vietnam because her Mother is Vietnamese and Deveena had stunning patterns on her dress that celebrate Diwali. Thank you to Mrs Case and Mrs Yendole for planning a week of exciting activities.

This week staff have been preparing to move rooms as we finally get ready to return with Year 3 to the Victorian block (The Honeycombe). Please see letter [here](#) that explains how Monday 3rd will work for some children who are having a staggered start. This is to give teachers time to prepare their classrooms for teaching and learning after a removal company moves furniture in the holidays into the final location. You may also want to watch the new 'welcome' film we made for new parents [here](#). Thank you to all the staff and children who made a star appearance! Thank you to all the parents who are keeping their mobile phones in their pocket or bag at drop off and pick up. We really appreciate your support with trying to help Burlington be a mobile phone free site. I would also like to thank parents for not driving down the slip road by the main gates and parking or turning in the driveway belonging to Park House residents (they have said please refrain from doing this). It is very busy when families arrive or leave school and any car trying to drive along the slip road is very dangerous.

I am seeing an increase of AI written emails from parents voicing their concerns over a matter in school. These emails can be difficult to read as the tone is often very strong. At Burlington we welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns you have, please just ask for a meeting with the class teacher or year leader initially. If you feel you need to meet senior staff after this stage, again, a quick email explaining your worries and a request to meet is fine. We always want to help and resolve any concern you may have quickly, so that your child is happy in school. Finally, teachers do not set homework over the holiday period but please do hear your child read often and help them complete their book bingo in their reading diary. You can also find some activities on our website, including things to do before you leave [here](#). Have a wonderful relaxing half term holiday.

Best wishes, Mrs Utting  
Headteacher

Monday 3rd November

Tuesday 4th November

Friday 7th November

Friday 14th November

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Wednesday 19th November

Friday 21st November

Friday 28th November

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Governor week

Y3 Stone Age to Iron Age workshop

Parent Forum meeting - 9am in the Honeycombe (Victorian Block)

Children in Need - £2 for charity - wear yellow or spots

Silverstein Class Assembly 2.50pm

Full Governing Board meeting 6.30pm

Wakata Class Assembly 2.50pm

Non Uniform day - bring a New toy for the tombola Christmas Fair

Zephaniah Class Assembly 2.50pm

### Key Dates for November:

# We Are Super Learners...



Our House Captains have been busy finding out what our pupils have been learning about over the past few weeks.



Sachin  
Aleksi



Isabel  
Daniel



Arabella  
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Sabrina  
Phoebe

## Year 3 - Diversity Week

Year 3 said they enjoyed -

Learning about British Sign Language, showing their cultural clothes to their year 6 buddies, making the flags and making puzzle pieces that show their identity. They would like to do it again because they thought it was fun to take a break from wearing the school uniform and learn something new.

Learning:

Year 3 liked doing column addition and subtraction alongside practicing their times table skills. In English they loved learning about and creating leaflets about different things. Art has stood out as an exciting subject for the Year 3's because they liked doing their self portraits.

**Written by our House Captains: Sachin and Aleksi**

## Year 4 - Diversity Week

Year 4 enjoyed dressing up for Diversity Week and they loved getting to know different peoples' cultures. They also loved sharing their cultures, making their puzzle pieces and seeing the range of clothes and outfits. Year 4 would like to dress up again! They have enjoyed reading and writing about "The Wizard of Oz". They have been adding big numbers in Maths.

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## Year 5 - Diversity Week

Year 5 enjoyed sharing their cultures with their class and dressing up on Friday. We enjoyed listening to our class mates telling us about their different cultures and traditions. Maybe next year we could try different foods from cultures! They have enjoyed learning about the planets in Science and recapping their times tables in Maths.

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## Year 6 - Diversity Week

Year 6 told us they enjoyed dressing up in cultural clothing, learning about different cultures, drawing different flags and creating puzzle pieces based on their cultures. They would want to do culture day again because they enjoy seeing other people's cultures and learning about them so much.

**Learning:** Year 6 have really enjoyed learning their long and short division methods.

One subject that really stood out for them was Science because they learnt about micro-organisms and carrying out the bread and mould experiment.

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# We Are Super Learners...



## 144 Club - Our New Members

Congratulations to our children who have become members of the 144 Club this month after working hard on their multiplication and division facts.



A big 'well done' to :

**Year 3** - Linea

**Year 4** - Aroukeh, Aya A, Ayman, Eashan, Eliza, Elizabeth, Finley M, Gabriel, Henry T, Ishel, Kitty, Rianne, Spencer, Sriadheesh, Vaihan, Vera, Zechariah

**Year 5** - Aadhya, Abijith, Adam A, Aiden, Avyukth, Chanuli, Chenson, Chloe W, Dharusan, Eliana, Frankie R, Ha El, Idris A, Jaymond, Jura, Leo LN, Nandin, Sasha, Tami, Toby M, Torben, Yashfa, Yedam, Yousuf A

**Year 6** - Aarya, Ajeeve, Ajjai, Amy, Arabella, Ashwin, Aydan, Dhilan, Emaan, Finlay T, Hannah F, Harmand, Hooriya, Leo N, Lilly C, Meena, Sabrina Ch, Seth, Toby C, Yenuli, Zayn

## Book Bingo

Children who complete their Book Bingo in their diaries receive certificates from Mrs Utting and their name in the newsletter.

Well done to **Abisha, Anzal, Ayana, Daniel, Ethan, Jax, Jianing, Karnikaa, Lexi, Maeve, Naila, Oliver, Rogan, Shaalini and Teddy** in Year 3 and **Ben H, Vera and Zechariah** in Year 4 who completed their Book Bingo



## Things To Try Before You Leave Burlington

In pupils' reading diaries, and on the [school website](#), children can find a list of things to try before they leave Burlington Junior School. These lists contain a range of tasks which aim to deepen children's understanding of the world around them, support pupils in developing positive attitudes and challenge them to read a variety of texts.

Children who complete this receive a special diamond award from Mrs Utting for completing all the tasks.



# Other news



## Animal Encounters Workshop

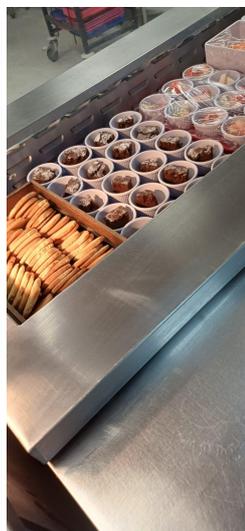
This month, Year 6 enjoyed an animal encounters workshop that linked with their topic. Year 6 have been learning about the animal classification system and will move onto studying evolution. They loved the workshop and it was a great way to be hands on with their learning.



## Nourish Food Tasting

Earlier this month Keighley from Nourish came to deliver an excellent assembly to the whole school about the importance of healthy eating followed, by a tasting session for parents, where they got to sample the food their children eat at school. Everyone was very complimentary about the lunches that we serve the children every day.

Parents are always welcome to come and have lunch with their child/ren so please contact the school office if you would like to book a time.



# Safeguarding



## Keeping yourself safe online.

As more of our learning and leisure time takes place online, it's really important that everyone at Burlington Junior School knows how to stay safe and kind when using the internet.

The internet is a brilliant place to learn, play games, talk to friends and explore new interests — but just like in real life, we need to make smart choices to stay safe.

Here are a few golden rules:

### ☀ 1. Keep personal information private

Never share your full name, address, school name, passwords or photos that give away where you live. Remember — once something is online, it can be hard to take it back!

### ☀ 2. Be kind and respectful

Treat people online as you would face-to-face. If someone says something unkind, don't respond — tell an adult you trust.

### ☀ 3. Think before you click

If something pops up that you don't recognise, or a message doesn't feel right, stop and check with an adult before you click any links or download anything.

### ☀ 4. Know your friends

It's great to chat with friends online but never accept friend requests or messages from people you don't know in real life.

### ☀ 5. Talk to an adult if something worries you

If you ever see or hear something online that makes you feel uncomfortable or confused, always talk to a parent, carer, or teacher. You won't be in trouble — adults are here to help.

Together, we can make the internet a positive, fun and safe place to learn and connect!

For more advice, families can visit:

- 👉 [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)
- 👉 [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

Let's all do our part to stay SMART online!

**S**  
**SHARE RESPONSIBLY**  
We all love to share photographs, fun things we're doing and much more.  
Be careful what you share and always ask permission if somebody else is in the photo or video.

**M**  
**MANAGE YOUR PRIVACY**  
If you're using apps that can communicate with others, turn on privacy.  
Only let people you really know follow you unless you've asked permission from your parents.

**A**  
**ASK for HELP**  
Don't ever be worried about asking for help from someone you trust.  
You will NOT be judged.

**R**  
**RESPECT OTHERS**  
Be kind.  
Other people may have different opinions from you.  
That's okay, but if they become abusive take screenshots, block and report and tell an adult.

**T**  
**THINK CRITICALLY**  
**TRUST YOUR INSTINCT**  
Is it true? Does that person really know me? Has that really happened?  
Always question!

e-safety adviser

**Stay safe online**

Quality First Education Trust



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## TRICK OR TREAT

### OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

#### CHILDREN AGED 5 - 12 YEARS

\*CHILDREN MUST BE 5 YEARS OLD AND IN YEAR 1 AT SCHOOL



OFSTED REGISTERED - **CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**

27<sup>TH</sup> - 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

## HOLIDAY CAMP LOCATIONS

<b>CLEVES PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> WEYBRIDGE KT13 9TS	<b>GROVELANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> WALTON-ON-THAMES KT12 2EB	<b>CARLISLE INFANT SCHOOL</b> HAMPTON TW12 3AJ	<b>ST ANDREW &amp; ST MARKS SCHOOL</b> SURBITON KT6 4AL	<b>THE VINEYARD SCHOOL</b> RICHMOND TW10 6NE
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STANDARD DAY 9AM - 4PM | EXTENDED DAY 8AM - 5PM | 6PM AVAILABLE AT SURBITON



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# Other news



## Diwali Celebrations

**Neha in Eliot** 'I celebrated Diwali by having curry with my family and we gave each other clothes as a gift. It is one of my favourite times of the year because of the colourful lights and incredible fireworks in gardens and parks.'



**Sachin in Eliot** 'On Diwali, me and my family celebrated by making tasty Indian food and sweets. We also hosted a small party at our house. We wore new clothes, held a special pooja and shared gifts with friends and family.'

## Harvest Festival

This month our Harvest Festival collected a huge amount for the Dons Local Action Group foodbank. School Councillors promoted the collection in their classes and helped load up the van to take away the food items. Thank you so much for your kind and generous donations.

Elif in Eliot said, 'At Harvest, we brought in long lasting food for the Local Dons. The Local Dons give out food to those who cannot afford to buy food. We also learn to sing a harvest song every year, which helps us to feel gratitude.'



## A Thank You to the PTA

Thank you to the PTA for their class donations of £100. Items bought for classes have included, cushions, beanbags, wet play games, sensory toys, colouring pens and pencils. Some classes have kept some money back for Christmas activities and end of year treats.

# And Finally...



## Does your child find coming into school difficult?

Our Educational Welfare Officer will be running a short session in school on Thursday 4th December at 9am focused on supporting anxious starters.

The session will offer advice and strategies for helping children who find coming into school difficult and will also give parents the opportunity to ask any questions or share concerns.

We hope you will find this session helpful and encourage you to come along if this is something that may benefit you and your child. All are welcome but please complete the short Google form below if you would like to attend.

<https://forms.gle/u3fCMcB2z2xL9uSQ7>

## Parent Rep Meeting

At the beginning of each academic year, a parent or carer (or two) from each class volunteer as a class representative.

Class representatives are a useful form of contact between the class teacher and the parents and carers. We ask them to set up a class WhatsApp group and help with useful reminders for others. These reminders can include things such as PE days, trips and assemblies, non-uniform days and other useful pieces of information.

We will be having a meeting to welcome all class representatives on **Friday 7th November at 9am** in the newly refurbished Victorian block now known as the Honeycombe.

We look forward to meeting class representatives at the meeting; if you're not sure what being a class rep involves, do come along to the meeting to find out more.

## Remembrance 2025

Poppies will be on sale from Monday 3rd November. House Captains will be selling the poppies in the playground at break times. Bracelets and slap bands can be bought from the school offices at the **end of the day only**. Please bring coins, we are unable to give change for notes.



## Parent code of conduct

We always welcome parent volunteers into school and are very grateful for all their assistance. If you are thinking of volunteering in any capacity, including helping on school trips, please read our updated Parent and Visitor Code of Conduct.

<https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=5643&type=pdf>

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## Morgan Sindall

After over two years on site we are finally saying goodbye to our contractors, Morgan Sindall, who, along with Mrs Kerr (our Business Manager) and Mr Douglas (our Site Manager) have worked so hard to transform our school and give us our wonderful new buildings and playgrounds.

Please take the time to read Morgan Sindall's final newsletter linked below.

<https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=5657&type=pdf>

## BJS Safeguarding Leads

**Mrs Pip Utting:** Headteacher, Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Mr Matt Blow:** Deputy Headteacher, Deputy Safeguarding Lead

**Mrs Caroline Case:** Assistant Headteacher and Inclusion Leader, Deputy Safeguarding Lead

**Ms Deborah Capon:** Family Liaison Officer, Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Young Carers Lead

**Miss Lucy Duncombe:** Class Teacher, Assistant SENCO, Deputy Safeguarding Lead

**Mrs Natalie Yendole:** Assistant Headteacher, Deputy Safeguarding Lead

### Governors

**Rebecca Campbell:** Safeguarding Governor