



Burlington Junior School

Newsletter



Friday 28th November 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,

Well, the builders have finally left the building so to speak. We feel so lucky to have a brand new school (The Hive) with 15 classrooms, a huge sports hall, atrium space, new offices, staffroom and new outside play and sports areas AND a completely refurbished Victorian building (The Honeycomb). There is also has a 'new look' art room, food tech room, library, computer suite and a music room. Some of these rooms are not quite ready yet, but soon will be. Year 3 have settled well into their classrooms and have a lovely playground to play in just outside their classrooms. We are working on getting more equipment for them to enjoy.

Thank you to Mr West who leads our parent forums. You can see the slides from the latest meeting [here](#)
Thank you to Year 3 parents who filled in the transition survey earlier this term. You can see the results with comments [here](#)

Many thanks to everyone who is trying really hard not to use their mobile phones when in the playground at the start and end of the day. Children really love it when parents ask them how their day has been, and talk to them about their learning.

We are saying a temporary goodbye to Miss Edwards this month as she takes maternity leave. We wish her all the best and look forward to meeting her new baby in the coming weeks. We also say goodbye to Miss Ward who works with the Year 5 team. We wish her all the best in her next adventures and thank her for all the support and care she has given to children in the year groups she has worked in during her time at Burlington.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you at the Christmas concerts taking place in school this year, please see further information at the end of this newsletter for dates and times.

Best wishes, Mrs Utting
Headteacher

Key Dates for December:

Thursday 4th December	Parent information meeting regarding Emotional School Avoidance - 9am
Friday 5th December	Christmas fair 4pm - Non Uniform - bring a bottle for the tombola
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper day for Save The Children £1 on Gateway
Tuesday 16th December	Panto in school
Thursday 18th December	Christmas jumper day/Nourish Christmas lunch
Friday 19th December	Break for Christmas – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.00pm

For details of Christmas events please see the [Christmas Date Card](#)



We Are Super Learners...



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



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Isabel
Daniel



Arabella
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Phoebe

Year 3

Year 3 (Arabella and Helene from Fire House)

Year 3 went to the cinema. They watched the wild robot and particularly liked it when they all joined together and shared the cabin. They also liked the part where the robot met the duckling as it was really heartwarming. Year 3 would love to go again but to see The Smurfs or Lilo and Stitch.

IN STEM week, Year 3 used marshmallows and spaghetti to make the biggest towers and worked with a Year 1 class at the Infants School. At the end of the session, the teacher 'fairly' shook them to see who had the best structure. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience. In science, for STEM Week, they collected leaves and compared them by looking at the similarities and differences. With the leaves they collected, they both had veins and a stem and they were both smooth. They were also a different size, and one had spikes, one without. They would like to do a complicated session in D and T next year to challenge their abilities.

Year 4

Year 4 (Arabella and Helene from Fire House)

Year 4 have started their swimming lessons every week and love the experience of having the space to swim freely and far. Their top tip for next year's Year 4 cohort is do your best and not be afraid to give swimming a go. For STEM week, Year 4 learnt about evaporation by using flannels and putting one in the Atrium, one in the Sports Hall, one outside and one in their classroom. At the end of the experiment, they decided which one was driest. They loved this experiment and would do it again as it was fun. In STEM Week for D&T they made catapult games for wet play (as wet play games are expensive) and used innovative ideas to make it interesting. Year 4 children say that this has been a really fun term and they have enjoyed it a lot.

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FIRE

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WATER

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Year 5

Year 5 (Written by Daniel and Isobel from Earth House)

Year 5 went on a cinema trip this half term to watch Kensuke's Kingdom. Their favourite part was the end where Michael goes back to his family, but Kensuke doesn't. They would love to do this trip again because it was really fun and they had a good time. Also, this half term, for STEM Week, Year 5 made a marble run to test each material and saw how far a marble moved. This tested and helped their Science knowledge for this half term. Year 5 definitely want to do this again. They would like more activities based on STEM and they want to do the same experiment again but with other materials, as it was fun.

Year 6

Year 6 (Daniel and Isobel from Earth House)

Year 6 went to the Design Museum this half term for their STEM week activity for D&T. They enjoyed the changing nature wall that was designed to show a different picture on each rotation, using patterns. They would like to go again because they thought it was a fun way to learn. The best part for Year 6 was the drawing part, as they could display their drawings in the museum on a magnetic board. Also, as part of STEM Week, Year 6 did a line graph activity and had fun speaking about different graphs. This helped develop their science enquiry knowledge.

Police Visit - Review written by Laian and Luna in Bloom Class

The police officer came in this month and we thought it was interesting because she told us about online safety. The stories she told made us think about keeping safe online. We found them interesting as it was a good session for how we can keep safe. It also taught us some things we weren't aware of before.

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 - Aylin, Karnikaa, Xabier

Year 4 - Alina, Anna, Ariana, Emma, Esmé, Freya, Hanzala, Jacques, Lara, Leon BB, Liberty, Mark, Paulina, Preethy, Zaeem, Zakariya

Year 5 - Erden, Penny T, Tiffany, Zimal

Year 6 - Frank, Frankie, Harry N, Laian, Leora, Luna

Primary Maths Challenge

Well done to those children in years 5 and 6 who applied their maths and problem solving skills to the Primary Maths Challenge. They will soon find out if they achieved a bronze, silver or gold certificate. Well done for their brilliant learning in maths and taking part in the challenge.

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 **Cameron and Hyomin in Y3** and **Charlotte K, Hanzala and Ibrahim S in Y4** 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



New Murals - Hive Building

We have had some beautiful murals put up outside the Hive and in the Atrium. They help remind children about being ready, respectful and safe. Do take a look when you come to the school.



Remembrance Sunday Parade

On Sunday 9th November pupils from Burlington Junior School took part in the Remembrance Day Parade through New Malden high street.



Safeguarding



Information and Support Around Mental Health

We know some families can experience challenges with mental health at different times in their lives. The demands of everyday life can sometimes feel overwhelming, and this can lead to low mood, anxiety, stress, or worries that can feel difficult to manage alone.

As a school, we want to ensure that families feel supported and know where they can access reliable help if they need it.

We would like to signpost you to Mind in Kingston, a local charity offering information, advice, and emotional support for anyone experiencing mental health difficulties. They provide a range of services for adults and young people, and their website also contains useful guidance and resources for families.

Mind also offer drop in Cafes, they are a friendly and welcoming spaces and there's no need to book. Please contact dropincafe@mindinkingston.org.uk to be added to the mailing list for weekly updates and joining links for the virtual cafe. You can also keep up to date with the latest weekly services and event diary on their website.

www.mindinkingston.org.uk

Support around Learning English for health and wellbeing.

"Learn English At Home (LEAH) is a charity that was founded in 1982 and has over 40 years of experience providing personalised language support to various UK residents who do not have English as a first language. LEAH empowers people whose first language is not English - such as migrants, refugees, victims of modern-day slavery, and asylum seekers - to communicate independently in areas of health, wellbeing, education and work through a model of 'inclusion through language'. We provide free 1:1 and group English lessons for people in need, both online and in person, using an ESOL teaching based approach. We also provide general English language support for our students along their English language journey."

<https://learnenglishathome.org.uk/>

Please see link to the Lucy Faithfull Foundation and how to keep your child safe online

<https://www.lucyfaithfull.org.uk/advice/how-to-keep-children-safe/online-safety/>

Parents need to be aware that children who talk to 'strangers' on games such as Roblox or Minecraft could be at very real risk of harm and cyberbullying. Sadly, adults use sites such as this to target and exploit children; please make sure you have all relevant security settings on their devices and that you know who your children are 'talking' to.

A note from the Police

This is to inform you that our School is working in collaboration with the Metropolitan Police Service as part of their legal commitments under Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is the notification to schools that a child (under 18) has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident. This includes incidents where the child/young person was not present but is part of the household. This will ordinarily be done by the start of the next school day.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a specially trained member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), is informed. The DSL can then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to ensure the wellbeing of the child. The school may be able to make provisions or adjustments to assist the child and their family. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you would like more information, please visit <https://www.operationencompass.org/>



BURLINGTON SCHOOLS *Christmas Fair*

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER
4-7PM

ELFRIDGES CHRISTMAS STORE,
SANTA'S GROTTO,
BAR, MULLED WINE, DELICIOUS HOT
FOOD OPTIONS,
CANDY FLOSS, CAKES
PERFORMANCES BY THE SCHOOL
CHOIRS & THE NEW MUGS,
STALLS, GAMES, TOMBOLAS,
RAFFLE, CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
AND MUCH MORE...

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ADULTS: £2 - CHILDREN: FREE!

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BSA Newsletter

November 2025



Meet the 2025/26 BSA Team



Samra - Chair

New to the school this year and already so impressed by the warmth and community spirit at Burlington. As a mum of three across both schools, I'm excited to support the BSA team and get to know more families.



Simpy - Secretary

Mother of Devank from the hopping Rabbits. I'm a full time mother and part time Dentist, joining the team as Secretary.



Kim - Treasurer

Mother of Finley in Squirrels. Excited to get stuck in and help where I can!

Thank you to Russ, Alex and Leanne for their support during the handover, and to our core team of committed parents who regularly help behind the scenes. Your consistency makes all the difference.

RECAP

Last year the BSA raised almost **£29k** for the schools directly from our fundraising efforts.

We have used this money to fund various initiatives including new playground equipment, school trips, computers, leavers hoodies and educational guests.

Thanks to all those who volunteered, attended events and donated over the last year!

WHO ARE THE BSA?

BSA is the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) for Burlington Infant & Nursery and Junior schools.

The BSA supports the school by raising as much money as we can to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for the children.

PAID COMMUNITY SUPPORTER MESSAGE

These messages are included as part of the BSA's supporter programme. The school does not endorse external businesses.

Farleywood

A warm thank you to Burlington parent Victoria Killick for her ongoing support of our fundraising through the sponsored board initiative. We appreciate the contributions made possible by families who take part.

Lumin Wealth

Thank you to Lumin Wealth for supporting this year's Christmas Fair. Parents who wish to receive their free financial insights publication, Lumin News, can sign up here: luminwealth.co.uk/lumin-news



Christmas Fair Friday 5 December



Raffle donations now welcome, bigger items or experiences such as large toys, vouchers or family activities. Volunteer sign-up details coming soon!

Non Uniform Days Infants

- 28 Nov - Elfridges
- 5 Dec - Cakes/Chocolate

Juniors

- 28 Nov - Toys
- 5 Dec - Bottles

Register your interest in joining our team
Email: info.burlingtonpta@gmail.com



Follow our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/BurlingtonSchoolsAssociation>

Dear Parent/Carer,

You are receiving this letter as you have a child or children who receive benefits-related free school meals. This means they are eligible to attend the FUEL (Feed Ur Everyday Lives) programme which provides fantastic free holiday and activity clubs for children in reception up to year 11 who are receiving benefits related free school meals.

This Winter, between **21st December and 5th January 2026**, there are lots of clubs and activities to choose from and they run across a range of dates, time and locations. The activities should appeal to all different ages and interests and clubs will work with you to support your children if they have any additional needs.

Clubs and activities include: dance, yoga; technology and coding; skateboarding; art and crafts; cooking; Festive fun activities, indoor climbing and lots of sports such as cricket, football, netball, tennis, rugby, judo, boxing and some swimming.

When children and young people come to a FUEL club they will be given a hot meal, have the chance to learn about the importance of eating food that is good for you, make friends and try lots of activities.

Club bookings open on **Monday 1st December 2025** and you can book up to 4 sessions with FUEL providers by visiting our website via the link below or scanning the QR code. If you do book a place and then cannot attend for any reason, please cancel the space with the provider as soon as possible so we can offer the place to another family. Although the clubs are provided free of charge to eligible families, there are costs to run each session and non attendance does mean the funding we get to run the programme cannot be used to support as many children and young people as we would want to.

When booking onto a club, you will be asked for your child's unique 17 digit FUEL code which will always start with a K or R, for example, K16L123456789101A. You should have been given details of your code from the school that your child attends. Each child will have their own unique code.

How do you book a place at a FUEL club?

1. Visit the AfC website, [via this link](#) or scan the QR code.
2. You will see a listing of all clubs running across Kingston and all clubs running across Richmond.
3. Choose which club you would like to book and contact them directly to book a space, giving them your child's FUEL code to confirm they are eligible.

Scan here, or click the links below, for more information:

[What clubs are on this Winter-flyer](#)

[F.U.E.L Annual Report 2024](#)



If you have any questions contact fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk and the team will be happy to help you.

Thank you

The FUEL team
Achieving for Children-delivering children's services across Richmond and Kingston



FREE



Holiday activities and food



For eligible children aged 4 to 16 years



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SUMMER
WINTER
#krfuel25



Department for Education



Kingston and Richmond boroughs

E: fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk



This winter, Achieving for Children is excited to have partnered with so many great organisations. Check out kr.afcinfo.org.uk/KRFUEL to book with any of these groups, and find a date and location that works for you.

Youth Services

Heathfield Junior School

IDEA

SOLD | Surrey Outdoor Learning & Development

Family Hub
The White House

KOOSA Kids
FUN ACTIVE CHILDCARE

SPORTS FOCUS COACHING LONDON

Skills4Life Sports Coaching

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SEN Unity
Sports, Education & Nada (musical sound)

NSSport

THE Endorphins GROUP

MARBLE HILL PLAYCENTRES
Outdoor Adventurous Play

OURCAMPS

Richmond Rugby

LANDMARK ARTS CENTRE

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Move it!
Sports Coaching

Globe Fit Kids

FOOTY FUN 4 KIDS

ROAR KIDS ACADEMY

SPORT4KIDS

Please note that places are limited, and eligibility criteria is applicable for free places. Advance booking will be required. Visit kr.afcinfo.org.uk/KRFUEL for more information.

*Alongside local partners, Achieving for Children is working with funding from the Department for Education to provide an winter holiday activities and food programme (FUEL).



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FREE Fun and Inclusive Football Sessions For Players With **Additional Needs** Open to Boys & Girls in School Years 2-7

The sessions are run on a Monday evening at Goals Wimbledon (KT3 4PH) by an experienced UEFA C Qualified coach who has experience working with players whom have additional needs. The coach is also a Disability Ambassador for Surrey FA and his own children have additional needs.

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S.E.M.H.
Neurodivergent
Additional Needs
Mental Health
Additional Needs

Year 2&3 @ 17:30-18:30 || Year4-7 @18:30-19:30

To register your interest contact us on **07765928618**
or sign up via our website

<https://academy.motspurparkcfc.com>



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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>

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

BURLINGTON CHRISTMAS FAIR
FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
BE A FAIR HERO!

USE THE LINK BELOW TO VOLUNTEER
FOR YOUR CLASS STALL.
(YOUR CLASSROOM NAME WILL BE SHOWN ON THE WEBSITE.)

SIGN UP HERE

NO STALL THIS YEAR?
CHOOSE ANY STALL YOU LIKE

EVERY HELPER MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!

Christmas Fair

The BSA is in need of volunteers to help at the Christmas Fair next Friday, 5th December. Please consider helping if you can. Sign up details are above.

Please also remember **Friday 5th December** non uniform day - bring a bottle for the bottle tombola

Christmas Concerts

This year the Christmas concerts will take place in the Atrium (Hive building)

All parents and relatives welcome!

Monday 8th Dec

- * Goodall and Tesla - 9am
- * Carver and Turing - 2.45pm

Tuesday 9th Dec

- * Kusama and Samba - 9am
- * Riley and Banksy - 2.45pm

Thursday 11th Dec

- * Wakata and Jemison - 9am
- * Peake and Sharman - 2.45pm

Friday 12th Dec

- * Bloom and Eliot - 9am
- * Zephaniah and Silverstein - 2.45pm