



Burlington Junior School

Newsletter



Friday 6th March 2026



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,

We seem to be racing through the Spring term with, as usual, lots happening at Burlington each week. Children have enjoyed opportunities to embed their learning through trips and visits including the Tate Modern which Year 4 have recently been to and to the O2 which the Upper School Choir thoroughly enjoyed. It was a real 'wow' moment for the children to be in such a well known concert venue performing to thousands of people!

Book week is always a highlight in school and it was fabulous to see the staff and children dress up as a book character last Friday. Thank you to our English leaders Miss Harris and Mrs Kreczman for organising an exciting week.

It was really lovely to see so many relatives in school for our Mango afternoon and we look forward to welcoming male relatives next week to our Fudge event on Thursday 12th March at 2pm. Please come to The Hive building for presentations from Mrs Case and Mr Blow before heading into classrooms for some activities to do alongside your child, as well as a chance to look at books. Please do ask your child/relative to tour the school with you too and look at our lovely new facilities and learning areas.

Thank you for continuing to support us with no mobile phones in the playground. Please greet your child with a smile, not a screen, and share their day with them. Please also remember that if you do decide to give your child a phone to bring to school in Year 5 or 6, it needs to be a simple (Nokia) phone only.

Finally, when the month of Ramadan draws to a close, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all members of our school community who have been observing. We hope that Eid-ul-Fitr brings joy, peace and happiness to you and your families. **EID MUBARAK!**

Best wishes, Mrs Utting
Headteacher

We Are Super Learners...



Sachin
Aleksi



Isabel
Daniel



Arabella
Helene



Sabrina
Phoebe

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Year 3 - review by Aleks and Sachin

Year 3 looked at different women who were involved in science and really enjoyed learning about their accomplishments. On MANGO afternoon, the Year 3's learnt more about the Zones of Regulation with their MANGOs (Mums, Aunties, Nannies, Grannies and others). The Year 3's also loved dressing up as words or book characters and to see what other people were wearing in book week.

Year 4 - review by Daniel and Isabel

Year 4 enjoyed dress up day on the Friday of book week. The year 4's that we interviewed came as Harry Potter and a superhero, and they really enjoyed dressing up.

Year 4 have also been on a trip to The Tate Modern and they enjoyed looking at the abstract art in particular. The trip to the museum was really fun.

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Year 5 - Review by Arabella and Helene

On science day Year 5 did the biscuit dunking challenge where they decided what was their best biscuit for dunking and the worst. The best for dunking was shortbread and the worst was the digestive biscuit or hobnob. People dressed up as scientists, vets, physicists and one pupil dressed as their mum who was an engineer!

As for MANGO afternoon they really enjoyed having the chance to spend time with their parents and show them what they've been learning in PSHE and in Mrs Case's assemblies. They talked about zones of regulation and told their relatives about their toolkit and how they can use it if they're in the red zone, the blue zone, green zone or yellow zone. Relatives could share what they do for a living and tell the children about their career to see if they too want to do that job in the future. Altogether they really enjoyed MANGO afternoon.

For the O2 the choir were extremely excited and slightly scared as the concert was very loud! Their favourite song was the sea shanty melody as there were some calm songs, but then a bubbly song to make them jump around. Ruti was definitely their favourite guest artist because she was super exciting to watch and an amazing singer. The t-shirts and torches were great and very fun to light up and make pictures or words with, or to try and find their parents or family members in the crowd.

Book week was incredible from day one to Friday where, on the last day, everyone in the school got to dress up as a word or character. The Harry Potter characters were extremely popular to dress up as but there were also some Lottie Brooks, Flowers, Toothless from How To Train Your Dragon and even a Winnie the Pooh! Words were also popular as anyone would take the opportunity to be in your pyjamas right? The 'Masked Reader' was a great addition to the fun week and they specifically enjoyed Mouse, Sloth and Dinosaur.

Year 6 - review by Phoebe and Sabrina

Maths challenge: Year 6 really enjoyed working out the questions in the math challenge, they had a chromebook to put in the answers and also calculated them on the paper. They had to do word problems on the computer and answer them. They were given a limited time to answer all of the questions and submit the test.

Choir: They had custom shirts and they went to sing in the O2 with over 8000 kids and children there. They sang over 10 songs. The choir got tiny torches to wave during the performance. They loved singing the Wicked and pop medleys as the songs were very catchy. It was a great experience because they were able to experience a big concert stadium with their friends in choir.

Chessington trip: It was fun and they learned about safety and knowledgeable things they need to know in life. They learnt about how to evacuate during a fire and how to get on a bus and train safely. It was a good experience as it teaches us at a young age how we should keep ourselves safe.

Book Week: They liked seeing everyone's costumes and dressing up as words or book characters. Some year 6's even dressed up in matching outfits! They liked showing others what they wore, they liked it when people were really creative.

Mango afternoon: They enjoyed seeing their parents and they liked doing fun activities with their parents. They liked interacting with their parents, they also loved giving the parents a tour of the whole school! This event gave the parents an inside view of what their child learns at school and the resources they use.

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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 - Anzal, Maeve O, Reuben N, Rogan



Year 4 - Abdur-Rahman, Amara, Charlie M, George T, Hayden, Tanvi

Year 5 - Agatha, Eirian, Finley F, Penny S, Rayana

Year 6 - Aryaan, Imogen, Isabel C, Olivia SL, Sumaya

Book Bingo

Children who complete their Book Bingo in their diaries receive certificates from Mrs Utting and their name in the prize draw for a book from the book vending machine. Well done to:

Y3 - Alonzo, Linea, Rayna and Xabier

Y4 - Aya A, Kitty, Maythage

Y6 - Elif

who all completed their Book Bingo this month



Book Vending Machine Winners

Every half term children who have completed any reading related task are entered into a hat by their class teacher. The winner meets with Mrs Utting and chooses a book from our new book vending machine which is theirs to keep.



Well done to all our Spring 1 winners below!

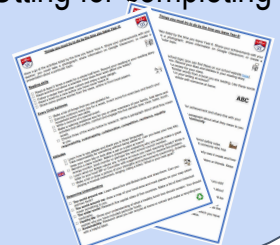
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Kusama - **Adam A**
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Zephaniah - **Martha**

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.



Parents: MHST Information at a Glance

General MHST information

[MHST leaflet](#) explaining who and what we offer

[Self-referral for primary aged pupils](#)

[Self-referral for secondary school pupils](#)

[Leaflets on our universal groups](#)

[MHST website](#)

[MHST video library](#)

Helping with... Parent webinars (topics chosen by parents)

[Webinars: Helping Children with Series 25/26](#)

[Webinars: Helping Teens with Series 25/26](#)



Spotlight on... Maths

Children in Year 3 focus on their 3, 4 and 8 times tables as part of their learning in the national curriculum. As soon as children feel confident in all of their times tables, they are able to have a go at the 144 challenge under timed conditions. Teachers offer further opportunities throughout the year when they feel a pupil is ready or when a child is keen to take on the challenge. Teachers are aware from learning in class, TT Rockstars scores and from 144 challenges, of those pupils who are confident with times tables beyond the Year 3 curriculum. These pupils are given opportunities to practise their target tables within maths fluency sessions as well as through TT Rockstars.

All children in Years 4–5 complete an assessment at the start of the year to identify which multiplication and division facts they need to focus on. They then work through our Times Table Mountain (a display in classrooms), practising the relevant facts each week in school and at home to prepare for their weekly test. Each step of the mountain focuses on both multiplication and corresponding division facts. Children take part in a weekly practice session in school to develop these skills. When they demonstrate accuracy and confidence, they move up to the next level. Once children have shown that they are secure up to 12×12 , they move on to completing a 144-grid sheet to deepen fluency. TTRockstars is used as an additional practice tool; the 'soundcheck' feature mirrors the Y4 Multiplication Check which Y4 pupils complete in the summer term.

In Year 6, all pupils complete the 144 sheet fortnightly to ensure fluency, accuracy, and speed are fully embedded before they transition to secondary school. If any child remains uncertain about specific times tables, they continue practising those facts alongside the 144 sheet.

Children in all year groups are encouraged to use TT Rockstars at home and during selected sessions in school. Each year group takes part in a weekly competition, with certificates awarded in assembly to celebrate effort.



Primary Maths Challenge

Well done to 10 children across years 5 and 6 who got through to the bonus round of the Primary Maths Challenge. They completed the bonus round in February and they will find out their results next month.

Well done to:

Chenson, Dharun, Dhilan, Elif, Emma, Ian, Kesavi, Sachin, Stella and Yenuli.

We are so proud of your problem solving in Maths!

Sports News



Girls' Football



BIG WINS for BJS!

We are incredibly proud of our girls' football teams! The Year 3/4 girls battled through tough competition to take 1st place in their morning competition at Richmond & Kew, and the Year 5/6 girls rounded off the day with a fantastic 5–2 win in their after-school match.

The games were intense and exciting!! Most importantly, the girls put maximum effort and thoroughly enjoyed every moment.

Thank you to our wonderful parents for coming along to cheer the teams on and for your ongoing support of girls' football at our school. 😊 *Mr. Kim*

Netball

The Burlington Junior netball team took part in the Kingston Borough Netball Tournament at Surbiton High School on Monday 2 March. With fantastic weather and amazing support from parents, our team played incredibly well in their first tournament. They all showed great team spirit and secured a win (St Andrew's & St Mark's), loss (Surbiton) and draw (Castle Hill) in the Pool stage before being knocked out by Latchmere.

The whole team should be proud of their performance, it was an enjoyable experience, and we hope to build on the skills earned in future matches.

Well done team!

Mrs Harvey



Events



Decorate an Egg Competition

If children would like to enter our Easter egg competition, please bring your finished, decorated egg into either of the school reception areas week beginning 23rd March. We are encouraging the children to be creative, i.e. Eggsfactor, Dalegg, Henry the Eggth, Eggstreme, etc. Some pupils like to create their egg entry in a box, please can we ask shoe box size or smaller only please!



The insides of the eggs will need to be blown out. To do this, a tiny hole needs to be put in each end of the egg and it is then easy to blow the inside of the egg through. A prize will be given to the winner in each year group in assembly at the end of term. Please can each entry **be the children's own work**, and have **their name, class and year group** clearly visible and attached to the egg. Have fun!

Book Week

What a wonderful week of stories, imagination and creativity we've had celebrating Book Week! This year's theme was 'vocabulary'. Every class in the school looked at the same book and based their activities around the theme.

Throughout the week, classes took part in a variety of fun activities, including:

- Buddy reading with older and younger students
- A sponsored read
- Extreme reading competition
- Masked reader
- Vocabulary games sessions with their grown ups

One of the highlights of the week was our **Book Character Dress-Up Day**. The playground was transformed into a parade of wizards, superheroes, fairytale characters and curious creatures! Students proudly shared who they dressed up as and why they love their character.



Coffee Mornings

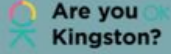
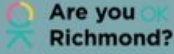


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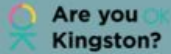
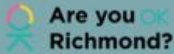


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이번 커피 모임은 정신 건강 지원팀(MHST)과 아동 및 가족을 위한 지원 서비스에 대해 자세히 알아볼 수 있는 기회입니다. MHST 서비스에 대한 소개와 함께 다른 가족들과 소통할 수 있는 시간도 마련되어 있습니다.

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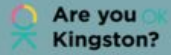
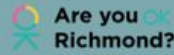


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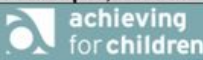
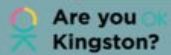


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Comic Relief 2026

On Friday 20th March we are fundraising for Comic Relief.

Children can wear any item of red clothing in return for a donation and School Councillors will be painting red spots on faces at lunchtime.

Donations can be made on School Gateway on the day. Thank you for your support.

A collection of colorful Easter eggs and white clouds is positioned at the top of the page. The eggs feature various patterns such as a grid, zig-zag, stripes, and polka dots. The clouds are simple, white, and fluffy.

SPRING HOP DISCO

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

VOLUNTEER PRE-SALE

From 8pm on 2nd March

www.pta-events.co.uk/bsa-pta

Volunteer adults enter free and secure tickets before the general sale starts. Pre-sale closes 19th March.



And Finally...



Key Dates for March

W/B 9th March	Mock SATS week for Year 6
Wednesday 11th March	Full Governing board meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 12th March	FUDGE afternoon - 2.00pm - 3.25pm
Friday 13th March	Banksy Class Assembly - 9am
Friday 13th March	Kusama Class Assembly - 2.50pm
Tuesday 17th March	Carver Class to London Mithraeum
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day - wear red for £2
Friday 20th March	Reports home
Monday 23rd March	Easter egg competition - please bring your creations into school
Tuesday 24th March	Parents evening 4-7pm online
Tuesday 24th March	Turing Class to London Mithraeum
Wednesday 25th March	Parents evening 2-5pm in person EARLY CLOSE at 2pm
Thursday 26th March	Last day for Easter egg competition entries 3.45pm
Thursday 26th March	Goodall and Tesla to London Mithraeum
Friday 27th March	Break for Easter - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.00pm
Monday 13th April	Summer term starts

Please see the spring term date card [here](#)

Designated 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

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March. Please remember to book your appointment at the following link.

<https://burlingtonjuniors.parenteveningsystem.co.uk>

For more information please see the website
<https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/news/?pid=12&nid=1&storyid=1341>

Parent Forum

Please see the slides from last month's Parent Forum.
<https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=5748&type=pdf>

Ms Capon

We will be saying a sad goodbye to Ms Capon next week as she leaves us to take up a new role in a secondary school.

During her time with us, Ms Capon has supported a huge number of our pupils and families, and many in our community will know her for the help, care and encouragement she has given to children across the school. She has been a valued member of the team and will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and families alike.

We thank her for all her hard work and wish her every success and happiness in her new role.



Wishing Our Families a Joyful Eid

As the festival of Eid approaches, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all our families celebrating. May this special time be filled with happiness, peace, and cherished moments with loved ones. Eid Mubarak from everyone at our school!