



Burlington Junior School

Newsletter



Friday 26th June 2026



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



Carver – Mr Lawrence
Goodall - Mrs Kreczman
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,

It feels that another school year has almost flashed by and we are nearing the end of the Summer term. There have been many exciting events including school trips, concerts, fitness week and sports day. The 'big sleepover' where the children played outdoor games, roasted marshmallows on a fire, had pizza, chips and lollies and then slept inside the classrooms with their friends has been the Year 5 highlight. Thank you to all the Year 5 team and Mr Blow who made sure the children had a wonderful time, I don't think anyone had much sleep! Year 4 also enjoyed a whole day of activities at Walton Firs, including wall climbing, archery, caving and other team building activities.

Thank you to the amazing Burlington staff team who go to extra lengths to make sure your children experiencing so many exciting and fun learning opportunities.

For next year's term dates, please find the 2026/7 calendar [here](#).

Year 6 have had a very busy term (PGL and SATS) and are now busy practising for the end of year show 'Oliver!'. On the last day we will be sending them off with a bubble parade once they have taken part in a final 'leavers' assembly. To help with the bubble parade, we are asking all other year groups to bring in some bubbles to blow on Friday 17th July.

Now the new classes and teachers information has been shared, we are inviting Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 parents to meet their new teacher and look at books on Wednesday 1st July at 3.30pm. Please ask your child to take you to line up by the traffic cone with the new class name on and your 'new' teacher will come and collect you and take you to the classroom (apologies but Mrs Figiel is not available at 3.25 as she has to return to her current school for parents evening but she will be out on the playground at morning drop off). You can also ask your child to take you to their 'old' classroom to look at books.

Thank you for completing the parent survey. You can find the summary on our website [here](#).

Finally, for Years 3, 4 and 5 we close at 2pm on the 17th July and return on September 7th 2026. I hope all our families have a relaxing and happy Summer holiday.

Best wishes,
Mrs Pip Utting, Head teacher

We Are Super Learners...



Sachin
Aleksi



Isabel
Daniel



Arabella
Helene



Sabrina
Phoebe

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

Year 3 - review by Aleks and Sachin

In English Year 3 have been learning about the Amazon Rainforest and facts such as: 'If you chopped down all the trees in the Amazon Rainforest all of the water would melt and it would turn into a lifeless desert.' In maths they have enjoyed learning about clocks and making them. They enjoyed coming into school in their own clothes. Also, a highlight for them was going to Hampton Court Palace and doing fun activities based on the history of the castle. One last thing that they enjoyed was going to Kew Gardens and going to the massive greenhouse.

Year 4 - review by Helene

Year 4 have been to the Natural History Museum and have enjoyed learning about The Iron Man. In D&T they have enjoyed planning and making fruit salads. They have learnt how to play tennis and enjoyed sports day. Their favourite activity was the space hoppers. In History, they have learned about the Egyptians and enjoyed Egyptian day. Year 4 took a trip to Walton Firs and had a great time. Their highlight was the climbing wall.

Year 5 - review by Phoebe

Year 5 have enjoyed the sleepover because it was fun. They say that this was their favourite activity this year. They have also enjoyed making lighthouses in D and T which was their favourite project and have enjoyed their last term before they join Year 6.

Year 6 - review by Daniel

Year 6 have enjoyed the production practice this half term as they rehearse for their Oliver! show. At lunch times Year 6 loves the fact that the sprinkler comes out because it has been so hot. Year 6 are grateful that they have finished their SATS and the CATS for some secondary schools. They have enjoyed their last sports day and sports week. A highlight has been PGL week where some children went on some amazing equipment such as the big swing and people who did not go to PGL were able to do activities such as making pizzas at Pizza Express and building spaghetti and marshmallow towers.

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 - Jax, UL

Year 4 - Charlotte F



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:

Y5 - Penny S

who completed her Book Bingo this month



Upcoming dates

Saturday 27th June	Summer Fair
Wednesday 1st July	Year 6 visit new secondary schools Class swap day.
Wednesday 1st July	Parents meet the new teacher - 3.25pm
Tuesday 7 th July	Y6 Production - Silverstein and Bloom - 6-7pm
Thursday 9 th July	Y6 Production - Zephaniah and Eliot - 6-7pm
Friday 10th July	Y5 Wakata and Sharman performance of Carmen to parents - 9-9.30am
Friday 10th July	Y5 Peake and Jemison performance of Carmen to parents - 2.45-3.15pm
Wednesday 15th July	Science Wizard recycling show in school
Thursday 16th July	Fun sports - please wear PE kit
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 summer event
Friday 17th July	Year 6 leavers assembly - Bloom and Silverstein 9am Zephaniah and Eliot 10am
Friday 17th July	School closes for summer - 2pm finish
Monday 20th July	INSET day - school closed

June Mathematics Challenge

Well done to 30 children in years 3 and 4 who took part in the First Mathematics Challenge in June. They turned up to the session with enthusiasm and resilience; they applied their problem-solving skills, worked logically and persevered as they tackled a range of tricky and unfamiliar mathematical problems. 7 children achieved a gold certificate, 17 achieved a silver certificate and 6 achieved a bronze certificate. Well done for taking on the challenge!

Mrs Le Voir-Matthews

Sports Day



What an incredibly eventful Fitness Week and Sports Day. It was wonderful to see the motivation and support that pupils showed each other throughout the week. The energy and teamwork from everyone made it really memorable! We also held our annual Ultimate Ball competition again, with classes from across all year groups competing with their best efforts.

Congratulations to the following classes, who were crowned Ultimate Ball champions in their year groups:

Ultimate Ball Winners

- Banksy (Year 3)
- Goodall (Year 4)
- Peake (Year 5)
- Bloom (Year 6)

A massive thank you to all the families and adults who came along to spectate and cheer on the children. Your encouragement and support helped create such a positive environment and inspired the children to enjoy every moment and give their absolute best!

Finally, **congratulations** to the reigning champions - **Earth House**, for winning this year's Sports Day! *Mr. Kim*



Events



Walton Firs

In June, Year 4 went on a trip to Walton Firs. We had a fantastic time together and got to enjoy lots of different activities. Different classes had different activities but we all got to take part in lots of different things. These are the ones that some of us really enjoyed. Gladiators where we had to climb up tyres and ropes and had to show perseverance whilst having lots of fun. Archery or Tomahawk throwing was a fun and competitive activity which was run by a really kind instructor. We also got to play Aeroball where we bounced on trampolines to score goals. Nightline was another activity we got to enjoy where we used our different senses to find our way around the obstacles whilst we were blindfolded. We really enjoyed Nightline and so did our teachers who were helping us! We had lots of fun and a had a great day out. Written by Liberty, Goodall.



Year 4 Country Dancing

The children had a great time at the festival. We performed dances with a live band and many other schools in the borough. The children were very excited to show off their skills and dancing ability after weeks of hard work and perseverance.



Other News



Safety in the Sun



In this hot weather it is essential that Children come to school wearing **sun cream** and with a **hat** and a **named water bottle**.

They also **should not** be wearing jumpers and cardigans in this weather. Please leave them at home!

Please see the leaflet linked below from Kingston regarding safety in the hot weather.

- Beat the Heat Leaflet ([https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/645b8a16479612000cc29343/Beat the Heat 2023.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/645b8a16479612000cc29343/Beat_the_Heat_2023.pdf))

Lost Property - There is lots of lost property in the box by the Great Hall. Please come and take a look before we send it for recycling. All of it is unnamed so please feel free to take spare uniform. Please note any scooters or bikes left in school at the end of term will be donated to charity.

End of year absence

If your child is absent due to illness from school over the last three days before we break for the summer, you will need to come into the school office to complete an absence form in person, or present medical evidence. This is laid out in our Attendance Policy which can be found below.

<https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=5782&type=pdf>

If you wish to report your child absent, please use the form linked below.

<https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/form/?pid=204&form=34>

School Library Books

Please can you ensure that all school library and reading books are returned to school as soon as possible.

School shoes

We are now finding that a few children are coming to school in trainers saying they have outgrown their school shoes.

We understand that you may prefer to wait until August before buying new ones, so if your child has outgrown their shoes please purchase a pair of black plimsolls for indoor wear. These are inexpensive and available in most supermarkets.



Year 6 Chromebooks

If your Year 6 child has a school Chromebook please could you ensure that you return it to school with the charger as soon as possible. If you have a child in Years 3-5 who would like to use the Chromebook instead please let the office know so that we can register it to the next child.

And Finally...



Staff News

Miss Wightwick

At the end of this academic year, Miss Wightwick will be leaving us. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and commitment during her time at the school. Miss Wightwick has been a valued member of the Burlington team, and we know many of the children and families have enjoyed getting to know her. While we will be sorry to see her leave, we wish her all the very best for the future and every success in her new school.

Mrs Yendole

We are delighted to share that Mrs Yendole is expecting her second baby in the autumn. We would like to offer our warmest congratulations and wish her and her family all the very best as they look forward to this exciting new chapter. She will be in school for the first half of the Autumn term before taking maternity leave.

Y6

As we prepare to say goodbye to Year 6, please see the table below for the schools that they are moving on to in September.

Coombe Boys' School	30
Coombe Girls' School	39
Epsom and Ewell High School	1
Hafs Academy	1
Hampton Court House School	1
Hampton School	1
Holy Cross School	6
Kings College	1
Nonsuch High School	3
Raynes Park High School	10
Richard Challoner High School	2
Rutlish School	1
Southborough High School	8
Surbiton High School	2
Sutton Grammar School	2
Three Rivers Academy	1
Tiffin Boys' School	3
Tiffin Girls' School	4
Totworth Girls' School	2
Wilson's School	1

A note from our Chair of Governors

Over the past term, Governors have greatly valued the opportunity to speak with both staff and students about their experiences at the school. Several Governors have visited during and beyond Governor Weeks to carry out pupil voice activities, including discussions with Year 3 and Year 4 pupils.

It was particularly impressive to hear how confidently pupils spoke about the trusted adults they can turn to, their understanding of bullying, and how much they enjoy the OPAL resources available to them.

We have also welcomed a SEND-focused visit, during which our link Governors explored the provision in place to support pupils with a range of learning needs.

Health and Safety and Safeguarding remain key priorities for the Governing Board. We have appreciated the opportunity to see the school in action and to learn more about how the new building is meeting expectations as a safe, supportive, and enriching learning environment.

As always, we are incredibly grateful for the dedication and hard work of the staff and leadership team in making Burlington Juniors such a wonderful school. We look forward to celebrating the end of the academic year through assemblies and the Year 6 production, as another cohort of students prepares to begin their secondary school journey.

Sarah Finch

Chair of Governors

Parent workshops on school avoidance

Rulis are running two parent workshops designed by educational psychologist Dr Jerrica Holder, specifically to support parents who have children worried about coming to school - both are online via zoom and open for parents and carers to book now.

[Click here for more information.](#)

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