



BURLINGTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Friday 2nd October 2026

Diversity Week 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Monday 12th October, we begin celebrating Diversity Week at Burlington and our theme this year is 'our multicultural community'.

Throughout the week, children will take part in several activities in school which explore what this means at Burlington, **including a dance workshop with Don Rae**. This includes a Wake Up Shake Up activity on the Hive playground from 8.30 – 8.45am on Tuesday 13th October. Children will also take part in art activities and folk-tale dramas.

As part of Diversity Week, we would like to share information about three activities which we invite children and their families to be involved with.

1. International Food Tasting – Thursday 15th October 2026 from 3.30pm

On Thursday 15th October, we would like to host an international food tasting event where children can taste traditional dishes from different countries and cultures around the world. This would begin straight after school from 3.30 – 4.00pm and children would need to be supervised by their parents/carers.

To run this event, we are looking for a maximum of **12** parents and families to prepare a traditional dish from your culture for pupils to sample after school. The school will provide paper plates, napkins and wooden spoons for tasting. All ingredients must be displayed with any allergens clearly highlighted. **Please note that no nuts of any kind can be used in any dish.**

For this event to go ahead, we are reliant upon parent volunteers willing to share their traditional dishes with the school community. If you would like to volunteer to support this event and cook a dish for pupils to try, please complete the online form below. We are hoping to provide a range of dishes from different countries and cultures. We will then contact those families who have signed up with further details on a first come-first served basis. Thank you for your support.

[Food Tasting Event - 15.10.26 - Parent Sign Up – Fill in form](#)

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2. Culture Box – Sharing Activity– Friday 16th October 2026

Children are invited to bring a box of cultural artefacts, objects or photos that they can share with their class on Friday.

Please encourage children to share what they will say to their class about the items brought in.

3. Dress Up Day – Friday 16th October 2026

We would like to invite children to come to school wearing an outfit that reflects their own cultural influence and heritage. This special event will take place on **Friday 16th October** and it is an opportunity for our children to celebrate our school community and show we all belong at Burlington Juniors.

On this day, children could come to school dressed in the following clothing:

- Traditional dress from their own heritage or family background.
- An outfit inspired by a country or UK county that they have a connection with.
- A style that reflects cultural stories, music, art, or traditions.
- Wear a uniform from a club they belong to
- Outfits that reflect personal interests, hobbies and identity e.g. sports kits
- Their own school uniform or a favourite outfit.

The goal of this event is to foster respect, curiosity, and appreciation for different cultures while encouraging children to share their own identities and experiences. We are a diverse and multicultural school, and we wish to celebrate this.

As part of the day, children will also be asked to **talk briefly about their clothing and share something about their cultural heritage or the choice of clothing**. This will be a wonderful way for them to practise speaking with confidence while helping their classmates learn about the traditions of others.

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We kindly ask that outfits are:

- Comfortable and appropriate for a school day.
- Respectful of the culture they represent.
- Clearly linked to a cultural or personal influence.

We encourage families to talk with their child about their choice of outfit to ensure it is **respectful and meaningful**. The focus of the day is on **learning, appreciation, and pride**, rather than costume.

Thank you for supporting this enriching experience. We look forward to seeing our school filled with vibrant colours, creativity, and cultural discussions during Diversity Week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Utting

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