Burlington Junior School Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026

YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Banksy - Mr Lewis Kusama - Ms Dabrowska Riley - Miss Morgan Samba - Miss Harris	Carver – Mr Lawrence Goodall - Mrs Kreczman Tesla - Miss Puvaneswara Turing – Mr Panesar	Jemison - Mr West Peake - Mr Kim Sharman - Mr Gibbons Wakata - Ms Figiel	Bloom - Ms Michael Eliot – Mrs Le Voir-Matthews / Mrs Harvey Silverstein - Mr Southren Zephaniah – Mr Djadali

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new term, we seem to be very busy already with trips and visitors getting booked in the diary the Autumn curriculum is now in full swing. Please see our Autumn date card here, including when your child's class assembly is (some are scheduled for later in the year). This is my 17th year as Headteacher at Burlington and we are all looking forward to the year ahead, especially as we have become more used to the 'new' school building and how we teach and learn in it. New staff have settled in really well and feel very much part of the Burlington team.

Keeping children safe advice is here. Each September I remind parents to please check the recommended age for any apps or games your child might be using here. Each year a disproportionate amount of time is spent by staff resolving disagreements that take pace out of school on devices. Parents can keep children safe online by using parental controls, checking privacy settings, and talking to them about not sharing personal information with strangers. In the UK, Roblox, Snapchat and WhatsApp generally have a minimum age of **13**, while Fortnite is **13+.** Please be aware that we expect parents to monitor any communication that children have with each other and take appropriate action if their child has been unkind or has breached online safety guidelines. Do come to our 'how to stay safe online' talk on Friday 16th October at 9.30am in school for more advice and useful tips.

Please kindly remember that we are a **mobile phone free site**, especially in the mornings and at drop off. Please greet your child with a smile and ask them how their day has been and what new learning they have enjoyed.

It has been lovely to see how well the Year 3 children have settled in. We kindly ask Year 3 parents to complete a short survey here this week to let us know how well their child is doing, and to give us feedback on our transition procedures. This week we also sent out details about how to book a parents evening slot for the 20th or 21st October to all our families. The information can be found on our website here.

Best wishes, Mrs Utting

We Are Super Learners…

AIR	EARTH	FIRE	WATER
Yashfa Eliana Robert	Frankie Nandin Erden	Toby Esther Alfie	Pola Otto Agatha

Meet our newly elected Year 6 House Captains

Water House Captains

Hello my name is Pola and I am in Bloom. Outside of school I love playing football and seeing musicals (especially Starlight Express).

Hello, my name is Agatha and I am in Bloom class. Outside of school I love doing speed swimming and playing football.

Hello my name is Otto and I'm in Zephaniah. Outside of school, I love playing hockey and running long distance runs.

We are very excited to represent Water this year and are overjoyed to be House Captains.

Air House Captains

Hello my name is Robert and I am in Silverstein class and I like to play football. I am the Air House Captain.

My name is Yashfa and I will be your new House Captain of Air. Here's some facts about me.
I love baking, I like swimming, I love gymnastics, I love helping people.
I can't wait to be the House Captain of Air. I am very excited to take on this responsibility.

My name is Eliana and I will be your new House Captain of Air House.Here are some facts about me.
I love dancing, I love the beach, I love baking, I love swimming, I am very passionate about taking on this job and I can't wait to be the House Captain of Air!

Fire House Captains

Hello my name is Toby and I love football! I am very excited to be your Fire House Captain for this year!

Hi my name is Alfie and my favourite sport is cricket! I am looking forward to helping out and leading the Fire House to victory this year at Sports day.
Hi, my name is Esther and I like drawing and gymnastics. I am very excited to be your House Captain this year.

Earth House Captains

Hi! My name is Nandin, and I'm in Silverstein. I love playing volleyball and I do play a lot of online games. I'm an Earth House Captain.

Hello, my name is Erden and I'm in Silverstein. I love playing football and I love doing English and Maths. I'm an Earth House Captain.

My name is Frankie and I am one of three House Captains representing Earth House.Outside of school I love doing gymnastics and athletics.

We Are Super Learners...

144 Club

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



Year 4: Alexander, Ashwinii, Avon, Aylin, Charlotte R, Ethan I, Hashir, Ho Yin, Hugo, Jax, Jay, Jeet, Jianing, Linea, Mia, Rayna, Reuben, Sunwoo, Xabier

Year 6: Aadhya, Aarav, Abel, Abijith, Adam A, Adam D, Agatha, Aiden S, Akshara, Amber, Anastasia, Aran S, Ashnavi, Avyukth, Charlotte L, Chloe W, Daniel, Deveena, Dharushan, Diana, Eliana, Erden, Erica, Finley F, Frankie, Ghassan, Ha El, Jack (Bloom) Idris, Isabella H, Isobel L, Jaymond, Jessica, Leo LN, Leo T, Livia, Lucia, Mae D, Max, Medha, Nandin, Otto, Sai, Samjukthat, Sasha, Tami, Tiffany, Toby M, Wissam, Yashfa, Yedam, Yousuf, Zarah, Zimal

Autumn term date card

Please see the autumn term date card here. Remember to keep an eye on it over the coming term as things do get added to it.

Diversity Week

Today we have sent out a letter about Diversity Week starting Monday 12th October. Please see the letter on our website.
https://www.burlingtonj.kingston.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=5905&type=pdf

Book Bingo

How many different types of books can you read? Take on our **Book Bingo challenge** and explore a range of different genres, authors and stories.

You'll find your **Book Bingo sheet at the back of your diary**. Each square asks you to read a book from a particular genre or category. Every time you complete a square, tick it off and choose your next challenge!

Once you have completed all the squares you'll receive a Book Bingo certificate from Mrs Utting to celebrate your achievement!

Our first winners of the school year are:

Year 3 - Leo O

Year 4 - Erica H

Well done! 🎉

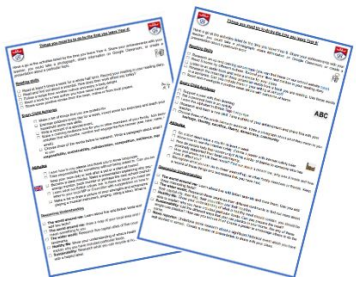


Things to Do

Why not encourage your child to explore the Things to Do activities on their year group website page? The activities offer a range of challenges to deepen their understanding, develop positive attitudes and learn new skills.

They can share their achievements with their teacher by taking a photo, posting on Google Classroom or showing them what they have made.

Winners are chosen at random and receive a prize from Mrs Utting.



Safeguarding

It is important that you and your children feel supported and happy during your time here. We can help you in a variety of ways such as, signposting to outside agencies for support and advice (including housing help), connecting you with professional and local community services and providing food bank vouchers.

If you have any questions or would simply like to talk, please don't hesitate to pop into the Hive office for a chat or reach out via email and I will be happy to assist you.

Miss Wilkinson - Pastoral Officer

Young Carers

A Young Carer is a child under 18 who regularly looks after someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction.

Children may engage in:

- Shopping, cooking, cleaning
- Managing medicines or money
- Providing personal care
- Helping get people out of the house
- Keeping an eye on someone or keeping them company
- Providing emotional support

If you or a family member needs help, please contact Miss Wilkinson.

Please find further information about how Burlington supports our young carers via the QR code.

Keeping Your Child Safe Online

We are inviting parents into school on Friday 16th October, from 9.30am–10.30am, for an informative session all about keeping your child safe online.

The session will be led by Eduthing, who provide our computer support, and they will share practical advice, useful tips and guidance to help parents understand how children are using apps, online platforms and computer-based games.

It's a great opportunity to find out more about the digital world your children are navigating and to pick up some simple ways to help keep them safe.

Please come to the Hive Main Office. We hope you can join us.

Contacting the School

Parent Reps

We are looking for **one or two Parent Representatives for each class** this year. If you would like to volunteer, please let your child's class teacher know that you are happy to be the class representative.

Our Parent Reps play a really valuable role in helping to build our school community, keeping parents connected and sharing information. We really appreciate the time and support they give throughout the year, and we'd like to say a big **thank you** to all of our Parent Reps for everything they do.

As a little thank you, our Parent Reps will have a **front-row seat reserved for them at class events and concerts** – so you'll never miss the action! 😊

Speaking to Teachers

We'd just like to remind parents and carers that our class teachers are outside **at the beginning of the school day on Mondays and Fridays** and **at the end of the school day every day**. They are always happy to have a quick chat.

If there's something you'd like to ask or discuss, please feel free to come and speak to your child's teacher during those times. If you feel you need a little more time to talk something through, please contact the school office and we can arrange a convenient time for you to meet with the teacher.

Who to Contact If You Have a Concern

We always want to work closely with parents and carers, and we encourage you to speak to us if you have any questions or concerns. In most cases, the best way to resolve an issue is to start with the person who knows your child and the situation most closely.

If you have a concern, please follow the steps below:

1. Your child's Class Teacher
Your child's class teacher should always be your first point of contact. They will be able to discuss any concerns relating to your child's learning, wellbeing or day-to-day experiences in school.

2. Year Leader
If your concern has not been resolved, or you feel you need further support, please contact your child's Year Leader, who will be happy to help.

3. Senior Leadership Team
If you need to take the matter further, please contact a member of our Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Case or Mr Blow or Mrs Utting.

Cake Sale

Our next cake sale is:

Friday 9th October

50p a cake, cash only

The Cake Sale is going Green!

If possible, please bring in reusable containers for your cake sale purchases. This will help us reduce our use of plastic and paper bags & better protect cakes. Thank you!

Each year group takes it in turns to provide the cakes and together we help raise valuable funds for the school - thousands of pounds a year!

YEAR 1 and YEAR 6: it's your turn to help please

Please bring in home-made or shop-bought **NUT-FREE** cakes to your classrooms for the cake sale on the morning of Friday 9th October.

Please remember to label any containers with your child's name and class, if you would like to collect them back from the school office the following Monday morning.

If you are able to help "team cake" with this and/or future cake sales, please get in touch at info.burlingtonpta@gmail.com
We can't do it without you!



PTA RESULTS 2025 - 2026

DONATIONS

£5263 raised on top of events

5 MAIN EVENTS

2 x Discos, Summer Fair, Xmas Fair & Quiz Night

CAKE SALES

Raised just over £1,700

£27K RAISED

SOME OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE

Leavers ice creams, shirts, hoodies & disco; Don Rae Healthy Living Week, Projector, Class Funds, Opal Play, Buddy Benches, Bins, Book Vending Machine, Science Wizard Show, School Trip & Gazebos

Free 11+ preparation and KS2 learning support

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We're pleased to let you know that Tiffin School has partnered with Atom Learning to provide free KS2 learning and 11+ preparation to primary school children (both boys and girls) who are eligible for Pupil Premium.

Eligible students will receive access to Atom Home for free (normally £575.90 a year).

What is Atom Home?

Atom Home is an online learning and 11+ preparation platform for children aged 7–11.

It helps children build confidence in Key Stage 2 subjects and familiarises them with 11+ English, maths, and verbal and non-verbal reasoning. Atom Home gives children access to practice questions, mock tests, video tutorials and more.

How can you get access?

For pupil premium: If your child is preparing for the 11+ or is in need of extra Key Stage 2 learning support, please fill in the form on this page:
https://www.atomlearning.com/pupil-premium/tiffin-school

For non-pupil premium: There is a five-day free trial of Atom available
www.atomlearning.com

If you would like to find out more, please email pupilpremium@atomlearning.com.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Dyer

Director of Belonging
Tiffin School

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15th September 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you about an exciting new opportunity available to selected Year 5 students – the *Shaping Futures* programme, a five-session academic mentoring initiative delivered by Tiffin School. Your school has recommended your child specifically to participate this year. This programme, running in the Spring Term of Y5, has already had success through Tiffin Girls School, as well as other grammar schools across the UK and Tiffin School is pleased to offer the same programme to our local schools and students.

The *Shaping Futures* programme will be held onsite at Tiffin School from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Students will be expected to make their own way to Tiffin School (with parents) and be collected. The structure of the sessions is as follows:

- **1 hour of fun activity** led by Tiffin School staff & 6th form students, fostering creativity, teamwork, and enjoyment.
- **1 hour of individualised Maths and English tuition**, where each student will receive 1:1 support from a Sixth Form Mentor, ensuring personalised academic guidance, that falls in line with the progress already achieved on the Atom Learning Platform.

We believe this programme offers a unique chance for your child to engage with high-quality academic mentoring in a supportive and motivating environment. We know that not every child has the same access to additional support, and we hope this provision helps level the playing field when it comes to access to high-quality learning resources. Whatever a child's future aspirations, we believe Shaping Futures through Atom will be an enjoyable and effective way of supporting KS2 progress. For children preparing for the 11+, we believe Atom will help them become familiar with the types of questions they may see and build their confidence ahead of the exam. The sessions are designed to build confidence and academic skills, giving every student the opportunity to achieve their best.

We encourage you to consider this opportunity for your child. If you would like to learn more or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rachel Dyer on the email address below stating the school your child goes to. We will also be inviting parents and children on the 6th July to discuss the programme further here at Tiffin.

Similarly, please scan the QR code or click here to register your interest in accepting the place.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact of this initiative on your child's learning journey.

Warm regards,
Rachel Dyer
Director of Belonging (rdyer@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk)

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