

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of this half term, thank you for your support, your active partnership in your child's learning, and your trust in our school community. Your encouragement and involvement make a considerable difference.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to our recent Parents' Evenings. We hope that you felt proud of your child's achievements. The positive conversations demonstrated our shared ambition for every child to succeed and thrive.

This half term has been full of purposeful learning, enrichment, and community involvement. A small selection of highlights includes:

- The Burston Strike Rally, where FOBS raised an incredible £2,193. This remarkable achievement will directly support future school experiences and resources. Thank you to everyone who took part, helped, or donated.
- Our new EYFS children have settled exceptionally well and are flourishing within our Curiosity Approach environment. It has been a pleasure to see their confidence grow as they explore, investigate, and build strong early relationships.
- The launch of our *Read to Succeed* priority, which is already making a significant impact on children's fluency and understanding. Thank you for your commitment to supporting reading at home.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Jeans for Genes fundraising event, which raised £25 for families across the United Kingdom affected by genetic conditions.
- Both Willow and Oak Classes held Reading Cafés with excellent attendance. It was fantastic to share how reading is taught in school and how it can be supported at home.
- The generosity shown in our Harvest collection was truly overwhelming. The donations were delivered to The Shelf in Diss, where Bev Bembery expressed heartfelt thanks and explained the considerable impact your contributions have on dignity, independence, and wellbeing in our local community.

"A huge thank you for your amazing food donation to The Shelf. You have made a real difference. Thanks to your kindness, our shelves are filled with good food that will go to the people who need it. Families, older people, and others in our community will be able to cook warm meals and worry a little less, all because of you. We hope you feel proud of what you have done. Thank you for caring and being brilliant helpers in your community."

- Our annual Times Tables Rock Stars Day brought impressive enthusiasm for mathematics as children battled each other, dressed up, and demonstrated excellence in recall and teamwork.
- Weekly outdoor sessions with Mrs Kerr have included garden maintenance, den building, and creative nature activities, including natural rangoli patterns to celebrate Diwali.
- Voting has begun for our Tesco Stronger Starts project. Make Your Mark focuses on creative wellbeing and family involvement and will run in stores until January at the following places:

- Aldeburgh Saxmundham Road Express
- Diss Superstore
- Saxmundham Superstore

“Together We Grow: The MARK of a Healthy Mind” supports the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children, parents, and staff, rooted in our values of Motivation, Aspiration, Resilience, and Kindness.

Every token counts, and could help secure up to £1500 in funding.

- Oak Class enjoyed a highly engaging Stone Age experience with Fox’s dad, Mr Grief, exploring historical art and music techniques and demonstrating excellent behaviour and curiosity.
- World Mental Health Day prompted reflective classroom discussions focused on personal wellbeing and the importance of friendships, nutrition, sleep, activity, and nature.
- Friends of Burston School (FOBS) recently held their AGM. The committee roles are confirmed as:

Chair: Amie Cockett

Treasurer: Jen Ross

Secretaries: Kayleigh Spinks and Jess Chown

We are so grateful for all the support they give to the school and look forward to work alongside them this year. You can contact them via email on: friendsofburston@gmail.com

- Finally, school attendance has been excellent, with many children demonstrating impressive resilience when not feeling their best, yet still attending and trying hard.

As we look ahead to the next half term, we remain committed to providing a rich, nurturing educational experience that promotes academic progress, personal development, confidence, and curiosity. Your partnership remains vital and very much valued.

Upcoming Dates and Notices

- **3rd November:** INSET Day. School closed to children.
- **4th November:** School reopens for children.
- **6th November:** Premier Education Virtual Hockey Event and Enrichment Day. Childs to attend in PE kit.
- **Friday 7th November:** School photographs.
- **11th November:** Remembrance Day at The Strike School War Memorial. Children in Brownies, Cubs, Scouts or similar organisations are encouraged to wear their uniforms.
- **29th November:** FOBS Christmas Fair.
- **17th December:** Burston’s Christmas Lunch. Each child will be able to invite a guest. Further information to follow.
- **19th December:** Burston’s Christingle at St Mary’s Church

Before we sign off, a friendly reminder to follow and engage with our school social media pages, where regular updates are shared:

Instagram: BurstonSchool

Facebook: Burston Community Primary School

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,