



Burnt Tree Primary School

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March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your support this term, attending parents' evenings, inspire workshops, supporting our trips and visits and supporting your children with reading and homework. We appreciate your positive comments and feedback from parents evening and also any suggestions that some of you may have had. We appreciate your support as without it, many trips and events would be unable to go ahead.

Trips/visits

A number of visits have taken place this term. Year 3 enjoyed a trip to Birmingham on the bus and visited Birmingham museum. They all enjoyed the experience of travelling by bus, whilst this reduced costs, it also added to the children's life experiences. Year 5 had an enjoyable trip to Thinktank in Birmingham and also travelled by bus and year 2 visited RAF Cosford and took part in workshops related to their topic. Some year 4 children were privileged to visit London and the Houses of Parliament last week, a group of year 5 and year 6 children will be visiting the Houses of Parliament during this school year. Nursery and Reception will be visiting Little Owl Farm later this term.



Thank you for all of your payments/contributions towards these experiences as without these contributions these visits would not be able to go ahead as school does not have the money to fund additional experiences outside of the classroom. Trips have been booked to various places for the summer term, contributions can be paid in instalments. If you have any concerns about making payments towards the trips, please come and speak to me.

Attendance/School times

Attendance is continuing to be closely monitored with involvement from the local authority. Attendance is currently 93.8% which is still below national.



Drop off/pick up times

Please note: the school day begins at 8.45, we do allow a grace period of 10 minutes but your child does miss the initial learning in the classroom. The KS2 side gate will be locked at 8.55 which will give you time to take your children to their classroom doors and make your way out of the school grounds. The gate by early years will be locked at 9am. If the KS2 gate is locked, you will need to sign your child in at the main entrance as you will not be allowed to go through the early years gate.

Children who are consistently collected late will be registered with 4 community trust after school club and children will be taken there for which parents will be charged.

Magic Breakfast

We have recently started this project in school for all children from nursery to year 6. For a yearly cost which is funded by school, we receive weekly deliveries of bakery goods – bread, crumpets and bagels. Children are offered these at the start of the school day when they come into the classroom at 8.45am as we are aware that some children do not eat breakfast at home. They do not have a whole bagel/crumpet, although they are allowed a second piece if they are still hungry and if there are some left over. Without breakfast, children can struggle to focus and concentrate at the start of the school day.



Book Fair/World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair. This helped raise over £600 for the school to spend on books for our library. The children enjoyed all of the world book day activities a visit from PEP the poet and year 5 took part in an event at the local library.



PE Kit

As you aware, we are currently trialling children coming into school in their PE kits on their PE days. Thank you to everyone who has ensured that their children are in the correct PE kit. If children do not wear the correct kit then they will receive a letter to remind them what they should be wearing, if the correct kit is not worn, they will be asked to wear school uniform and leave their PE kit in school. **Black plimsolls should be left in school for nursery, reception and KS1 children for safety reasons when using the equipment, and any other year groups if your child already has them and would prefer to wear them when they have indoor PE. Please remember to send PE kits into school on non-PE days if they are taking part in an after-school sports club or if they are asked to attend a sports event.**

Correct PE kit consists of:

Black shorts/leggings/joggers

Plain white t-shirt

Plain black hoody/zip up hooded top

Black pumps or trainers (Black plimsolls are recommended for EYFS and KS1, to be kept in school in their PE bag)



EARRINGS CANNOT BE WORN FOR PE or SWIMMING. IF CHILDREN ARE UNABLE TO REMOVE THEIR OWN EARRINGS, PLEASE TAKE THEM OUT BEFORE SCHOOL ON PE DAYS. PE AND SWIMMING IS COMPULSARY AND PART OF THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM. YEAR 6 GO SWIMMING EVERY FRIDAY.

Science Fair

This week we had our annual science fair which went extremely well and was enjoyed by all year groups. The science ambassadors were an asset to our school and spoke knowledgeably about the subject and activity

that they were leading. Our visitor from STEM commented on how well behaved and engaged our children were during the day.



Red nose day

Children are invited to wear red to school on Friday 21st March in recognition of red nose day. There will be a bucket on the gate for donations for comic relief.



Easter fund raising

events and workshops to help to reduce the cost of parent contributions. There will be a number of Easter hampers/Easter egg prizes.



Ramadan

We understand that some of the older children are choosing to fast during Ramadan. Please help your child to choose the days that they fast carefully, so they are not too tired each day and consider days that they have PE. We wish you all a lovely day celebrating Eid ul-Fitr at the end of Ramadan.



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Car Park

Do not walk across the car park – please stay on the paths. There are a lot of parents cutting across the car park at the moment between the cars. **Please do not attempt to drive onto the car park or park in the driveway.**

Ingestre Hall/Edgmond hall

Ingestre Hall residential takes place for 2 nights from Wednesday 26th March, there is a meeting for parents on Tuesday 18th March to answer any questions that you may have. Edgmond Hall residential takes place from Monday 2nd June, the date for a parent meeting will be confirmed shortly. Thank for supporting these trips as they offer the children an amazing experience.



Staffing

Over the past 2 weeks we have said goodbye to 2 long standing members of staff. Mrs Hawkins, (known as Mandy) has retired and Mrs Ferguson from early years has moved on to another school for a promotion in her career, after being at Burnt Tree for over 20 years. We wish Mandy all the best for her retirement and to Mrs Ferguson in her new role as HLTA.

Snacks – Breaktime

Children will have free milk until their 5th birthday, children can continue to have milk after their 5th birthday, this can be paid for via coolmilk.com. EYFS/KS1 children have fruit at snacktime/breaktime. KS1 and KS2 children can pay 20p per day or £1 a week for toast or they are welcome to bring a healthy snack from home.



Packets of crisps and chocolate bars are not allowed at breaktime.

Lunchtimes

Nursery – 11.45-12.30

Reception – 11.45-12.45

KS1 – 12.00-12.55

KS2 – 12.15-1.05



Children are allowed to bring their own drink to have with their lunch if they wish. All children must have a water bottle in school everyday for drinks throughout the day.

J Bayliss
Head Teacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



DATE	DAY	YEAR	EVENT	TIMES
17.03.25	Mon	Y2 Flamingos	Inspire session : Textiles-Pouches	9.00am – 10.30pm
18.03.25	Tue	All	GB mountain biker Danny Butler visit in school	
19.03.25	Wed	Selected Y5	Trip to London Parliament	7.15am – 6.30pm
21.03.25	Fri	Y2 Cuckoos	Inspire session : Textiles-Pouches	9.00am – 10.30pm
26.03.25-28.03.25	Wed – Fri	Selected Y4-6	Ingestre Hall residential trip	
31.03.25	Mon	Y5 Woodpeckers	Inspire session : Structures-Bridges	9.00am – 10.30pm
04.04.25	Fri	Y5 Swans	Inspire session : Structures-Bridges	9.00am – 10.30pm
04.04.25	Fri	Early Years	Easter/Spring craft morning	2.00pm – 3.15pm
10.04.25	Thu	Early Years	Easter Bonnet Parade	9.15am
30.04.25	Wed	Early Years	Little Owl Farm Park trip	9.15am - 4.15pm
02.06.25-04.06.25	Mon - Wed	Selected Y4-6	Edgmond Hall residential trip	
20.06.25	Fri	Y4 Falcons	Inspire session : Structures-Pavilions	9.00am – 10.30pm
23.06.25	Mon	Y4 Starlings	Inspire session : Structures-Pavilions	9.00am – 10.30pm
03.07.25	Thu	Y5	West Midlands Safari Park	8.30am – 4.30pm
04.07.25	Fri	Y3 Wrens	Inspire session : Textiles-Cross stitch	9.00am – 10.30pm
07.07.25	Mon	Y3 Eagles	Inspire session : Textiles-Cross stitch	9.00am – 10.30pm
15.07.25	Tue	Early Years	Barmouth Beach trip	7.30am – 6.00pm