Burnt Tree Primary School

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October 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to parents for ensuring that your children have had a good start to the school year, the children have worked hard during the first half term and have made a good start in their new classes.



Uniform

Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
White polo shirt
Blue sweatshirt/cardigan (with school logo which you can purchase from school or a plain blue jumper from a supermarket
Grey tights for girls or black/white socks
Black shoes (no trainers)
Hairbands /bows should be blue or black and not too large



EARRINGS – IF EARRINGS ARE WORN, THEY SHOULD BE SMALL STUDS PLEASE (NO HOOPS)

PE Kit

Black shorts/leggings/joggers
Plain white t-shirt
Plain black hoody/zip up hooded top
Black pumps or trainers. Children in EYFS and KS1 require a pair of black plimsolls which must be in kept in school in a drawstring PE bag. EYFS children (especially nursery, also need a spare of pants/socks/trousers, this is especially important if you know that your child may have an accident)



If your child takes part in a sports after school club, they will need to bring a PE kit to school on that day to change into please.

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. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS SWIMMING SHORTS – BOYS AND SWIMMING COSTUME – GIRLS (NO BIKINIS) AND A TOWEL

Drop off/pick up

School times – 8:45am – 3:15pm
The school gates will be closed at 8:55am.
Please do not walk across the car park, use the path.

Snacks – Breaktime

Children will have free milk until their 5th birthday, children can continue to have milk after their 5th birthday, this can be ordered and paid for on COOLMILK.com. EYFS/KS1 children have fruit at snack time/breaktime. KS1 and KS2 children can pay 20p cash to class 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 – 11:45am – 12:30pm
Reception – 11:45am – 12:45pm
KS1 – 12:00pm – 1:00pm
KS2 – 12:15pm – 1:10pm

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 every day for drinks throughout the day.

Upcoming Events and Trips

Please see list of dates for the year on the online calendar on the school website. All trips and workshops will be payable on Arbor. Please login to Arbor online rather than using the app as the app has limited functionality.



Tower of London visit

Year 5 had the opportunity to visit the Tower of London this half term and had an enjoyable day; a tour guide taught them many facts. Despite a long coach journey and traffic delays, it was an enjoyable day.

Little Makers

Year one had a lovely day at the Black Country Museum learning about materials and how people lived in the past. This will be followed up with a workshop in school next half term.



Edgmond Hall

We have a residential trip booked to Edgmond Hall for KS2 for 2 nights from Monday 1st February. The places for this are now full with a waiting list in place.

Theatre

A group of children from KS2 will be watching a performance at a theatre in December. Places have now all gone and there is a waiting list should any places become available.

London Youth Hostel

We have secured funding for a heavily subsidised trip for 30 year 6 children to visit the Tower of London and stay overnight in a youth hostel near Kensington Gardens. This will take place in March; details will be available shortly. This is in addition to the visits that will take place for some children in years 5&6 to the Houses of Parliament later in the year.

Breakfast club



Breakfast club is available every morning from 7:45am at a cost of £3.00 per day. Sessions must be booked in advance on Arbor and can only be booked to the value of credit available on the account. Please be advised booked sessions can only be cancelled by contacting the school office.

4 community trust have an after-school club on site if you require childcare. You can find more information on their website 4communitytrust.co.uk or by asking at the school office.

Parking

Can I please remind you to be respectful when parking. Please avoid parking across driveways and be considerate to school neighbours. Also, please drive slowly and be observant of any children who may step out into the road.

Scooters

If your child comes to school on a scooter, please ensure that they do not ride it on the path or playground and that it is pushed. We have had a few incidents with children riding into other children and parents. If this continues, it could result in a ban on scooters on the school playground, anyone arriving on a scooter would have to leave it at the bike rack near reception before entering the playground. Please act responsibly so that further action does not need to be taken and ensure that your child pushes their scooter as soon as they enter the school grounds.

Inspire workshops

These workshops will begin again this year for year groups 1-6. This will enable parents/carers to come into school to work with their children. Please see the dates below for each year group. Thank you to all of the parents who attended the early years craft morning the last week of term.

Inspire Workshops – 9:00-10:30am			
Class	Date	Class	Date
Year 1 Sparrows	Friday 5th March	Year 1 Penguins	Friday 12th March
Year 2 Cuckoos	Friday 5th February	Year 2 Flamingos	Friday 13th February
Year 3 Eagles	Friday 25th June	Year 3 Wrens	Friday 1st July
Year 4 Falcons	Friday 11th June	Year 4 Starlings	Friday 18th June
Year 5 Swans	Friday 19th March	Year 5 woodpeckers	Friday 26th March
Year 6 Ravens	Tuesday 1st December	Year 6 Kingfishers	Monday 30th November

Staffing

Mrs Bryant will be leaving to go on maternity leave during December and will return during the Autumn term of 2027. Whilst Mrs Bryant is on maternity leave, year one penguins teacher will be Mr Newman who was with us last school year, in year 4. He is looking forward to returning to Burnt Tree. Mrs Reni will also be going on maternity leave during December and will be covered by a temporary member of staff until she returns in September 2027.

Tesco blue coins

Thank you to everyone who supported by collecting the blue tokens in Tesco's. You all supported us so well that we won and were awarded the top donation of £1,500 towards equipment for the outdoor areas and the well-being garden.

Outdoor equipment

If any parents have any outdoor equipment that they are able to donate suitable for KS1 & KS2, we would be very grateful. This could be skipping ropes/hoops/ balls/any small outdoor games/dressing up clothes/speaker for outside/time available to make a stage area out of pallets/chalk boards & chalks/felts/crayons for outdoors/dolls and pushchairs as we are trying to enhance playtimes and the equipment that is available at lunchtimes.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you after half term on Tuesday 3rd November.

Regards

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Head Teacher