

Burbage C of E Infants - Newsletter

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Executive Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a short yet busy and exciting half-term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful learning experiences that have been happening across Burbage Infants.

This term, I had the pleasure of visiting classrooms to observe some fantastic writing lessons, as well as inspiring design and technology and art sessions. It was truly wonderful to see the children so engaged and excited about their learning. Their creativity, enthusiasm, and determination were a joy to witness, and it is clear that they are thriving within our broad and enriching curriculum.

It has also been heart-warming to see our children demonstrating courageous advocacy in their daily lives. The children felt that playtimes would be better if they had access to music. A particularly lovely moment has been watching them enjoy music during this time, expressing themselves and building confidence through song and performance. Well done, children!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended parent's evening this week. I hope you found the meetings informative and helpful. Your feedback is invaluable, and if you were able to complete a parent survey, we truly appreciate your time and insights as we strive to make Burbage Infants the best it can be for our children.

Leicester Diocese Board of Education invited our school choir to sing at their annual headteacher conference yesterday. Together with some members of Burbage Junior School choir, they have been working very hard with a workshop leader from iSingPOP to learn three new songs (with

actions!). It took a lot of **courage** for such young people to stand and perform in front of so many adults, but they performed confidently and enthusiastically - the delegates loved it! Thank you to Mrs Khadka and Mrs Elverstone for giving the children this wonderful opportunity to flourish.

The Year 2 gymnastics team have also represented our school wonderfully this half-term when they took part in the Schools Sports Partnership gymnastics competition. Thank you to Mrs Dymont for all her hard work in preparing the children for the event. Please see more information in the *PE and Sport* section below.

As we head into the half-term break, I'd like to leave you with a Bible verse for reflection:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." – Joshua 1:9

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term holiday. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to welcoming the children back for another fantastic half-term of learning and discovery.

Best wishes

Mrs Zoe Driver
Executive Headteacher



Year Groups - Curriculum Updates



Reception

Another busy half-term comes to an end! This half-term we have been learning through our themes – 'Ice and Snow' and 'Chinese New Year'. The children started their learning here in our school grounds and we spotted signs of winter. We explored the polar regions through non-fiction texts and the children loved finding out about penguins and polar bears.

Our Chinese New Year theme has been enjoyed thoroughly by the children. Making and tasting noodles was definitely a highlight!

As part of our RE topic, the children have been learning about baptism. We enjoyed re-enacting the Christian baptism service using the babies in our role play area.

After the half-term break we are looking forward to our themes 'People Who Help Us' and 'New Life', during which we have our trip to the farm and we also hope to have some visitors in school to bring our themes to life.

Year 1

Spring term 1 has been busy! The children have visited a synagogue and had first-hand experience of what a synagogue is like and looked at some artefacts. In Forest School, the children drank hot chocolate and did some pond dipping. In geography, they used a compass and learnt what the four countries of the United Kingdom are and their capital cities. In DT, the children absolutely loved designing and making puppets using their own preferred method. In science, they used their senses to taste and smell food, and used their hearing to carry out investigations. Lots of fun!

Year 2

The Year 2 children have settled into the term well and done a great job with continuing to make progress in their learning. We have covered a range of fiction and non-fiction genres in writing such as information texts and narratives of stories from around the world. This half-term has consisted of an art unit called 'Painting and Mixed Media' and the children have made some beautiful collages using a range of techniques to create texture. They have also edited their work to make amendments and improvements. In geography, the children have learnt about why our world is wonderful and took part in some field work in our school grounds. The children have enjoyed investigating different properties of materials in science. For our maths curriculum, we have covered a unit on multiplication and division, and the children are more confident at counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and applying this to different calculations.

Next half-term we will be continuing with different genres of writing, using our oral skills in various contexts and learning about features of language. We start practising reading and maths assessments to develop confidence in these skills.







Healthy Bladder, Healthy Bowel

We are pleased to invite you to a **School Nurse Information Session** focused on **Healthy Bladder, Healthy Bowel**. This session will cover important topics such as **daytime and night-time wetting, constipation, and soiling**, providing you with valuable information and strategies to support your child's health and well-being.

📅 **Date:** Tuesday 25th March

📍 **Location:** Burbage Infant School

🕒 **Time:** 9:15am



The session aims to raise awareness and equip you with practical guidance to help manage and improve your child's bladder and bowel health. Our school nurse will be available to answer any questions and offer advice tailored to your child's needs. If you would like to attend this session, please complete the online form using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/LpEAEDS0XW> or the QR code by 14th March. We look forward to seeing you there!

Promoting Positive Behaviour

We invite you to attend a **School Nurse Information Session** on **Promoting Positive Behaviour** for children aged **4-7 years**. This session will explore key topics, including:

- ✔ **Why might a child misbehave?**
- ✔ **Emotional development and its impact on behaviour**
- ✔ **The importance of routines and boundaries**
- ✔ **Positive reinforcement strategies**
- ✔ **Practical ways to manage behaviours effectively**



📅 **Date:** Tuesday 1st April

📍 **Location:** Burbage Infants School

🕒 **Time:** 9:15am

Our school nurse will be on hand to answer any questions and share useful strategies for fostering a positive and nurturing home environment. If you would like to attend this session, please complete the online form using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/X91hVNSijk> or the QR code by 21st March. We look forward to welcoming you! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Lucas via the school office or on Class Dojo.

Year 2 Residential Trip - Beaumanor Hall



The Year 2 children are already looking forward to their residential trip to Beaumanor Hall in Leicestershire in April.

This is an educational trip covering our national curriculum topics of history and science. The class teachers are talking to the children about their forthcoming visit.

The Beaumanor information meeting for parents will be on Wednesday 26th March from 5.00 to 6.00 pm in the school hall. We would urge you all to come along to that meeting when we will also share lots of photos from the children enjoying last year's trip.

Any questions or concerns in the meantime, please speak to your class teacher directly.

Collective Worship



During Collective Worship this half-term we have been thinking about **Courage**.

It can take great **courage** to do something new or challenging. We call it 'stepping out of our comfort zone'. Sometimes just small steps are needed, but they can take us to new and exciting places! We have linked this to thinking about New Year's Resolutions and targets for the year ahead.

Courage is...

Carrying on when things are difficult

Overcoming fear

Understanding and facing a challenge

Risking being out of your comfort zone

Always believing in God's promises

Going for a goal

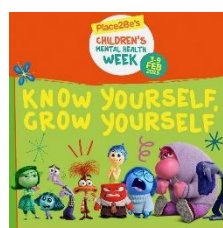
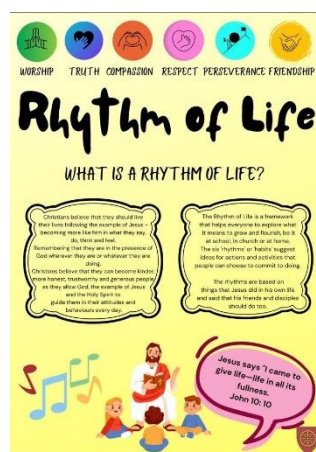
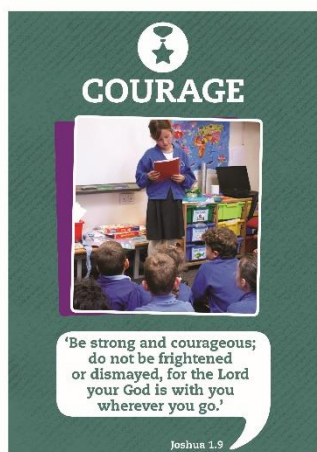
Empowered by encouragement

During Collective Worship this term we have also continued to think about our school values and our vision statement "**Loving; living; learning**" and exploring what these mean to us.

We have continued to develop our school's Rhythm of Life (please see attached poster). This is a pattern of living for everyone that will enable us all to develop our spirituality and learn more about Jesus.

Please spend a few minutes talking to your children about Collective Worship as a special part of our school day:

- How does it help us to think about God?
- Share what they love about Collective Worship and how it helps them



Children's Mental Health Week

The school took part in Children's Mental Health Week last week. This year the theme was "know yourself; grow yourself". We undertook a Collective Worship based on empowering the children to express themselves in different ways and encouraged the children to share their ideas and also listen to others' ideas.

Why Is mental health important?

Good mental health is essential for children's overall development. It helps them build confidence, manage emotions and develop strong relationships. By fostering a positive mindset early on, we equip children with the tools to navigate life's challenges.

The children enjoyed thinking about what made them who they are and were reminded about what makes them individual as well as connected with others. We encouraged the children with their daily feelings check-ins; helping them to recognise and express their emotions. We used stories at story times that focused on emotions and promoted resilience and self-expression. The children also thought about what goals they wanted to achieve and thought of ways to work towards them.

How You Can Help at Home:

- **Talk & Listen** – Encourage open conversations about feelings;
- **Create a Calm Routine** – Ensure a balance of rest, play, and quiet time;
- **Model Positivity** – Show healthy ways to manage stress and emotions.

We will be undertaking wellbeing questionnaires with the children over the next half-term to engage in active listening to the child's voice which will assist us in developing ways to support the children and their needs in school.



School Eco Committee



Each class has now got two eco rep's who will discuss various points that have been raised during the eco meetings held with Miss Kang. The class representatives have designed some posters which will be displayed around school. Burbage Infants are part of the *Let's Go Zero* scheme which is a national campaign uniting teachers, pupils, parents and their schools as they all work together to be zero carbon by 2030. We are delighted to announce we will be starting a gardening club whereby the children will help look after the school grounds and gardens.



Safer Internet Day 2025: Too Good to be True?

Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday 11th February and it was a fantastic opportunity to shine a spotlight on the online safety and wellbeing of children and young people. This year's theme, 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online', is extremely relevant in today's digital world.

Why This Matters:

The internet offers incredible opportunities for learning, connection, and creativity. However, it also presents risks, including exposure to scams and phishing attempts. These scams can take many forms, from enticing offers that seem too good to be true to fraudulent emails and messages designed to steal personal information.

Key Takeaways from Safer Internet Day 2025:

- **Critical Thinking:** Encourage children to question everything they see online. Is the source reliable? Does the offer sound realistic? If something seems too good to be true, it probably is;
- **Protecting Personal Information:** Emphasize the importance of never sharing personal details like passwords, addresses, or bank account information with untrusted sources;
- **Recognizing Phishing:** Teach children and parents how to identify phishing attempts, such as suspicious emails or messages that ask for personal information or contain unusual links;
- **Reporting Concerns:** Make sure children know how to report suspicious activity or content to a trusted adult;
- **Open Communication:** Foster open conversations about online safety between parents and children. Encourage children to talk about their online experiences and any concerns they may have.

Continuing the Conversation:

Safer Internet Day may be over, but the conversation about online safety must continue. By working together, we can create a safer and more positive online experience for children and young people. We encourage you to continue discussing these important topics with your children and to stay informed about the latest online safety advice. Together, we can help protect them from the dangers of online scams and phishing.



Physical Education

This half-term the children have enjoyed undertaking their gymnastics unit and we took five children from Year 2 to a local area gymnastics competition at Hinckley and Burbage Gymnastics Club. Our team came fourth in the Hinckley Schools Area; the children did a wonderful job of their routines and represented our school brilliantly!

In Mr Probert's PE sessions, the children finished off their unit on hockey and moved onto badminton. The children are loving the sessions and are refining their hand-eye co-ordination skills well.

We also took a team to a New Age Curling competition where they were the victors across all of Key Stage 1! We are very proud of how well they did and the support they received from the Junior School team who went with them.





Next term we're thrilled to announce the return of egg rolling! The children absolutely love it, and this year we are running the event free of charge so that all the children can take part! There will be yummy chocolate treats for the winners, plus a little something for everyone to wish them Happy Easter from the PTFA.

I would like to remind you that the position of PTFA Chair will be available when I step down at the AGM in October.

The PTFA can't run without a Chair so it's really important that we find a replacement, and it would be great to get someone to shadow me over the next few months ready to take over.

We run a really successful PTFA that raises around £15,000 per annum to be spent at our two wonderful schools on items that enrich the children's learning.

It's a really rewarding role so if you are interested please email me so that I can answer any questions, or meet for a chat to explain what's involved.

Hope you all have a great half term break.

Nicky Thorington PTFA Chair

School Term Dates

C A L E N D A R

Spring Term

School opens:	Tuesday 7th January 2025
Mid-term break:	Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025
School closes:	Friday 11th April 2025

Summer Term

School opens:	Monday 28th April 2025
May Day Bank Holiday:	Monday 5th May 2025
Mid-term break:	Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025
School closes:	Wednesday 9th July 2025

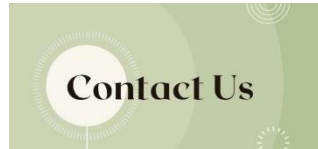
Autumn Term

School opens:	Tuesday 26th August 2025
Mid-term break:	Monday 20th to Friday 24th October 2025
School closes:	Friday 19th December 2025

Dates for Your Diary

[Spring & Summer Terms 2025](#)

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