

21st July 2025

As the summer holidays begin, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. It has been another exciting and inspiring term here at Burston Primary School, and we are so proud of everything the children have achieved.

For such a small school, we've packed in an incredible range of experiences this term. Every child has played a part in making the last few months so special — from magical performances and sporting triumphs to creative cooking, historical explorations and unforgettable trips. Their curiosity, kindness and enthusiasm have shone through in everything they've done.

Here's a look back at just some of this term's many highlights!

Welcome to our New Starters!

We were delighted to welcome our new EYFS children across six transition sessions this term. It's been a joy to see their confidence grow as they explored their new classroom, met their teachers and made new friends. We can't wait to welcome them officially in September!

Joan Mann Sports Day at RAF Mildenhall

Two of our pupils had an unforgettable experience at the **42nd Joan Mann Sports Day**. From playing human hungry hippos to exploring RAF equipment and enjoying American treats, it was a day packed with fun and friendship. A big thank you to Mrs Millar for accompanying the children on this very special trip.

Cooking Up Confidence

Our young chefs took over the kitchen this term, cooking up delicious homemade bolognese sauce from scratch! From chopping and stirring to labelling and designing, the children took pride in every part of the process — and their jars of sauce went home ready to become a family meal.

If you enjoyed a bolognese at home, don't forget to send in a photo — we'd love to see the finished dishes!

FOBS Fuel Our Love of Reading

Thanks to the generosity of Friends of Burston Primary, we now have a fresh new collection of books to enjoy! From magical adventures to mind-blowing facts, our shelves are bursting with stories to explore. The children have loved diving in — and we're so grateful to FOBS for championing our reading journey.

GB VE Day – A Step Back in Time

To mark **VE Day**, we took a deep dive into history! Pupils dressed in 1940s-style clothing and took part in an immersive wartime workshop funded by FOBS. From gas masks and roleplay to real-life stories, it was a day full of discovery and reflection — thank you, FOBS, for bringing history to life.

Y5/6 Residential to Bawdsey Manor

Our KS2 children had an unforgettable time on their **residential trip to Bawdsey Manor**. From raft building and zip wires to archery and evening campfires, the children embraced every challenge with resilience and enthusiasm. A special thank you to Mr Aylmer and the team for supporting such a fantastic experience.

Norfolk Show Adventure

Our trip to the Norfolk Show was a fantastic day full of discovery, fun, and excitement! The children loved meeting farm animals, exploring agricultural displays, sampling local produce, and taking part in hands-on activities. A particular highlight was seeing some of our own artwork proudly displayed in the Sapientia tent. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate rural life and learning beyond the classroom!

A Magical Performance

Our KS2 children lit up the stage with their moving performance of *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*. With themes of kindness, courage and self-belief, the production was a beautiful reminder of the power of storytelling — and our young performers brought it to life with confidence and heart. Thank you to everyone who joined us!

Sportsmanship

What a term for teamwork and triumph!

- A brilliant **whole-school Sports Day** had us all cheering, racing and smiling — with a special shout-out to the Yellow Team for taking home the trophy! 🏆
- Our **SATs Celebration Rounders Match** was a well-earned chance for Y2–Y6 to have some fun in the sun! ☀️
- Our **whole-school mini-marathan** was a wonderful event where some children demonstrated such natural running ability!

SATs Success

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for their outstanding SATs results. Your perseverance, maturity and positive attitudes are something to be truly proud of. You've shown what it means to be resilient learners and role models for our younger pupils. Your progress has been nothing sort of remarkable.

Summer Fair Success

This year's Summer Fair was a roaring success, raising an impressive **£381**! Thank you to our brilliant FOBS team and everyone who supported the event. The funds will directly benefit our children's learning and enrichment — thank you for helping us make a difference.

Our Final Week of Enrichment

The learning didn't slow down one bit in our final weeks! Highlights included:

📷 We also captured a beautiful moment in our whole school photo — a snapshot of this wonderful community we've built together.

🧩 Buzzing after-school clubs developing creativity, curiosity and teamwork

💡 A Kooth mental health workshop supporting wellbeing in Year 5

A final reminder that this year's reading challenge is all about nature, adventure, and imagination. Children can join at their local library from **5th July** or online now at:

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk Let's keep the reading momentum going through the holidays!

From September Miss Underwood will have a new title. She will be Head of School to reflect the critical role she plays in the running of the school. The vision she has, has driven standards this year and helped the school make huge strides forward. We look forward to welcoming our new teacher Mrs Schultheiss in September and know she will be an excellent addition to the school.

To our wonderful families, staff, volunteers and wider community – thank you for your continued support, involvement and belief in the children. This term has been a shining example of what makes Burston Primary such a unique and nurturing place to learn. It is because of this strong partnership that Burston continues to thrive and growing, giving every child the chance to shine

We hope everyone enjoys a restful summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 4th September.

Very best wishes