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23rd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been an incredibly short half term with two bank holidays, but as always, we have managed to achieve so much.

A particular mention should go to Year 6, who completed their SATs assessments last week. We were so proud of how they coped and know they did their very best. Well done, Year 6!

This half-term we have enjoyed fantastic **VE Day 80th celebrations**, where the children stood in solidarity with the rest of the country for a mark of respect. The Friends of Burston Schools (FOBS) generously paid for the children to have an immersive actor-led school war workshop which truly brought history to life. Our soldier, Bert, discussed a range of topics with the children, including his recruitment and training for the Great War. Replica equipment was demonstrated, and the children participated in drills, giving them a real insight into life as a soldier. Bert shared stories of daily routines and trench life – from digging latrines and handling trench foot to tales about rats and the field Post Office! Each class ended the session with an old-fashioned sing-song and hearing letters from home. The day was a powerful learning experience. As a school we were delighted to receive glowing praise from the workshop team:

"I've been to many schools to hold this workshop and I just wanted to say that this is the most knowledgeable group of children I've delivered this to. They knew lots about the topic, listened and interacted really well, and asked good questions. Your behaviour was superb, everyone engaged enthusiastically and you are all so knowledgeable. I have had so much fun delivering the sessions today."

To mark VE day we also entered a bunting design competition run by Stradbroke High School. A huge well done to Leanna who won 1st place and Hattie and Poppy who both came runners up! Mrs Millar stopped by especially to hand out the certificates.

It's been a wonderful half-term of sporting activities too. The children have enjoyed fencing enrichment, taken part in the London Mini-Marathon, and competed brilliantly in a lacrosse competition—achieving 1st place in the Year 3 leaderboard, 2nd place in Reception, and 8th place overall out of 14 schools! Their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship were second to none—proof that size is never a limiting factor.

Our school friends also hosted a car boot sale alongside the village open gardens, which was well supported by the public. A big thank you to our fantastic FOBS team for organising this event and raising an impressive **£207!**

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Just a reminder of upcoming events for Summer 2 term. For everyone going on the residential trip (23rd – 25th June), please ensure you have sourced all the required equipment—especially a sleeping bag—and that all outstanding payments are made promptly via the MCAS app. Also, please remember to pay for the Norfolk Show trip and return the consent form to the office by Monday 2nd June.

Next half-term, we have some **key dates** for your diary:

- **2nd June** - Return to school
- **2nd June - 6th June** - Year 4 MTC
- **9th June - 13th June** - Year 1 PSC
- **10th June** - New September 2025 EYFS intake transition afternoon 2pm - 3pm
- **16th June** - Oak Maths Café 2.30pm
- **20th June** - Whole school family picnic, & our new September 2025 EYFS intake
- **20th June** - New September 2025 EYFS intake transition afternoon 1pm - 2.30pm
- **23rd June - 25th June** - Year 5 and 6 children Bawdsey residential
- **24th June** - Willow Maths Cafe 2.30pm
- **26th June** - Norfolk Show
- **30th June** - New September 2025 EYFS intake transition afternoon 2pm - 3pm
- **9th July** - Sports day (9.30am - 2.30pm)
- **10th July** - New September 2025 EYFS intake transition afternoon 2pm - 3pm
- **10th July** - Burston Summer Fayre run by FOBS (from 3pm)
- **17th July** KS2 performance of *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* at 4.30pm
- **18th July** – **Reserve Sports day – please note the change of date.** Or, an enrichment day with Premier Education.
- **22nd July** - Last day of term

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In addition to this we also Norfolk libraries coming in to introduce the 'Summer Reading Challenge', as well as 'Careers in Construction workshops' – run by those working on the Long Stratton Bypass. Our Year 6's will spend some time at their High Schools and we will all get ready to move up into a new year group.

We hope everyone has a wonderful half-term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 2nd June 2025**.

Very best wishes,

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