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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half-term at Burston Primary School, we would like to thank all of our families for their continued support. It has been a wonderful half-term filled with exciting opportunities, memorable experiences and special moments for our children, all rooted in our school values of being Motivated, Ambitious, Resilient and Kind.

Growing Together as a Community 🌱

This half-term saw the introduction of our new Burston Community Herb Garden, providing a shared space for our village community to enjoy. Families and residents are warmly encouraged to pick herbs to use at home and enjoy the space together.

We are also delighted to launch our new "Give & Grow" Shed — a welcoming community space where people can share and exchange items such as books, toys, plants and recipes. Our Eco Council continue to nurture herbs for the community, while our school community leaders are helping to develop the project further to promote kindness, sustainability and community spirit across the village.

Welcoming New Families ❤️

We were delighted to welcome families whose children have been offered places at Burston Primary School for September 2026. We are looking forward to getting to know our new children and families through upcoming transition events over the coming weeks.

Enrichment Opportunities 🗣️ 🚲 🚗

This half-term, the children have enjoyed a range of exciting enrichment opportunities. We welcomed Gripping Yarns, who delivered an engaging performance exploring emotions, communication and staying safe through storytelling, songs and British Sign Language. Thank you to FOBS for funding this wonderful experience.

Children also took part in Bikeability sessions with Little Riders, developing important cycling and road safety skills whilst learning about sustainability and healthy travel choices.

We were equally pleased to welcome local farmer Peter from Athlington, who taught the children about British farming, harvesting crops and farming machinery. The children dressed in red,

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white and blue to show support for British farmers and together raised £31 for YANA (You Are Not Alone), supporting mental health within the farming community.

We Are Proud of Our Year 6 Children 🌟

A particularly proud moment this half-term has been seeing our Year 6 children complete their SATs with determination, resilience and maturity. We reminded the children throughout the week that SATs do not define them and that their kindness, creativity and individuality matter far more than any score ever could.

To celebrate the end of SATs week, the children received their leavers' hoodies, generously donated by FOBS. We are incredibly proud of the young people they are becoming and know that their upcoming transition events at their chosen high schools will be exciting and help them prepare for their new start in September.

Family Café and Community Connections ☕

Our Family Café events have continued to provide valuable opportunities for families to come together and strengthen our school community. Thank you to everyone who has attended and supported these events throughout the half-term.

Ofsted Update

We would also like to thank all parents and carers for the incredibly positive support shown during our recent Ofsted inspection this month.

The outcome will not be shared immediately whilst it goes through Ofsted's quality assurance process, but we will be proud to share the report with families as soon as it becomes available. At this stage, we would simply like to celebrate how amazing the children were throughout the inspection. They behaved impeccably, spoke with confidence and represented our school values with pride. We are also incredibly grateful for the positive feedback parents shared with inspectors.

It was a long and tiring process for both staff and children, but we are pleased that the outcome reflects our fantastic school. Thank you for your ongoing support — it is the strong relationship between school and home that makes Burston so unique and successful.

MCAS Reminder 📅

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Please remember to regularly check the MCAS app for important updates, upcoming events and key dates. The app is also used to share positive behaviour moments and celebrate your child's achievements in school.

Dates to Look Forward To

Please look out for Summer 2 events, a selection of which are shown below and can be found on our school website:

- **2026–2027 EYFS Transition Events** – Throughout the second half of term
- **19th June: 12.30pm – 3pm – “Proud To Be Me” School Picnic**

We warmly invite all families, including our new EYFS September 2026 children and families, to join us.

- **25th June – Whole School Norfolk Show Trip**
- **1st July – Sports Day** (*weather dependant*)
- **10th July: 3pm – FOBS Summer Fayre**

Thank you once again for your continued support this half-term. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting final half of the summer term on Monday 1st June.

Best wishes,

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