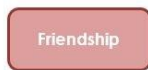
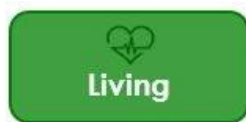




Burbage C of E Infants End of Academic Year Newsletter 2024



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Executive Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to share some important updates and news.

Renovation and Repair Updates

This year, over the Summer holiday we will make significant strides in improving our school facilities to provide a better learning environment for our students:

Year 1 Classroom Renovation: We are excited to announce that the Year 1 classrooms will undergo a complete renovation. The new layout and updated resources aim to create a seamless transition from their indoor Early Years environment- a neutral and engaging educational space for all.

General Repairs: Essential repairs to the interior ceilings in the corridors and office.

Computer Suite: Our computer suite and classroom computers will be upgraded with better technology to enhance our curriculum and provide pupils with all the tools necessary for learning.

Playground Markings: We shall be having new playground markings during the summer holidays to support the children's play.

Farewell and Good Luck

As the academic year draws to a close, we bid farewell to our Year 2 pupils as they embark on the next exciting chapter of their educational journey. Thank you to St Catherine's Church and the PTFA who bought the leavers' Bibles which were presented to the children at the leavers' service yesterday.

We wish our Year 2 students the best of luck as they transition to the Junior School. They made everyone smile with their end of Year 2 performance. We are confident that they will continue to excel and make us proud in their new environment.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Robinson who is retiring after 18 years here. All the staff and children will miss her at lunchtimes. In late August Mrs Brown will begin her maternity leave and we wish her all the very best for the arrival of her second child.

A Note of Appreciation

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff, supportive Governing Board, wonderful parents/carers and our hardworking children for making this year a success. Your commitment and collaboration have been invaluable, and I look forward to continuing our partnership in the coming year. Our Grove Road schools are the best place to be!

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Warm regards,

Zoe Driver

Executive Headteacher





Governor Voice



Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of the school year, it is time to say well done and thank you.

As governing boards, we have made great progress this year to ensure we are fulfilling our three core functions and essentially making sure our children have the best experiences during their time in our schools.

Together, governors from both schools, along with school leadership, have created a strategic vision and plan of priorities to work towards over the next three years which will focus our decision-making and strategic direction for our schools. I look forward to sharing more about this with you in the next year. There are exciting times ahead!

On behalf of the governing board, I would like to say a well done and thank you to everyone for all your support and efforts this year. I would also like to thank Mrs Driver and all the staff for their hard work and effort, doing the best for all the children at Burbage Infants and Juniors.

Enjoy your summer break, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year.

Best wishes,

Rebecca Jones

Chair of Governors

School Places

Places
available

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We have places available in our Reception classes from August 2024. If you know of anyone who might be looking for a school place, could you please recommend Burbage Infants.

We will also have a few places in Year 1 and Year 2 for the new academic year.

Year Groups - Curriculum Updates



Reception

Wow! How is it the end of the school year already! Our EYFS children have had a wonderful first year in school. They have exceeded our expectations in so many ways and are certainly ready for moving on into Year 1. This half-term we have particularly enjoyed learning about minibeasts and our highlight has been watching our own caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies. We have been extending our learning into our wonderful school grounds where we have been having fun searching for minibeasts and looking for signs of summer.

We have also enjoyed practising for our sports day event. It was lovely to see so many of you there to support the children with their first sports day. Over this last week we have been spending time thinking about how we feel about moving on to Year 1. We have been supporting the children with extra transition activities and we have also been reflecting on our lovely memories of Reception.

We know that the children are well prepared for their next stage of learning and we wish them all the best as they continue their journey. We would like to thank you all for your support during the year and wish you a lovely summer break.

Year 1

It is the end of Year 1 and the children have had an amazing last term! The children thoroughly enjoyed their Conkers trip and getting their feet wet on the sensory foot walk. They had fun taking part in sports day and cheering on their peers. We have been busy learning about time, weight and

capacity in maths. The children have learnt about famous explorers in the past and exploring colour in art! We are extremely proud of all the children and wish them all the luck for Year 2! Have a lovely summer!

Year 2

Wow – what a year! The children have made great progress this year and have had a fantastic final term. We have finished off with history in this final term – learning about monarchy and how the role has changed over time. The children enjoyed finding out about William the Conqueror and the Bayeux Tapestry. The final science topic has been about plant-based materials and the children have investigated and explored ecologically friendly materials and their suitability for different purposes. In DT they have designed and made a clay tile of the Infant School as a keep sake of their time here. They worked hard on their tiles developing their skills with manipulating clay and they look beautiful! In PSHE our unit on “Changing Me” has been very useful for the children with discussions about assertiveness and changes as we grow. The children have found this especially useful with all the changes linked with transition to the Junior School. The children have become much more familiar with the Junior School in this final half-term and have met their new teachers now on a number of occasions. They are definitely ready for the next stage of their education. On top of finishing off all of their subjects and assessments in this final term, we have also managed to squeeze in a leavers play! The children have loved practising the *Bee Musical* and they performed amazingly well! We are super proud of all of them. We hope they all have an amazing summer break and we wish them all the best of luck at the Junior School.







English



During the summer break, we would like all of the children to take part in Leicestershire Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge. It can be completed at a local library (both Burbage and Hinckley Library are taking part) or online.

This year there is a creative theme: *Marvellous Makers!* The Challenge starts on 6th July and runs until September (see <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for more information).

Thank you to everybody who took part in *Read for Fun* in February. The money raised has been spent on buying more Anima Phonics reading books for the children and books for their classroom reading areas.

If you are looking for additional reading materials to use over the summer, then Oxford Owl have a free eBook library. Anyone can access this - you just need to sign up to use the books at home and these can be read on any type of electronic device.

[Free eBook library – practise reading with phonics eBooks - Oxford Owl](#)

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Leicestershire Libraries Newsletter

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Summer is here, which means summer holidays! If you are looking for fun things to do with your child, we have you covered. We have lots of events and activities happening in our libraries, plus there is this year's "Marvellous Makers" Summer Reading Challenge. Visit your local library to find out what's on!

What's On - just a glimpse of what we have on offer this summer

CONCRETE MONSTER 27 July (Warminster) - Milton 28 July (Creswell) - Leicester	2024 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE Marvellous Makers SUMMER EVENTS PROGRAMME LEICESTERSHIRE LIBRARIES	TAPUP ARTS BOLLYWOOD DANCING 23 July (Stibbly) - Leicestershire
Fajuma Stories Sunny Stories! 1 August (Milton)	AURORA PUPPET THEATRE PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP 7 August (Overdale) - Derby	STEM workshop 29-30 August (Leicester) - Leicestershire
JESSI ILLUSTRATES 28 Aug (Stibbly) - Leicestershire 29 Aug (Milton)	Visit our events page to book your child's space www.facebook.com/yourlibrary@leicslibraries	

Booklist Spotlight - Summer Fun

Search our [catalogue](#) for these titles and others.

facebook/YourLibrary @LeicsLibraries

Contact us at: libraries@leics.gov.uk

Library Bingo A fun way to explore our libraries and keep children amused this summer

<p>Make a difference</p> <p>Why not try a book about climate change or one about a character who stands up for their beliefs?</p>	<p>Make friends</p> <p>Pip along to one of the amazing events taking place in libraries across Leicestershire</p>	<p>Make music</p> <p>Why not try a book showing you how to make your own musical instruments?</p>
<p>Make a masterpiece</p> <p>Get inspired - borrow a book about arts and crafts. There are lots to choose from!</p>	<p>Become a Marvellous Maker - join the Summer Reading Challenge</p>	<p>Make memories</p> <p>Take a photo of you reading a book in a weird or wonderful place - you could make a scrapbook!</p>
<p>Make moves</p> <p>Get moving this summer with sport and dance. Find inspiration by reading a book about sport?</p>	<p>Make a change</p> <p>Try a book you would not normally read - for example a non-fiction book or graphic novel</p>	<p>Make believe</p> <p>Read a fantasy book and let your imagination soar - there are lots to choose from!</p>

Can you complete all the challenges and get BINGO?



Marvellous Makers

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is about getting CREATIVE.

Music, junk-modelling, photography, dancing, story-writing...the possibilities are endless.



Take a look at our special [Summer Reading Challenge video](#) to find out more about this year's Marvellous Makers Challenge.

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge

Join the Marvellous Makers in Leicestershire Libraries from 6 July to 7 September.

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Collective Worship



During Collective Worship this half-term we have been talking with the children about the value of **Truth and Truthfulness**. We have discussed the importance of making the right choices, telling the whole story and, at times, needing the courage to be honest.

Truth is ...

Trustworthy words and actions

Respect for doing the right thing

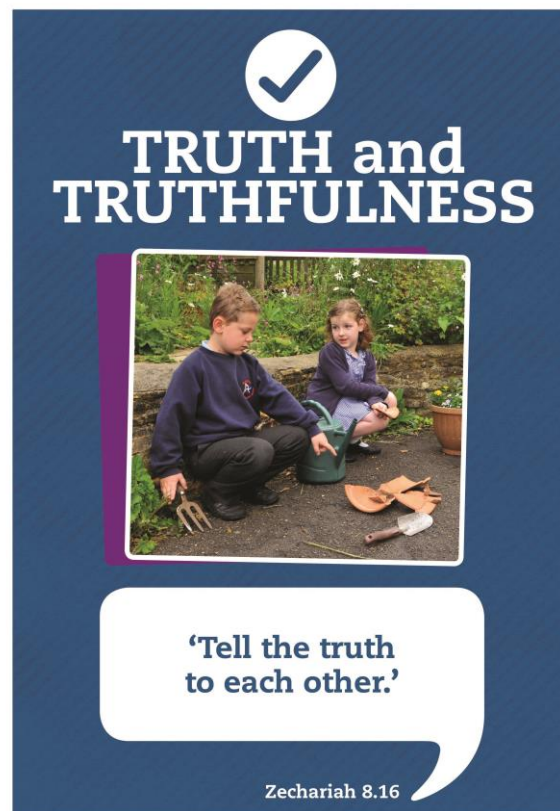
Uncovering the full picture

Telling it as it is

Having all the facts

As a whole school community, we continue to focus on our school vision statement of *Loving; Living; Learning* and our school values of Respect, Friendship, Compassion, Perseverance and Truth. We all strive towards practically living this out day by day.

We would like to say a special thank you to Erin, Bethany and Arianna in Year 2 who have been our Worship Leaders this term. They have welcomed everyone to worship and led the school prayer daily.



QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Be **truthful**, gentle and fearless.
(Mahatma Gandhi)

Three things cannot long be hidden:
the sun, the moon and the **truth**.
(Buddha)

Why do you think Gandhi believed the **truth** should be told with gentleness?

What do you think the Buddha meant?

To make an apple pie from scratch, you must first invent the universe.
(Carl Segan)

Truth is complete, it needs no exaggeration.
(Anon)

Searching after the **truth** needs us to think of the 'big questions'.
What are your big questions?

It is sometimes tempting to exaggerate the **truth** to make something sound more impressive or exciting. Have you ever known this to happen?

Prayer Space



A few weeks ago, we held a 'Transition & Change' prayer space. Father Andrew led a practical activity based on the idea of a labyrinth and Mrs Barwell invited the children to reflect on changes in their own lives using a butterfly template. The aim was to encourage the children to think about change in a positive way and encourage spiritual time to look IN, OUT & UP.





Summer Safety

NSPCC

PC Stretton visited us a couple of weeks ago to share some very important summer safety messages with the whole school. This included key messages on road and water safety, and stranger danger.

Following our participation in the NSPCC's Speak Out, Stay Safe program in the Autumn term, we would like to share the below links to support parents/carers further;

It is up to all of us to keep children safe. Take our free, 10 minute digital training and learn what to do if you're ever worried about a child or their family: [Listen up, Speak up | NSPCC](#).

Online safety workshops for parents/carers: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>.

Online Safety information packs for parents/carers [Help keep children safe online with Techosaurus! | NSPCC](#)

Support for parents hub: [Support & advice for parents | NSPCC](#)

SEND Support: [Online safety for children with SEND | NSPCC](#)

Right from birth, every time you play with your child, use silly voices, or even sing, you are not just bonding, you are building their brain: [Look, Say, Sing, Play - Brain-building tips | NSPCC](#) · [Singing Day | Look Say Sing Play | NSPCC \(youtube.com\)](#)

Talk PANTS with your children: [Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC](#)



PE and Sport



This final term in school has been all about athletics in our PE sessions. The teachers and Mr Probert worked hard on getting the children ready for their sports day races and we were all so proud of how well they did! A big thank you is required to all the staff who were out in the heat all day who brought the enthusiasm and support for the children, and also to the parents/grandparents who raised the roof and encouraged, cheered and supported all of the children in their races. Mr Probert brought his usual love of the microphone, his favourite sports day playlist and his race organisation skills to the next level this year and we are truly grateful. Thank you to Mr Pierce for manning the music and the microphone. What a lovely way to round off sport at Burbage Infants this academic year!





Computing



Children are using smart devices from a much younger age than ever before. This is why it is essential that we talk to our children about how to use them safely.

There are so many positive benefits to the new technology at our disposal these days. However, however there are plenty of downsides too! As a parent, it's important you understand these risks and how you can take steps to protect your family against them.

[Top Tips to Get Smart About Children's Devices](#)

© National Online Safety. Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and children with the information they need to have an informed conversation about online safety with their children, which may lead to a report. This guide focuses on new platforms of devices which we believe most at risk should be aware of. These are not comprehensive lists of devices, games, apps and how to use them.

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- 1 PUT YOURSELF IN CONTROL**
Make use of the parental control settings available on your smart devices. Don't let your child use any app or website that you don't know about. If you're not sure, ask your child's teacher or the manufacturer for more information. By setting a parental control password, you can restrict what your child can do on their device.
- 2 PROTECTING ANDROID DEVICES**
You can set up parental apps on Android tablets through a Google account. Open the settings menu, look for a link called 'Kids' and then 'Parental controls'. You can also set up parental controls on a tablet from the Google Play store. For further information it's available from the Parental Controls app on the Play store.
- 3 PROTECTING APPLE DEVICES**
The App Store and Google Play store are the best places to get apps. However, if you're not sure if an app is safe, you can check the app's rating on the App Store or Google Play store. You can also check the app's privacy policy on the App Store or Google Play store.
- 4 THINK ABOUT ALL YOUR SMART DEVICES**
In all of our smart and smart devices, you should think about any device in your house connected to the internet. It could be a tablet, a laptop, a smart TV, a smart speaker, a smart light bulb, or a personal computer. To make sure you can control that device, you should check the settings. Think carefully about how much access you want to give your child, especially when it comes to accessing the internet.
- 5 MAKE SEARCHING MUCH SAFER**
Most search engines, such as Google, Bing or Yahoo, have a 'Safe search' setting. This stops children from seeing anything that might be inappropriate. It's a good idea to make sure your child's device is set to 'Safe search'. Depending on the browser you're using, you'll find the settings and search bar 'Safe search' link near your search bar. It's a good idea to check the settings on your child's device to make sure they're always 'On'.
- 6 REGULARLY CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA SETTINGS**
Social media apps, such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and Twitter, have a lot of settings that you can change. It's important to check these settings regularly to make sure your child's account is as private as possible. You can find these settings in the app's settings menu.
- 7 DON'T LET PEOPLE SEE WHERE YOU ARE**
Location sharing is a handy tool for staying where your child is, but it also gives the opportunity for others to locate your child too. You should only share your location with people you trust. You can turn off location sharing in the app's settings. You can also turn off location sharing on your phone's settings.
- 8 WATCH OUT FOR FAKE PROFILES**
Sadly, social media presents an enormous opportunity for the likes of paedophiles to set up fake profiles and interact with children. Some of these people are very clever and can be very convincing. It's important to be cautious and not to share any personal information with anyone you don't know.
- 9 KEEP A CHECK ON SCREEN TIME**
Screen time is the amount of time your child spends on their smart devices. It's important to set limits on how much screen time your child can have. You can find these settings in the app's settings menu.

9 Top Tips To Get Smart About children's devices

Meet our expert
Emma Davis is a secondary school Computer Science teacher. For more than 10 years, she has been teaching children about how to use technology safely. She is a member of a local group that's had real experience of controlling and managing how children access online services and use apps.

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School Council News



We welcomed the reception representatives onto the school council in the spring and summer terms and have continued to share ideas for making our school even better! This has included sharing class ideas about which new playground markings to have painted over the summer holiday; they decided they wanted a track around the whole playground with activity stops, a circular maze and a 'mirror me' game, to name but a few.

Supporting our wider local community, the Year 2 councillors wrote a letter in support of an extension to Hinckley and District museum, recognising the valuable place local museums have in supporting our understanding of the past.

The school council's final job was to vote on their favourite birthday card designs. A winner from each group was chosen and given to Mrs Driver to make the final decision. Well done to Bessie in Reception and Alessia in Year 2 for being the runners up and congratulations to Grayson in Year 1, whose design will be made into cards for next year. Thank you to all of the children who entered this year's competition. Here is a picture of the winning design.



Preloved School Uniform



Burbage Community Hub

We are happy to take donations of Burbage Infants' school uniform in school if you are having a sort-out over the summer. Sales of these items go to school funds and are on display in our school reception area at all times.

Also, we wanted to let you know about a local lady who is part of Burbage Community Hub and provides families in need with free uniform. She is in desperate need of Burbage Infants and Burbage Juniors uniform. Here is the Facebook link to Burbage Community Hub:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/6024614060983772/>

PTFA News



Well, that's end of our first year as the new Grove Road Schools' PTFA committee, and what a year it's been! Thanks to everyone for supporting our events, and a massive thanks to anyone who has volunteered at an event - we really couldn't do any of it without you! We've loved seeing the children enjoying the discos, movie nights, secret room, egg rolling and everything else in between. Plus, it's been amazing to be able to support the schools and enrich the children's learning and enjoyment at school with the funds that have been raised.

We've got lots of exciting events planned for the next academic year, but for now it just remains for me to say one more thank you to everyone for everything this year.

We'll see you all in August, have a great summer!

Nicky Thorington

PTFA Chair

School Nurse Team - *Healthy Together Newsletter*



Healthy Together Newsletter



Welcome to your latest Healthy Together newsletter

Hello and welcome to the fifth edition of your newsletter for parents/carers and school staff from Healthy Together, and the final one for the 2023/24 academic year.

In this update, you can find out about Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's ChatAutism service, newly released speech and language content and our animation to support your child if they are moving to secondary school.

Supporting your child's speech, language and communication development

A series of new articles have recently been published on Health for Kids: Grownups, created in partnership with Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's Children's Speech and Language Service, to help support your child's communication development.

Click on the links below to access this brand new content:

- [How to support your child to understand language](#)
- [How to use choice boards](#)
- [How to use communication boards](#)
- [How to use signing](#)

Fun and educational games on Health for Kids

With summer approaching and the British weather unpredictable, there are a number of fun and educational games for children to play over on Health for Kids to keep them entertained if it's raining outside!



In the Spotlight

Supporting your child as they move on to secondary school

With Year 6 pupils set to leave primary school behind in the coming weeks, we've created a [great animation](#) to help you and your child understand what it's like when they move to secondary school.

Filled with lots of hints, tips and advice, hopefully you can help make the transition as smooth as possible for your child.



[Click here to view the "Starting secondary school" animation](#)

Contact a school nurse by text message during the holidays

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust runs a dedicated, confidential and secure text messaging service called ChatHealth for parents/carers of children aged 0-11 in Leicestershire and Rutland, which enables you to get professional health advice and support.

Text a Public Health Nurse (School Nurse) on:

07520 615 382



Contact a health professional via the Healthy Together Helpline

You can also call to speak to the Helpline's qualified health and administrative professionals who offer easy to access, safe and free advice, support and signposting.

Call 0300 300 3001

Calls are answered from 9am – 6.30pm on weekdays, excluding bank holidays.



Autism support services

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust provides digital support services for autistic people and their families living in Leicestershire and Rutland.

ChatAutism

Text 07312 277 097

with any autism related query and a qualified health professional will respond.



AutismSpace is a website providing information and advice on a wide range of autism related topics, plus a directory of local support services.

School Term Dates



Summer Term

Schools closes (end of academic year): Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 3.15 pm

New Academic Year

School reopens: Tuesday 27th August 2024 at 8.45 am

Mid-term break: Monday 21st to Friday 25th October

School closes: Friday 20th December 2024 at 3.15 pm

School re-opens for spring term: Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 8.45 am

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