



Burnside Academy News



Monday 20th July 2026

A copy of this newsletter is also available on our new website www.burnsideacademy.co.uk

Happy Summer Holidays!!!

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout this year. One of the greatest strengths of our school is the positive partnership we share with our families, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do to support us. A special thank you goes to our wonderful volunteers who generously give their time to accompany us on school visits and events. Burnside Academy truly reflects the strong partnership that should exist between home and school, and we appreciate each and every one of you.

I would also like to thank our fantastic staff, of whom I am immensely proud. Not only do they provide high-quality teaching and care for our children every single day, but they also give their time and energy to organise and support the many events, educational visits and residential experiences that have taken place this year. These opportunities simply would not be possible without their dedication, enthusiasm and willingness to go above and beyond. I am truly grateful for everything they do for our children and school community.

As always, this half term has been incredibly busy, with the weeks packed full of exciting activities and memorable experiences. The children have thoroughly enjoyed a wide range of educational visits, and it has been lovely to see them arriving at school each day full of enthusiasm and eager to learn.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you for your incredible support of our sponsored event. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised an amazing **£1139** for our school fund. This money will be used to purchase new resources that will enhance learning and provide even more exciting opportunities for every child.

PE

In September we would like children to continue to bring their PE kit to school in a bag on the first day back of each half term. It will be stored on their peg for the whole half-term and they will get changed into it on their PE day. They will bring it home at the end of the half term so it can be cleaned. There will be the opportunity for boys and girls to get changed separately if necessary.

Our PE Kit is a white t-shirt with school badge if possible, black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings and trainers.

Uniform

In September our uniform remains unchanged and will be as follows:

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Girls	Boys
Red sweatshirt with school badge if possible	Red sweatshirt with school badge if possible
Red cardigan with school badge if possible	
White polo shirt with school badge if possible	White polo shirt with school badge if possible
Grey skirt	Grey trousers
Grey pinafore	
Grey trousers - no leggings	
White or grey socks	Grey socks
Grey tights	
Red gingham dress optional in Summer term	
Black shoes	Black shoes
No trainers	No trainers

If children travel to school in alternative footwear e.g. wellies, they must change into their school shoes at the start of the day

The children will need trainers to change into if they wish to play football during breaktimes and lunchtimes.

All items of uniform containing the school badge can be purchased online at www.totstoteams.com. PE bags, book bags and coats containing the school badge are also available to buy via this website.

Year 6 Festival

The staff organised a festival for Year 6 last week to celebrate their time at Burnside Academy. Everyone had an amazing time and lots of long lasting memories were created.

Reception Graduation

The Foundation Stage Team held a graduation ceremony for our Reception children last week to celebrate the time they have spent in the Foundation Stage. There were lots of smiles and tears during this moving celebration.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

We said goodbye to our Year 6 children on Friday. It has been a pleasure to teach these wonderful young people many who have been a part of Burnside for the last seven years and we wish them lots of luck for the future.

Attendance Information

I would also like to thank our families for supporting their children's attendance throughout the year. We know that children thrive when they attend school regularly, and being in school has a hugely positive impact not only on their learning but also on their social and emotional development.

Our overall attendance this year is **94.4%**, an improvement on previous years, which is encouraging. However, we know there is still more we can do together to improve attendance further next year.

We completely understand that there are many genuine reasons why children are sometimes unable to attend school, and we recognise that 100% attendance is not always possible. While it remains our aspiration, we do not want children to feel disappointed if circumstances prevent them from achieving this. Our aim is simply for every child to attend every session they are able to, as every day in school really does make a difference.

If you ever need support with your child's attendance or are experiencing difficulties getting them into school, please don't hesitate to speak to us. We are always here to listen and work with you to find the best way forward.

Finally, a reminder that the term dates for the next academic year are now available on our new school website.

Important Dates for 2026 - 2027

- KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests - Week Beginning Monday 10th May 2027
- Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening Check - Week Beginning Monday 14th June 2027
- Year 4 Multiplication Test - Week Beginning Monday 7th June 2027

Reminders

Eligibility for free school meals is changing. Parents and carers have been informed about this but if you need further clarification please see <https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/Free-School-Meals>

We hope you all have a lovely holiday with your families and we look forward to seeing you all on **Thursday 3rd September 2026**.

Mrs Kelly
Headteacher