

Buryfields Infant School

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Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start to the school year! The children have been amazing! We are so proud of how well they have embraced everything at school. We look forward to getting to know them and you as the year progresses.

Our team is made up as follows:

	Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Maple Class	Mrs Mahoney - Monday Mrs Spencer-Healey – Tuesday-Friday	Mrs Adams – mornings Mrs Bennett - afternoons Mrs Ball (lunchtime supervisor)
Sycamore Class	Mrs Colebrooke – Monday-Thursday Mrs Elliott - Friday	Mrs Scanlon (also lunchtime supervisor)

The children have really loved exploring both classrooms and making lots of new friends, as well as using our outside area. They have enjoyed using both playgrounds too. We are learning the rules and routines at the moment but when the children are ready we will share our playtime with KS1 so the children can see siblings and friends from Year 1 and Year 2.

Accompanying this letter is a curriculum map which informs you of our topic and some of the key learning that will take place this half term. At Buryfields we really value learning through play and there will be additional learning opportunities that arise through the children's interests.

A few reminders:

- PE kits – blue or black shorts and a white t-shirt. These need to be in a drawstring bag and sent to school by the end of next week (Friday 18th September). These remain at school until the half term break. The children **do not** need trainers this half term.
- Coat – please send a coat in **EVERY DAY**. We go outside even when it is wet!
- Water bottles – must contain 'plain' water not squash or flavoured water
- Milk – children will only be given milk if you have registered them with Cool Milk. The information for this was in your welcome pack. If you have misplaced this, please speak to the school office. Cool Milk only provide cows' milk so if your child requires an alternative you will need to provide this yourself.
- Name **EVERYTHING** please, including shoes!
- Wellies – each class has a welly rack, please bring some named wellies in and hook them on! The children need these to play in the digging pit and mud kitchen
- Getting messy – we have a variety of exciting and engaging activities for the children to access including painting, a digging area and a mud kitchen. The children are always encouraged to wear an apron to avoid getting too messy but sometimes learning and fun can result in a bit of mess!

From next week we will be sharing a Walk and Talk board with you each week. The purpose of these boards is to give you a small insight into what the children have been learning at school and some suggestions for conversation! These will also be uploaded onto the website under Year Group Info / Reception.

Some small requests!

Please could your child practise putting their coat on at home, including turning the sleeves out the right way. It can take us quite a long time to get outside to play and with only a few adults in class, we just don't have enough hands! We would really appreciate your support in helping your child to put their coat on independently.

Secondly, we will be starting PE but we are only taking our shoes and socks off. Please could your children practise taking their own shoes and socks off and then putting them back on again. In the PE lesson we will be using stories and music to develop our gross motor skills as well as mark making on large paper. You may find your child's creation in their book bags each Tuesday.

Lastly, please support your child to put their jumper on and take it off, independently. This includes turn it back the right way when it is inside out!

Dates for your diary

Please always check the school newsletter for dates. We have a few events coming up:

- Parents' lunch – more information to follow but the dates are:
 - Maple – Monday 21st September or Wednesday 23rd September
 - Sycamore – Tuesday 22nd September or Thursday 24th September
- Curriculum information for parents – Thursday 1st October 6.30-8pm

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Early Years team.

Mrs Elliott and the Early Years team