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## ***One family branching out together***

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a somewhat quieter half-term. We hope you enjoyed the snow whilst it lasted but agree that it's lovely to see some sunshine again!

As is often the case in a new year, we would like to welcome some new children to Burton Salmon School; Isabelle has started in Class 3, and Alex and Eleanor have joined the group of Nursery children in Class 1. We hope you all settle in well and enjoy making new friends.



**Young Voices** – our fabulous Burton Salmon choir are off to Sheffield Arena next Monday, accompanied by Mrs Titterington, to take part in the annual concert. Families should have now received everything in preparation for the big event – t-shirts, torches, and tickets.

Please let the office know if your child will be bringing a packed lunch from home to eat before leaving school in the morning, as well as one for the 5pm meal, or if they will be having a panini lunch at school. Thank you and good luck to our singers!

### **Latest news**



#### **Ukuleles in Class 2**

Mr Jonathan Hills has joined us as our weekly music teacher in Class 2 and is introducing the children to a new instrument – the ukulele. The children have started off by learning how to hold the ukulele, strumming, and basic co-ordination.

They are very able and quickly picking up how to follow Mr Hill's lead – it won't be long before they can perform a short piece as a group.





### School Parking

Hello

A regular complaint the Neighbourhood Policing Team receives is parking outside of schools during drop off and pick up times.

To ensure the safety of the children we ask all parents and guardians to adhere to parking restrictions set outside each school.

When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:

- Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.
- Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and ideally avoid parking opposite them.
- If you decide to park further away, please be considerate of residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways.



Dangerous parking outside school gates has long been an issue locally with repeated calls for patrols made to police on social media.

More patrols are set to be targeted as part of our patrol plan over the coming weeks.

Your assistance is appreciated with this matter.

### **Message Sent By**

Nicholas Woods

(Police, Police Constable, Selby)

North Yorkshire Community Messaging



### Class Newsletters

Over the past week, you should have received by email, your child's termly newsletter, with lots of relevant information about what's happening in each class and basic housekeeping. Please follow the links below to also view the letters on our school website:

[Class 1 EYFS Newsletter - Spring 2025 | Burton Salmon Primary School](#)

[Class 1 Year 1 Newsletter - Spring 2025 | Burton Salmon Primary School](#)

[Class 2 Newsletter - Spring 2025 | Burton Salmon Primary School](#)

[Class 3 Newsletter - Spring 2025 | Burton Salmon Primary School](#)

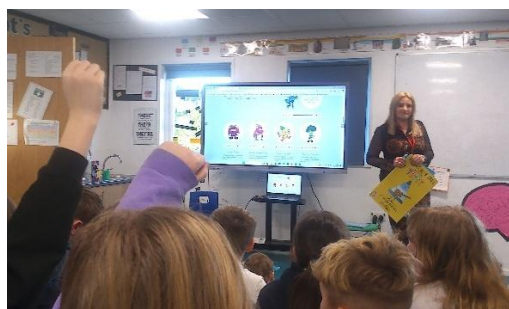
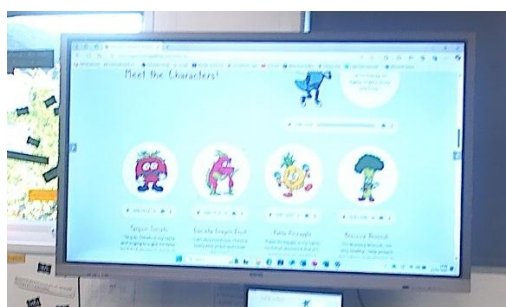


### Author visit

As part of a school federation tour, we were visited by an award-winning local children's author last week.

Christina Gabbittas lives in Yorkshire and loves promoting her books and sharing her love of reading and poetry with children. She launched her book, 'Welcome to The World of Felicity Fly' in 2012, which has since developed into a series of books.

*'Christina Gabbittas is an author that writes healthy books. She makes different voices, and she adds singing, and I think she is really inspiring, because she is an amazing storyteller. For the older children, she is writing a Year 10 book. She writes poems and very interesting stories about items of food and nature'* – enthused Darcie.



*'Christina Gabbittas writes books for children and beyond. She writes poems to introduce the characters and makes songs for each book. She inspires people to write about anything you want. She writes about what happened to her as a child and has currently written 14 books'* – reported Zoe.

Christina really enjoyed her visit and had this to say: *'I had an amazing time touring the four schools. Visiting as an author is an excellent opportunity to help foster a passion for reading. I truly believe in the magic of storytelling and the way it can animate characters. It's wonderful to see that the children still cherish the stories I wrote over a decade ago.'*

You can find out more about Christina by visiting: [Award Winning Children's Author | Christina Gabbittas](#)



### After-school curriculum clubs

A reminder below of some of the clubs we are offering this half-term. Please sign up and pay on ParentPay to book a place for your child. Unfortunately, the Cookery Club and Young Voices Club places have already been taken.

**All clubs finish at 4.30pm.**



- Monday's **Puzzle Club** will be run by Mrs Hindle and Mrs Newton. This is for children in Year 1 to Year 3 and will run for 5 weeks.
- Mr Bealey will continue to run the free **Year 6 SATs Club** on Mondays.
- The Tuesday **Cookery Club**, run by Mrs Smith is open to children from Year 1 to Year 6.
- First Step PE will be hosting a **Hockey Club** for children in Year 2 to Year 6, on Tuesdays.
- Miss Morgan is starting a **First Aid Fun Club** on Wednesdays, for children in Years 3 to 6.
- On Thursdays, Mrs Titterington will be running **Young Voices/Karaoke Club** for those children in Year 3 to Year 6 who have already signed up, and this will start on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January for 6 weeks.

Day	Club	Teaching Staff	Year groups	Maximum places	Cost
Monday	<b>SATs Club for Y6 pupils</b> (3.30pm – 4.30pm)	Mr Bealey	Year 6	9 x current Y6	<b>Free of charge for 5 sessions</b>
Monday	<b>Puzzle Club</b> (3.30pm – 4.30pm)	Mrs Hindle and Mrs Newton	Y1 to Y3	16 places	£4.00 per week <b>£20 per 5 weeks</b>
Tuesday	<b>Cookery Club</b> (3.30pm – 4.30pm)	Mrs Smith	Y1 to Y6	10 places	£4.00 per week <b>£20 per 5 weeks</b>
Tuesday	<b>Hockey Club</b> (3.30pm – 4.30pm)	First Step PE	Y2 to Y6	20 places	£4.00 per week <b>£20 per 5 weeks</b>
Wednesday	<b>First Aid Fun Club</b> (3.30pm – 4.30pm)	Miss Morgan	Y3 to Y6	10 places	£4.00 per week <b>£20 per 5 weeks</b>
Thursday	<b>Young Voices Club</b> (3.30pm – 4.30pm)	Mrs Titterington	Y3 to Y6	10 places already allocated	£4.00 per week <b>£24 per 6 weeks</b>

**\*Nursery children are unfortunately unable to take part in after-school activities, due to limitations on staff to pupil ratios and Reception children aren't usually invited to sign-up until the summer term. \***

Please note that our Orchard OOSC sessions still run daily until 4.30pm or 5.30pm if required. Please book places via the school office. Thank you.

Spaces are on a first come, first served basis, and can be reserved by booking and paying for the clubs on ParentPay, which will be set up shortly.

#### Upcoming events

#### Selby SEND Hub drop-in's

**Selby SEND Hub**  
**Early Years SEND Drop-in's**  
**on**  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 12.00-1.00pm**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 12.00-1.00pm**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 12.00-1.00pm**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 12.00-1.00pm**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 12.00-1.00pm**

Please feel free to book a TEAM'S appointment with your SEND Hub,  
 Early Development Specialist Teacher (EDST) on any of the above dates  
 within the specified times This is an opportunity for you to speak directly with your

**EDST for HKRC about any SEND related queries**  
**Each appointment will be for a maximum of 30 minutes.**

**To book your appointment at the next 'Drop In' email [lorayne.farrington@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:lorayne.farrington@northyorks.gov.uk)**  
**Please ensure that your email is received by the previous Wednesday including a sentence about what you would like to discuss. You will then be emailed your allocated time slot to speak to your EDST via TEAMS.**



### **School Photographs**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, Phototronics will be heading over to us to take our annual individual, sibling, class, and Year 6 photos. **Please can you ensure that your children come to school in full school uniform.** If you have pre-school children and would like them to be part of a family photograph, please come along to school from 8.30am. Thank you.



### **Open Classroom events**

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, Class 2 will be opening their doors and inviting Parents and Carers to come into school from 2.45pm to share some Valentine's activities.

Class 1 are going to follow suit on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February and invite their Parents and carers in to focus on a Valentine's themed event. Please come along from 2.45pm for this fun session.



### **Severe Weather and Emergency Contact:**



In the case of the school having to close for severe weather or an emergency, please be assured that you will be notified by a text message. This may be in the evening or the morning, as we wait for staff to arrive on site and ensure it's safe for families to bring children in. This is our quickest and most direct method of contacting you.



### **PE Kits – a reminder of what is acceptable within school**

We have received updated guidance from NYC about the wearing of jewellery in PE, swimming, and PE-based after-school clubs. All jewellery including watches, bracelets and earrings **MUST** either be removed at home before coming into school or before the activity starts by the child themselves in school.

*The National guidance has always been that no jewellery should be worn in PE and that includes swimming and physical activity. It is not safe to cover earrings / studs / sleepers with tape. The reason is both because of the potential tearing of the ear lobe, but also the chance that the post of the earring could damage the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain. There have been cases of children wearing earrings / studs with plasters over being hit by a ball or coming off worse in a collision and having nasty injuries as a consequence.*

*The school has the higher-level duty of care and cannot be put in the situation of looking after their child without exercising that duty of care, as dictated by national guidance.*

*Our Uniform policies will be updated to reflect this national guidance.*

Please comply with our policy as follows:

**For PE lessons (indoor and outdoor) • A plain or embroidered white or school colour (can also be navy at Burton Salmon) short-sleeved, round neck t-shirt • Plain black or navy shorts of any style • A plain navy or black tracksuit/sweatshirt top (not a 'hoodie' top) and bottoms OR a plain navy or black crew neck sweatshirt (available from MyClothing) • Trainers • All items to be kept in a named PE kitbag please.**

[For all your uniform needs, quality assured Burton Salmon Community Prim... \(myclothing.com\)](#)

### Drinks in school

It is important that children please bring in a named water bottle daily. These can be refilled throughout the day at our plumbed-in water station. Please only send in water (in a plastic drinks bottle – not glass) and **not** juice etc, as this goes against our Healthy School's policy which can be found on the school website: [Food Policy - Autumn 2022 | Burton Salmon Primary School \(burtonsalmonschool.org.uk\)](#)



### Children's illnesses

Please consider if your child has just a cough and snuffle, i.e., a normal cold, they are fine to come to school. If they have an elevated temperature, or have tested positive for Covid, guidance is for them to stay off school. If your child does test positive for Covid, we recommend that they stay off school for 3 days and can return when they no longer have an elevated temperature and can manage a full day at school.



**Pupil absences:** it is important that you please make sure you telephone or email the school **before 9am** to notify us of any child absence, with a reason. Equally, we ask if your child is unwell and you have called on the first day of their absence, we also require a call on each subsequent day until they are well enough to be back in school. If we do not receive any communication, by phone or email, we start our process of contacting all the contacts allocated to your child and if we



still have not received any information, the Children Missing in Education protocol is triggered. A child that arrives after our registration time of 9am, but before 9.10am receives a late mark – L. A child who arrives late after 9.10am, will be registered with a late after registers mark – U. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

A reminder of our school **Pupil Attendance Policy for reporting absences due to illness** which can be found by following this link: [pupil-attendance-policy-autumn-2022.pdf \(burtonsalmonschool.org.uk\)](#)

Parents are asked to inform the school office by telephone or email by 9am each day a child is unwell and will not be attending school.

- **A child who has been given antibiotics should be kept away from school for the first 48 hours of treatment.**
- A child who has been sick or who has diarrhoea should also be kept away from school until the child has been clear of the problem for 48 hours.
- Medical/dental appointments should be attended out of school hours, however where this is not possible the school will require notification prior to the absence. When a child is absent for a medical appointment it is expected that they will return to school immediately following the appointment. Please contact the office for further guidance on specific illnesses and required length of absence.

**It is crucial that parents please adhere to this procedure to ensure that all pupils are safe and their whereabouts accounted for.**

### Medicines in school including inhalers



If you require your child to have medicine administered during a school day (including asthma inhalers), please complete a '**Parental Request for Medicine in School**' form, which is available from the school office. We are not allowed to administer any medicine without this being completed fully and signed by a parent/carer and the Head of School. If your child requires a course of antibiotics for example, over a period of a few days, please ensure that the medicine is handed directly into the school office each morning. **Whilst we can administer Calpol (or similar Paracetamol-based medicines), we are not insured to administer any Ibuprofen medication sent in, unless a doctor prescribes this.**

### OOSC – Pippins and Orchard Club drop-offs and collections

For Pippins Breakfast Club, you can, but you do not need to book ahead. **Children must be brought to the door by an adult, signed in and handed over to a member of staff; please do not park on the road and allow your child to enter the school grounds by themselves.**



\*\*For Pippins Breakfast Club, please ring the OOSC doorbell as normal, at the red playground door, then enter the green gate at the side of Class 3 next to the field. Please walk down to the Class 3 side door and your child(ren) can be signed in. **\*Please also note that breakfast is served up until 8.30am; if you are dropping off your child after this time, please ensure that your child has already had breakfast at home.** We have extended the slightly earlier drop-off time of 7.45am to Wednesdays (as well as Thursdays and Fridays). This earlier time will incur an extra £1.00, setting the price at £5.00 a session from 7.45am to 8.50am. From 8am until 8.50am the charge will remain at £4.00. Please let the office know if you think you might like to take advantage of this additional service. Thank you.

For Orchard After-School Club, please ring the OOSC doorbell as normal, at the red playground door, then enter the green gate at the side of Class 3 next to the field. Please walk down to the Class 3 side door and your child(ren) will be brought by Mrs Hindle, Miss Morgan, or Mrs Titterington to be collected and signed out by Parents/Carers by **5.30pm**.

**Polite reminder: if you have booked a place at Orchard Club but collect your child at the end of the school day without notifying the office, you will still be charged. We need to know of any cancellations before 12 noon, otherwise a charge of £5.00 will be added to your child's ParentPay account.**

**All payments are usually added to ParentPay within the same week.**



### **ParentPay**

Please can parents and carers check your child's ParentPay balances and ensure that any outstanding amounts are cleared. **Across the federation, there is an agreed maximum debt per child, which is £30.00.** This includes payment for any swimming lessons, nursery fees, school dinners, after-school clubs and out of school club payments. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Helen Obridge  
Admin Officer

### **Important dates for your diary**

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Young Voices concert at Sheffield Utilita Stadium
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School Photos – Individual and Class photographs
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Mrs Hall visiting with Twig
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Class 2 – Open Classroom from 2.45pm – 3.30pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Class 1 – Open Classroom from 2.45pm – 3.30pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Break up for half-term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	School reopens
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	World Book Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Class 2 trip to Magna – Sheffield Science Adventure Centre
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Comic Relief Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Parent's Evening Consultations – 3.40pm – 6pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Parent's Evening Consultations – 3.40pm – 6pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Break up for Easter

### **Training Days for the Academic year 2024 -2025**

Please note that the remaining two NYC allocated Training Day for the academic year 24/25 are:

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**



## Message from PCSO Spooner re: e-Scooters

This information is for riders of privately-owned electric scooters, or e-scooters.

### E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles

- They are a form of powered transport and are classed as motor vehicles by the Road Traffic Act
- You need at least a provisional driving licence and insurance to use one on a road or public place. Approved hire schemes ensure that riders have these things in place
- Personal users are unlikely to get insurance, so are only allowed to use their e-scooter on private land.

### Riders who break the rules are dealt with like any other motorist

- Riders who do not have insurance could get six penalty points and a £300 fine. If a rider is under the influence of drink or drugs they can be arrested and lose their driving licence.

### The rules apply to everyone

- The rules apply to adults and under 18s. If a child is stopped riding an e-scooter in a public place, we will provide advice to them and their parents. If this advice is ignored we may take further action.

### Police have the power to seize illegally-ridden e-scooters

- If riders break the rules, police can seize their e-scooter. They'd be liable for a fee of at least £150 to reclaim it and will need to show proof of insurance.



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## Electric scooters



Information for riders of  
privately-owned e-scooters



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# TIKTOK

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Adults tend to associate online videos with YouTube – but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a stream of short clips tailored to users' interests, based on what they've already watched. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while much of the content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where youngsters "were most likely to encounter a potential harm".

## AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's following feed only displays videos from familiar creators, for you is a collection based on a user's previously watched clips. Most of these videos will probably be inoffensive, but the app could potentially show something unsuitable. If children then engage with this content, more like it will follow. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount inevitably slips through.

## BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

According to Ofcom, most online harms for teens are body image related for girls (promoting unhealthy eating, body shaming and so on) and dangerous stunts for boys. Both are prevalent on TikTok. One extreme example of the latter was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. This led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

## IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase gifts for content creators. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £89; while that may not sound appealing, the app still generated £7.9 billion in user spending in 2023. TikTok's policy is that under-18s can't make in-app purchases, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birth date.

## CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With more than 1.5 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables anyone to download or comment on them.

## MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the short videos on TikTok tend to be more frivolous than the longer ones on YouTube, clips can still influence impressionable minds in a negative way. Not only is there plenty of dangerous misinformation on TikTok, but Ofcom reports that nearly a third of 12 to 15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source – so you should be wary of misogynistic, racist or conspiracy-themed material shaping how they see the world.

## ADDICTIVE DESIGN

With its constant stream of eye-catching videos, TikTok can be addictive to young brains. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the app, that's twice as much as in 2020. Excessive use can interfere with young people's sleep patterns – often leading to irritability – and distract them from other, healthier activities. The instantly skippable nature of bite-size videos may also impact children's ability to maintain focus.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's, and control settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen-time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure that they don't share any identifying personal information, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's also worth talking about misinformation and propaganda, and how to identify it.

### BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter their settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend enabling this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins to unlock more features of the app – sometimes without even realising.

### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

### Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



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