



*"Working Together, Learning Forever"*

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear parent/carer,

### **Welcome back**

A Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had a pleasant Christmas holiday period. There are lots of things to look forward to this term including parent/carer consultation meetings with teachers, residential trips and St. David's Day. I have included all key dates for you at the end of this letter. I am pleased to share our work on our behaviour development plan and there will be regular behaviour management tips shared with you. I hope you find these useful and informative. I look forward to seeing you around the school and your continued support in making sure our children get the best education possible.

### **New Behaviour Development Plan 2026**

We take a pride in the behaviour of our pupils and adults in Burlais. As our Estyn inspection in September 2024 stated:

**Burlais Primary School is safe, secure and welcoming. A strong sense of pride, respect and purpose permeates the school and, as a result, most pupils are happy and attend school regularly. Across the school, pupils behave exceptionally well and engage with their learning enthusiastically.**

Over the coming year, we will be working with the 'When the Adults Change, Everything Changes' team to extend our policies, procedures and practices in this area.

As a school, we are committed to teaching positive behaviours and supporting your children to meet our high expectations. Our inclusive learning environment has been created by adult behaviour that is both strong on boundaries and big on heart.

We are delighted that the work we follow in school has been made accessible to families, and over the next few months we will be sharing some behaviour ideas in our newsletter.

There are also monthly live events you can attend online. There is an hour-long 'Behaviour Bookclub' session, hosted by Charlotte Clarke from When The Adults Change, online at 8:00pm on the last Thursday of each month. You can find the joining link for the Behaviour Bookclub [here](#)

If you'd like to learn more about the approach, you can buy a copy of 'When The Parents Change, Everything Changes' online.

Our new school rules based on the 3 key areas of Ready, Respectful and Safe are included at the bottom of this newsletter.

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## Ready, Respectful & Safe –‘The Burlais Way’

<b>Ready</b>	<b>You should:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrive prepared to learn with a ‘growth mind set’</li> <li>• Bring the correct equipment/resources needed e.g. reading book, P.E. kit etc.</li> <li>• Sit sensibly, listen and be ready to learn</li> </ul>
<b>Respectful</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treat yourself and others with kindness and consideration, including good manners e.g. please and thank you</li> <li>• Display good sitting, listening and follow instructions</li> <li>• Respect the school environment and everyone in it</li> </ul>
<b>Safe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make choices that keep yourself and others safe, including online</li> <li>• Be a good role model to others by behaving responsibly</li> <li>• Follow the safety rules and procedures</li> </ul>

### Key dates this term

15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January – fluoride teeth varnish for pupils Nursery to Year 2

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January – After school clubs start back up. All pupils will need to be collected at the end, including Y5 and Y6.

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Y4 residential visit to the Urdd in Cardiff

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number day, wear something with a number on. £1 voluntary contribution for the charity

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – last day before the half term holidays. Valentine’s disco and non-uniform day (no cost)

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Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – pupils start back after the half term holidays

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February – St. David's Day celebrations in school. Wear something red or national costume.

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 residential visit to Llangrannog

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's day stall with gifts to buy, run by the PTFA

W/C Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March -parent/carers consultation meetings with teachers. Your child's class teacher will contact you with an appointment date and time

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term before the Easter holidays. Non-uniform day (no cost)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – INSET day. School closed to pupils but open to staff.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – pupils start back after the Easter holidays

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