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Dear Families,

It has been another busy term at Burton Bradstock School with lots happening since the Christmas break. We have been really lucky with the weather this term and we have enjoyed being out and about in our community and beyond. If you don't already, please follow our Facebook page for regular updates as well as our weekly Burton Bulletin for important dates and information.

Easter 2025

This year, we have been observing lent in school in our RE lessons across the school on the theme of Salvation. In collective worship, we have been looking at the values of Love and Hope and how these have been shown in the Easter story. Finally, in the past week all classes have visited St. Mary's church for Experience Easter which was kindly set up by members of our Chaplaincy group using resources made by the children in last week's beach team day. Different aspects of the story have been set out around the church, please do visit over the holidays if you get the chance.

School Improvement Plan

As you are aware, this year, our School Improvement Plan focuses on several key areas that will enhance the learning journey of our pupils. Assessment results and teacher assessments show that our work in Grammar, Punctuation, and Spelling (GPS) is having a positive impact on our pupils. This focus will continue into the summer term.

In Mathematics, our White Rose mixed-age mathematics scheme is having an impact in classes across the school. For our older pupils, there has been a focus on revision of topics covered across KS2. In Y4 our pupils are focusing on learning their times tables in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check at the end of the year. We are continuing to closely monitor the impact of our curriculum through regular classroom observations and pupil conferencing.

Our broader curriculum subjects will continue to be a focus as we look to replicate the work that we have done with our core curriculum (Reading, Writing and Maths). Alongside other schools in the trust we are reviewing how we assess these subjects and ensure children retain core knowledge.

Reading

It has been great to see so many children achieving reading certificates in celebration worships over the past term. We have had some children who have already read over 175 times this year! Reading at home is proven to make a difference to children's outcomes and we thank you for your continued support in this important area.



**Attendance**

Our current attendance rate at Burton is 95.3%. This has dropped over the past term as we have been affected by a number of viruses including Chicken Pox! If you are unsure whether to send your child to school due to illness, please see the following advice from the NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>.

Safeguarding

Should you have any concerns about a child, no matter how small they may seem, please do not hesitate to bring them to my attention as Designated Safeguarding Lead or to Mrs Varndell-Paulley as Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

I hope you have a great Easter break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Wednesday 23rd April.

Best wishes,

Adam Gough
Headteacher