Burton Bulletin

Burton Bradstock CE Primary School

Week Commencing Mon 2nd November 2026

Monday	**INSET DAY**
Tuesday	**Children return to school** **Running Club- 8.00-8.40am** **Owls author visit to Colfox (am)** **Kingfishers Tree Workshop (pm)** **3.30pm-5.30pm - SEN parent consultations**
Wednesday	**Choir - lunchtime** **NO Celebration Worship**
Thursday	
Friday	**Running Club 08.00-08.40am** **Philip Ardargh - author visiting school** **KS2 Leisure Centre**

FUTURE DIARY DATES

Mon 2nd November- INSET DAY

Tues 3rd November - SEN parent consultations

Tues 10th, Wednesday 11th November - Parent consultations

Weds 11th November - Coffee Stop in Village Hall 10-12

Weds 9th December - Rocksteady Concert 9.30am

Thursday 10th December- Christmas Jumper day

Sun 13th December- Friends Christmas Fair 1-4pm

Tues 15th December - Local Food Links Christmas lunch

Weds 16th December - Christmas production at Freshwater 6pm

Thurs 17 December- Christmas Service in the church 9.15am

For 2026-2027 Term, Inset & Holiday Dates : Click Here

A note from our head

Message from Mrs Varndell-Paulley

It was brilliant to see so many families at the church for our Harvest Service yesterday. Technology was against us but, despite these challenges, the children were absolutely superb with their speaking and unaccompanied singing!

As we reach the end of this first half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a fantastic start to the academic year. Time has certainly flown by!

Thank you, as always, to you, our families, for your ongoing support and partnership—it plays a vital role in making our school community so special. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to our dedicated staff team for their hard work and commitment.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Scriven today as she moves to her new job. Mrs Scriven has been a wonderful member of our school community - enriching our school with her many talents. We will all miss Mrs Scriven and wish her the very best in the future.

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful and well-deserved half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for the term ahead, on Tuesday 3rd November.

Should you have any concerns, queries or comments, please do speak with me on the gate or via email (office@burtonbradstockprimary.org).

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Varndell-Paulley

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Notices

Remembrance

The Royal British Legion has kindly provided a selection of poppies and related items for us to sell in support of the Poppy Appeal. Our year 6s will visit the classrooms after half term with the items available for donations. The items and donation box will also be displayed in the school foyer during Parent Consultations.
Suggested donation amounts:
Slap bands - £1
Wristbands - £1
Reflectors - 50p
Remembrance poppy - 20p

Attendance - is my child too ill for school?

As we head into the winter months, there will be more coughs and colds doing the rounds. Please refer to the "NHS's"Is my child too ill for school? guidance and this DfE animation. Children with a cold or a minor illness are usually well enough to attend school. Consistent daily attendance is essential for academic success, as missing school creates critical gaps in learning that can disrupt your child's ongoing educational progress. If you are unsure whether or not your child is well enough to be in school, please refer to this NHS guidance or contact the school office.

Illness, Absence and Staying Healthy Video Link

PE days

Children should come to school in their PE kit on the following days:
The Nest - Wednesdays
Robins - Mondays and Tuesdays
Kingfishers - Tuesdays (outdoor learning) and Fridays
Owls - Thursdays and Fridays

KS2 will continue to go to the Leisure Centre on Friday afternoons and Owls will still be swimming.

PE kit should include a navy t-shirt (school branded or plain), black leggings or shorts, a school jumper or hoodie and trainers.

Outdoor learning

Kingfishers will be doing outdoor learning on Tuesday afternoons, instead of PE. They should come to school dressed in their PE kit. For outdoor learning, children need long trousers, a waterproof coat and trousers and wellies. Names wellies can be left in school on our welly boot racks. As we head into the winter months, it would be advisable to send children with warm layers, including a hat and gloves.

Notices Continued

Coffee Stop - Weds 11th November

Our village coffee stop is on Wednesday 11th November. We would be very grateful for donations of cakes for the coffee stop. If you are able to donate a cake, please let the office know what cake you will be donating by Wednesday 4th November.

Retirement

Our bus driver, Graham, will be retiring at the end of October. Today's journey home will be the last that he does for our families. We thank Graham for his dedication to our school community and we wish him a happy retirement.

Celebration worship

It has been wonderful to welcome so many families to our celebration worship this half term, thank you so much for supporting the school. There will be NO celebration worship for the first two weeks after half term - Wednesday 4th and Wednesday 11th November.

Arbor maximum limit

Please ensure that any outstanding payments on Arbor are made by the end of October. From after half term, there will be a £30 limit on outstanding payments. This means that, if you reach your £30 limit, you will not be able to book any further activities until this amount is cleared.

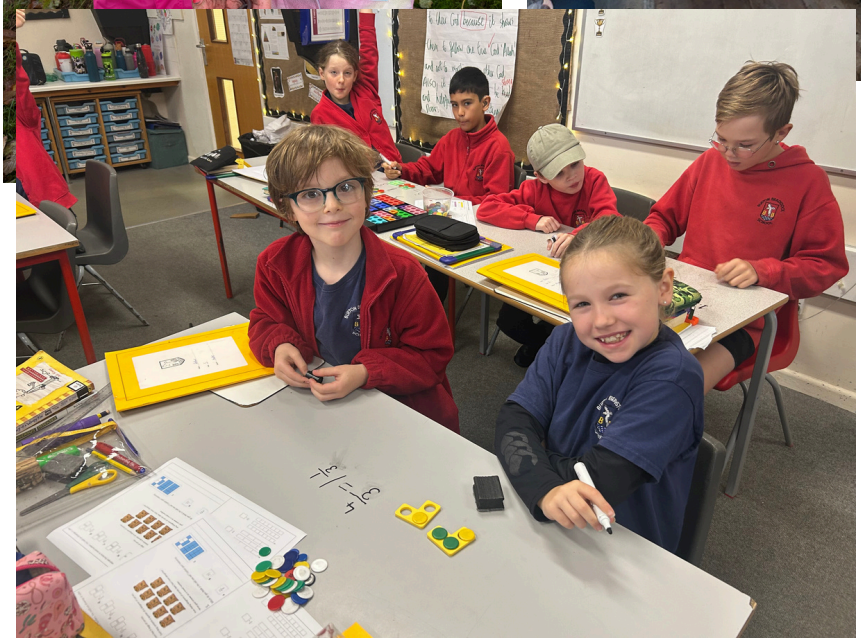
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Reading Game:
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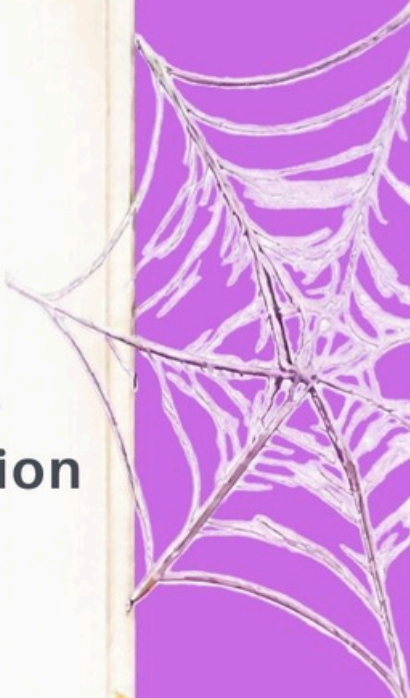
With artist Rowan Beecham.
Inspired by Dr Roberts exhibition
"The Poor Man's Friend"



27TH OCTOBER

11 am - 3 pm
Salt House, West Bay

Free entry -
donations welcome





The King's Award for Voluntary Service

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Free children activities

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11am-4pm

Spider Hunt.

Halloween colouring.

Potions and crafts workshop on 27th October, 11 am - 3 pm, Salt House.

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DATES:
Monday
26th October 2026
Tuesday
27th October 2026

TIMES:
8:00am – 3:30pm
(Drop off from 8:00am, collection by 3:30pm)

LOCATION:
Salway Ash CE VA Primary School
1 Silverdale,
Salway Ash, Bridport,
Dorset, DT6 5JE

PRICE:
Standard Day
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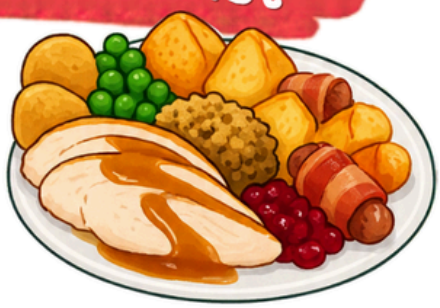
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CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday 15th December 2026

Roast British Turkey & Mini Pig in Blanket

Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables,
Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce & Gravy



or

Festive Vegetable Wellington



with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables,
Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce & Gravy

Christmas Chocolate
Cookie or Satsuma



Order online by midnight on Tuesday 8th December

Free for all KS1 & eligible KS2/3 pupils

COFFEE STOP

Our village coffee stop is on

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

We would be very grateful for donations of cakes for the coffee stop.

If you are able to donate a cake, please let the office know what cake you will be donating by Wednesday 4th November.



From Source to Sea

with the churches of the Bride Valley and Chesil

Weekly News: 18th October 2026 – Luke the Apostle

Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to all those worshipping with us today and during the week.

Our ministry team:

Revd Andrew Rawding (Rector)
Revd. Ryder Rogers
LWL Vicky Thomas
LWL Paul Cheater
LWL Diana Ludlow

Occasional visiting clergy:
Revd Edward Tildesley
Revd Canon John Wood
Revd Carole Peters-King
LLM Paul Rendell

SERVICES TODAY

9.30 am	**Burton Bradstock**	Café Church
	Litton Cheney	Morning Worship
	Long Bredy	Morning Worship
	Langton Herring	Holy Communion
10.00 am	**Abbotsbury**	Holy Communion
11.00 am	**Portesham**	Holy Communion
1.00 pm	**Puncknowle**	Pilgrimage of Peace
4.00 pm	**Chilcombe**	Harvest Festival
6.00 pm	**Swyre**	Evening Prayer

25th October: Bible Sunday

8.00 am	**Burton Bradstock**	Holy Communion
9.30 am	**Burton Bradstock**	Family Breakfast
11.00 am	**Littlebredy**	Holy Communion
	Shipton Gorge	Holy Communion
	Puncknowle	Café Church
3.00 pm	**Corton**	Harvest Festival
6.00 pm	**Langton Herring**	Outdoor Service

Psalm: 119: 9-16 OT: Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 8-12
NT: Colossians 3: 12-17 Gospel: Matthew 24: 30-35

For our prayers:

We have much to celebrate this week, including:

- The successful realisation of the finance required so that the window project at Swyre church can begin

We are most grateful for:

- Our flower arrangers who work to decorate our churches especially at harvest time
- Our ministry team and those visiting clergy/LLMs supporting our Benefice

Specially in our prayers this week:

- Our Benefice as we pray about the advertisement and appointment of a new house for duty priest, *now advertised on the Diocesan website*
- Those anxious or fearful living in situations of natural or man-made disasters or war
- Those suffering and waiting for treatment of long waiting lists
- Those who find each day exhausting, looking for direction and safety
- Littlebredy and all who live and work there in times of uncertainty
- Recently bereaved families and friends especially those of *Jenny Malyon*

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Picture News For Parents



October 2026

Hello!

It'sKatie from Picture News here. If you're reading this newsletter, your child's school usesour weekly news resources, so I thought it'd be helpful to fill you in on everything Picture News schools have been up to this half term! Let's get started...

News Recap

Each Picture News resource focuses on a 'Big Question', to encourage deeper thinking and discussion around news stories. Let's look back at some of the topics we've explored this half term...

Learning from Dolly: What can help us feel hopeful about a new beginning?



Dolly Parton re-recorded a song to raise money for charity, showing how revisiting something from the past can have a fresh impact. Coinciding with the new school year, children considered how they can build on their earlier experiences, take on new challenges, and make a positive di erence.

Homelessness: Do we all have a part to play in helping those in need?



Prime Minister Andy Burnham pledged to o er everyone sleeping rough in England a safe place to stay by Christmas. Children thought about times when people need the help of others, what that help might look like, and why asking for help and telling a safe adult when we are worried about someone can matter.

School Lunches: Who should decide what we have for school lunch?



News of healthier changes to school dinner rules was the focus of this resource. Children thought about how decisions are made, discussing personal choice and shared responsibility, and the factors schools consider when providing meals.

AI: Do we need AI wherever we go?



The announcement of the new Meta Muse Charm led to thought-provoking conversations in schools about whether AI is useful and when might we be better o without it. Children discussed AI's potential and limits, and how much technology should play a part in our lives.

Tip!

Explore our Discussion Board together at home, to share thoughts on the Big Question and find out what other children say about the stories.

VISIT THE DISCUSSION BOARD

Allergy Awareness Support



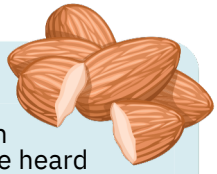
The new school year has brought new changes to allergy safety rules for schools across England. To help, we've hosted a range of Allergy Awareness Live Assemblies. The recordings are below, in case you'd like to watch together at home too!



Allergies Live Assembly with the Sadie Bristow Foundation

Clare Bristow and 14-year-old Reuben joined around 1 million children to explore what allergies are, what it's like to experience them, and how we can help keep each other safe.

REWATCH THE SESSION HERE



Being Allergy Allies! Primary Live Assembly

We explored more about allergies, with interactive quizzes and discussions. We heard from Lucy, who told us what it's like to live with coeliac disease, and shared how her friends and teachers helped to keep her safe.

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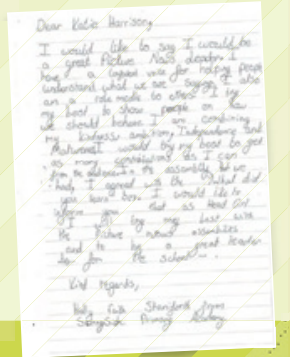
Picture News Pioneers!



Earlier this term, Picture News founder Katie Harrison led an online session teaching children about how they can become Picture News Pioneers, and lead their own assemblies and discussions in school!

We've been inundated with lovely letters from children, explaining why they'd be good Picture News leaders..

If these letters are anything to go by, we're in safe hands with the next generation of leaders!



Read some of the letters and learn more about why schools are introducing Picture News Pioneers here!

AI and schools: What's happening?

With news of the first-ever teacher of AI in a Scottish secondary school, and questions of how we can use AI responsibly amid new product launches like the Meta Muse Charm, AI has been an ongoing topic of conversation in and out of the classroom.





With 56% of children aged 8-17 using AI, we've been investigating how AI is impacting children and teachers. **Take a look at our recent post to find out more here.**

This half term, teachers and pupils have talked openly about AI with the help of our Picture News pack. Together we explored the new Meta Muse Charm, and asked children, "Do we need AI wherever we go?"

What did your children think?

Let us know via the Discussion Board here.

Bye for now!

That's all from me for now. I hope you have a wonderful time together during the half term holidays.

Another edition of Picture News for Parents will be published at the end of Autumn 2, but in the meantime you can keep up with all-things Picture News on our socials (linked below).

And as always, any questions or feedback are welcome!

Speak soon,

Katie, Editor
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