Burchetts Green CE Infant School

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for attending our Parent Consultation meetings over the past two weeks. It has been great to see you in school, finding out how the children are doing. Thank you for your comments on the parent questionnaire – we value all feedback.

Children have been doing some brilliant learning around school to round off our topic of Explorers and Journeys - Snowy Owls and Barn Owls have enjoyed being creative through our topic and designing these striking hot air balloon journeys in their Art lessons!
On the next page you will find a selection of some of the fab Brainbuilders books from last week – the children are so proud of their collaborative work and enjoy sharing what they have created with you.

On Pages 6 and 7 you will see information about our upcoming Fireworks event - tickets for this FOBGS evening on Sunday 8th November are on sale **here** so don't miss out on the fun on Bonfire Night

Have a restful half term and we will see you back at school on Tuesday 3rd November, all ready for our new topic of Toys!

Cat Dale

THE GOLDEN GALLERY

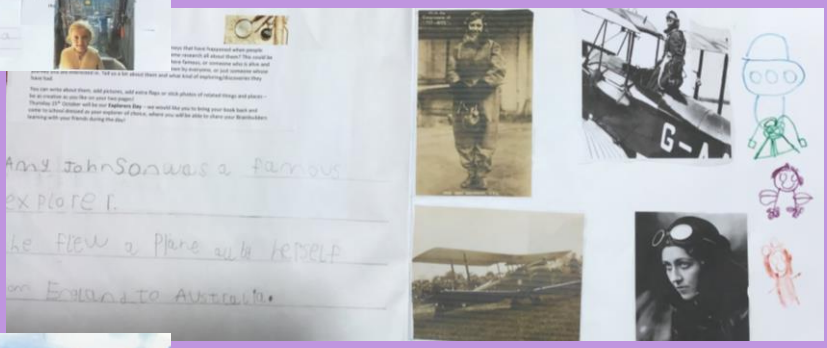




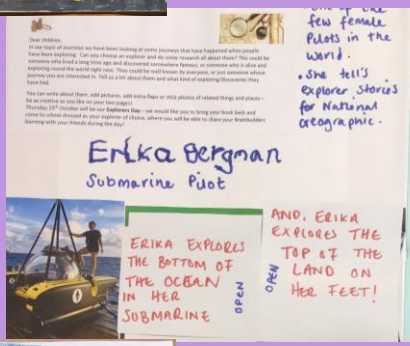
Some of the fantastic Journeys Artwork from Snowy and Barn Owls this term!

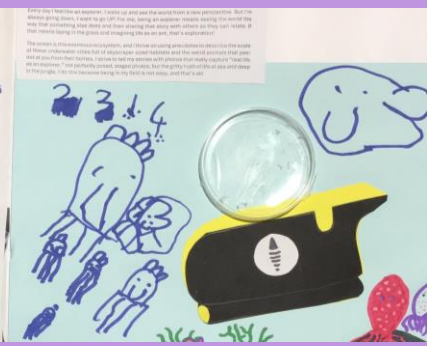
Brainbuilders work!

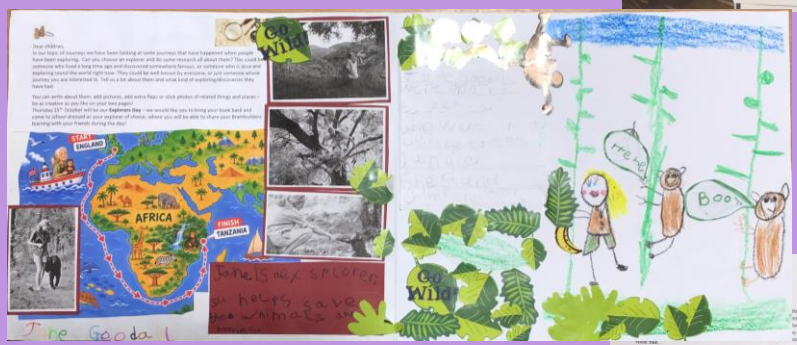


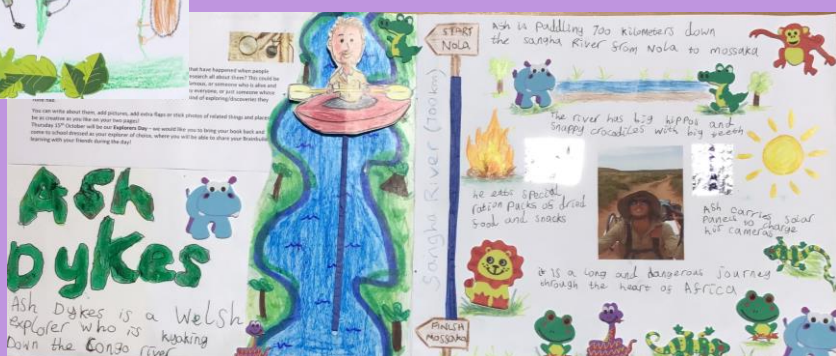












Updates and Information

Parking

Please remember that the school car park is mainly for staff only. Under exceptional circumstances, parents are permitted to use the car park. Please speak to the School Office if you need to use it. **Any permitted users must reverse park into a space. This is for the safety of pedestrians.**

When parking on the road, please park facing the direction of travel and completely on the road. The pavement is very narrow so please do not park on the kerb.

Uniform

Our school uniform is:

- Purple V-necked jumper or cardigan bearing school embroidered logo
- White shirt or blouse (long or short sleeved)
- School Tie (with white shirt) optional
- Grey trousers/shorts or School's tartan skirt/pinafore dress
- Purple/white check dress (summer)
- Grey socks (with trousers/shorts)
- Plain grey tights (with pinafore/skirt)
- White socks (with purple/white check dress (summer)
- Black shoes or sandals (not opened toed)

No jewellery please - children with pierced ears may wear stud earrings only but it is preferable that these are removed (or taped up) on P.E. days and removed for swimming.

Walk to School – come along!

Great to see so many children and adults this week, the rain only added to the excitement! Next walk to school is Tuesday 3rd November, our first day back after half term.





Tawny Owls mud kitchen

We are updating our kitchen and this is the perfect time of year to collect any interesting natural objects while you're out on walks to add to our pots and pans. We are also looking for some spoons, small tins or old cutlery if you have any you are looking to throw out.

Amazon wishlist

We have a Burchetts Green wishlist on Amazon if you're ever in a shopping mood. We are vey grateful for everything we receive! https://amzn.eu/0hWuFinl

PLEASE SEE A LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES ON THE NEXT PAGE

Living Life in all its fullness – an opportunity to flourish (John 10:10)

Our vision!

Information

UPCOMING DATES (new dates in bold)		
Date	Event	Classes
Friday 23rd October	INSET Day – school closed to children	All Classes
Monday 2nd November	INSET Day – school closed to children	All Classes
Tuesday 3rd November	Term 2 begins (Toy Story)	All Classes
Friday 6th November	Swimming lessons begin for Barn Owls (6 weeks)	Barn Owls
Friday 6th November	**Non uniform day – bright colours for Diwali and fireworks! Please bring a bottle for our Fireworks Night bottle tombola.**	**All classes**
Sunday 8th November	FOBGS Fireworks evening, from 4pm	All welcome!
Thursday 3rd December	**History of Toys Lego workshops**	**All Classes**
Thursday 10th December	Whole school theatre trip to Norden Farm Arts Centre	All Classes
Tuesday 15th December	Nativity Performance at Jubilee Church (children will be at the church all day. Performance to family members at 2pm)	All Classes
Friday 18th December	End of Term 2 (finishing at 1.15pm)	All Classes
Monday 4th January	INSET Day – school closed to children	All Classes
Tuesday 5th January	Term 3 begins	All Classes

#JustOneThing Check your tyre pressure for the planet!

It sounds small. It's not. Tyres low on air drag more on the road. Your engine works harder and burns more fuel. Even a small drop in pressure can raise fuel use by around 3% which over time, really adds up.

For those of us who don't have an electric car, Burning fuel means releasing CO2. Every litre of petrol you burn puts about 2.3kg of CO2 into the air. A typical car covering the UK average mileage could waste around 25 litres of fuel a year on soft tyres. That's close to 60kg of CO2 for no reason, from one driver.



Here's how to do it.

Find the right pressure for your car. It's in the handbook, or on a sticker inside the driver's door or fuel flap.

Check when the tyres are cold, so before a drive or after the car has sat for a while. You can do this at the garage air machine or use a bike tyre pump will have a pressure gauge. When you're filling up your car fill up to the required amount on each tyre.

The most important step is making this a habit so take your phone out and use the reminders app to set a monthly or bi-monthly reminder, (TyreSafe recommends checking at least once a month), to check your tyre pressure.

It's simple but it's another #JustOneThing you can do for the planet.

Fireworks Fun!



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The Big Future survey

I am getting in touch personally, as Children's Commissioner, to ask for your help in making sure the children and young people at Burchetts Green CofE Infants' School have the opportunity to take part in my national survey, *The Big Future*.

With hundreds of thousands of children and young people already taking part across England, I would like to make sure as many of your pupils as possible have the opportunity to add their voices.

The Big Future is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. I will be using what they tell me to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed here:
https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture

Every school has a different community, and every child has a different experience. That is why it is so important that the picture we build reflects children from **every part of England, including your pupils**.

I would be very grateful for your support in giving them the chance to be heard.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner for England



Stock is Critically Low on The Items Below

Tinned Potatoes
Mash Potatoes
Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Meat
Tinned Fish
Toiletries
Tea Bags
Coffee
Small Bags of Rice



Christmas PTA Fundraiser!

Order an award winning turkey from Copas and raise funds for Burchetts Green School

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Holiday activity

We are pleased to be offering a fun, creative and hands-on Create Your Own Spring Bulb Planter workshop, specially designed for children aged 4–10.

Workshop Details
Date: Wednesday 28th October 2026
Time: 10:00am–11:00am
Venue: BCA College, Hall Place, Burchetts Green, Maidenhead, SL6 6QR
Age: 4–10 years
Cost: £15 per child

What the children will learn:
How bulbs grow and what they need to thrive
The different stages of plant growth
How to plant and care for spring bulbs
The importance of plants, gardens and nature
Practical gardening skills through a fun and creative activity

Each child will create their own planter, giving them something they can take home, look after and enjoy watching develop into beautiful spring flowers.

It's a lovely opportunity to introduce children to gardening, nature and the environment, while encouraging creativity and hands-on learning.

Please get in touch if you would like any further information or would like to book a place.

Lucy Rogers
Landbased Training Coordinator

BCA
Your College

The Teaching Artist's Holiday Workshop

with Ayesha Ali assisted by Priyanka

20% proceeds to the local charity

£55 per day

Ages: 5 to 7 and 8- 12 years (total 14 children only)





Wednesday: 28th October, 2026
10:00am-3:00pm

We will be painting Claude Monet's famous painting Water Lilies on the canvas in acrylics with step by step instructions. Younger children will create a simpler version of the same Water Lilies.

Children will also paint wooden slices in their own creative patterns.

Venue

All Saints Junior School,
Westborough Road, Maidenhead, SL6 4AR

To book and more information

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admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk

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Maidenhead Community Centre, Maidenhead- SL6 7HY
www.artSpiration.co.uk
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WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

President: Baroness Theresa May

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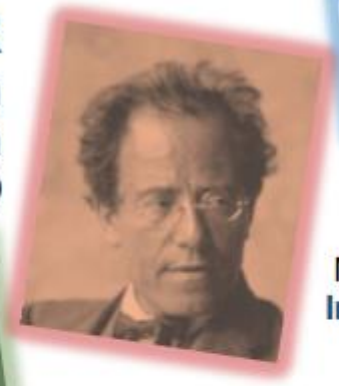
Saturday 28 November 2026 7:30pm

Braywick Leisure Centre, Maidenhead SL6 1BN

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GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

01753 373 244 / 0800 999 1342
www.Gems4Health.com
Gems.4Health@nhs.net

GEMS supports parents and carers of Autistic and ADHD children and young people across East Berkshire.

We provide information, guidance and practical support to help families better understand their child's strengths, needs and experiences. Through workshops, courses, learning resources and signposting, we help families build confidence and create supportive environments where children can thrive.



What do we provide?

Wherever you are in your understanding of autism and ADHD, whether you are exploring neurodivergence, awaiting assessment or supporting a child following diagnosis. GEMS offers a single point of contact for information, advice and support.

For parents and carers, we provide:

- Workshops and courses
- Learning animations and articles
- Information, advice and guidance
- Signposting to local and national services
- Opportunities to connect with other families

WE SUPPORT FAMILIES LIVING IN, OR REGISTERED WITH A GP PRACTICE IN: EAST BERKSHIRE, SLOUGH, WINDSOR, MAIDENHEAD AND BRACKNELL.

the autism group

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Kooth is an online platform to help young people with their mental health and wellbeing. It's a welcoming space for your child to safely explore their feelings. They can anonymously talk to other people their own age on moderated discussion forums, and chat to mental health professionals via messaging.

Theyare a BACP-accredited digital mental health service, and provide free services through the NHS. Their team of professionals are trained to offer clinically-safe advice while lending a supportive ear for whatever your child's facing.

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)

SIGN UP TODAY!

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CONTACT GEMS:

Gems.4Health@nhs.net

0800 999 1342

GEMS Autism Course

GEMS4Health are pleased to let you know that bookings are now open for their Autism Course for Berkshire East parents and carers, delivered by Parenting Special Children (PSC).
The course consists of three linked online sessions, designed to help parents and carers develop their understanding of autism and explore practical ways to support their child or young person.

Course dates:
Thursday 5th November
Thursday 12th November
Thursday 19th November

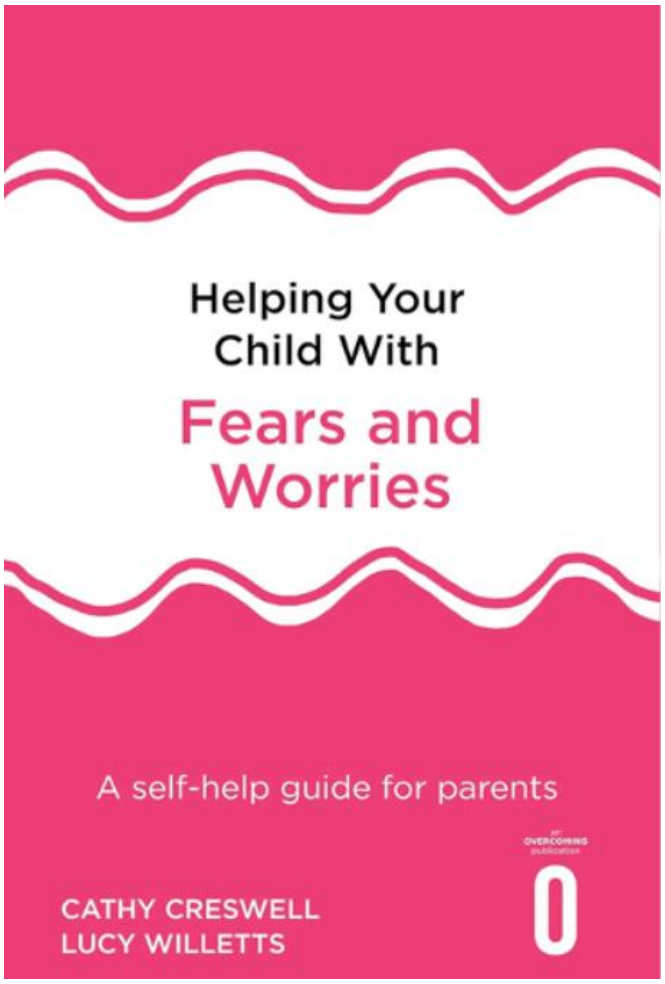
Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Location: Online via Zoom
Cost: FREE

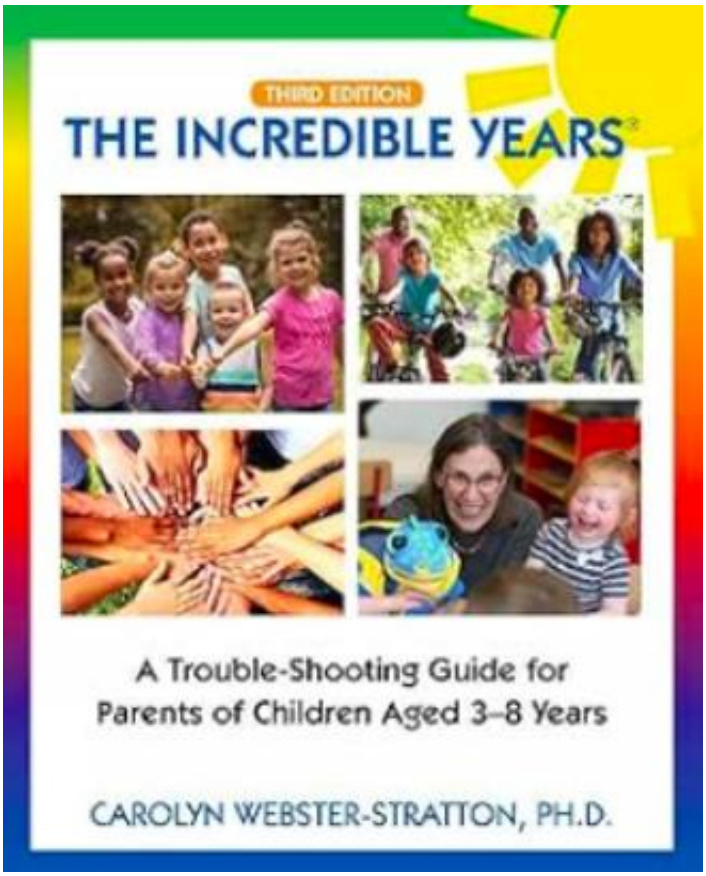
Across the three sessions, the course will explore:
- What is autism?
- Sensory differences, anxiety, and behaviour
- Practical strategies for supporting your child
- An overview of the assessment process
- Signposting and further support available

The course is open to parents and carers of autistic children and young people who live in, or are registered with an NHS GP within, Bracknell Forest, Slough, or Windsor & Maidenhead. Places are limited, so we recommend booking as soon as possible if you would like to attend.
Find out more and book your place: https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/
The course is funded by NHS East Berkshire and commissioned by GEMS, with the sessions delivered by Parenting Special Children.
We hope you find the course helpful and supportive, and we look forward to welcoming many of you to the sessions.

THE GEMS TEAM
T. 01753 373244 or 0800 999 1342
E. Gems.4health@nhs.net
Address. 224 Berwick Avenue, Slough, SL1 4QT

CAMHS Recommended Books





Information

Burchetts Green CE Infant School

Parent and Teacher Association (PTA)



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How does it work?

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1. Choose us on The Parents Lottery list
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3. Play with up to six tickets
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Parentkind The parents' lottery

Information

We have a textile recycling bank!

Raising Money Is In Our Jeans!!

Help the school raise money by donating all your old clothes, shoes, soft toys, and bed linen. Put the clothes in the bank and Astra Recycling will put money in the school's bank!

The bin is hungry, here's what it likes and doesn't like!



YES!	NO!
Clothes	Pillows
Pairs of shoes	Quilts
Sheets	Lined Curtains
Duvet Covers	Board Games
Pillow Cases	General Waste/ Rubbish
Accessories	Toys/Plastics
Soft Toys	





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