Welcome to Year 3

2026 - 2027

We would like to welcome your child to their new year group and hope that this booklet will help to answer any questions that you may have.

Meet the Team

3G Grizzly Bears

Mrs Newton
3G Class Teacher

3H Hermit Crabs

Miss Rushbrooke
3H Class Teacher

Miss Weaver
Teaching Assistant

Mr Womersley
Teaching Assistant

Mrs McLaughlin
Teaching Assistant

Save the Date!
Meet the Teacher
Thursday 3rd September at 3.30pm
A chance to meet your child's new teachers, visit their classroom and find out a little more about the year ahead. Please just come into the classroom after school.

Questions and Answers

What happens at the start and end of the day?

At 8:35am we open the Year 3/4 **cloakroom** doors and you can go into your classroom. At 8:45am we close the doors and registration starts. There will always be a member of staff on the door to greet you and answer any quick queries your parents or carers may have.

At the end of the day, you are dismissed through **classroom** doors. Class teachers will be on the door should your parents or carers have anything they wish to discuss. If you are going home with someone different, your parents or carers must **contact the school office** on the day to let them know.

What equipment do I need?

School will be providing you with EVERYTHING that you need to learn in school. You do not need to bring any stationery with you. Each of you will have your own wallet/pencil case to be responsible for. This will be kept on your desk or in your drawer and will not be taken home.
You must bring your own water bottle (clearly named), which you must then take home to be washed EVERY NIGHT.

Uniform

You should wear your Burley Oaks uniform each day. As part of our daily **Mile a Day** initiative, you are welcome to come to school wearing trainers and you can stay in them throughout the day. We run whatever the weather, unless it is exceptionally hot. Please make sure you have appropriate clothing for this, such as a **lightweight waterproof jacket for rainy days** and a **hat and gloves when the weather turns colder. Extra layers are always helpful during the winter months.** On PE days, you should continue to come to school wearing your Burley Oaks PE kit. Please make sure that all clothing, footwear and belongings are **clearly named.**

Will we have Forest School in Year 3?

Yes! More information will come out about these sessions in a separate letter when you start back in September. For now, what you need to know is that you will need warm, comfortable and waterproof clothes and shoes. We ask that PE kit is worn to school on these days with these extra layers on top. Forest School will be on a Thursday.

These sessions will start on **Thursday 3rd September.**

When do we have PE and what do we need?

You will do PE on a Friday.
You will be expected to COME TO SCHOOL in your PE kit. **Some of our PE will be outside so make sure you wear plenty of layers and have a tracksuit.**

Kit

Shorts or skorts (navy)
Burley Oaks PE t-shirt
Plain navy tracksuit (no branded logos)
Burley Oaks hoodie
Trainers

What are the first learning challenges?

You will soon be beginning your first autumn units of learning. We can't wait to get started with all of our usual exciting curriculum opportunities. Further details on these will be sent home the first week of the autumn term in our curriculum newsletter.

You will explore:

- **'Light and Shadows'-** This is a science based investigation.
- **'Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age'-** This is a history based unit about the lifestyle of early Britons, including building and communication. you will also research and discover the role of the archaeologist and how artefacts can help us understand pre-historic times.

Do children have milk and a morning snack in Year 3?

Your parents will already have been asked to order milk. You are able to bring in a piece of fruit or healthy snack from home. Fruit is no longer provided by school like it was when you were in Key Stage One.

Can my child bring a snack for Night Owls?

Yes. You can bring a healthy, nut-free snack in a named container or lunchbox.

When will reading books be changed?

You will be taking a reading book home by the end of the second week. You will bring your reading book to school each morning and take it home at the end of the day so you can carry on reading at home. You can change your reading book as soon as you've finished and returned your previous book.

We aim to nurture a love of reading in all of you, as those who struggle with reading can find accessing the rest of our curriculum more challenging. We give reading the upmost priority at Burley Oaks and are a school who LOVE to read and share stories, information, poetry and books in general – we have so many beautiful books!

You will do three sessions of Reading Plus per week at school and will be expected to login to Reading Plus at home too. You will get a login for this in the first couple of weeks.

Is there home learning?

You will be expected to:

- Read your reading books/Reading Plus at least three times a week.
- Once spelling routines have begun, you will be expected to try these at home in readiness for a weekly check. You will continue to use the online resource 'Spelling Shed' while you are in Year 3.
- Once 'Times Tables' teaching has begun, you will be expected to practise these at home using 'TT Rockstars'. Login details for these websites will be stuck in reading journals.

Parent/Carer communication

This autumn term, keeping positive communication between home and school is going to be key as we settle the children back into school after the summer break. We will be excited to have the children back in school and hopefully they will be too. If you have any queries, concerns, achievements, family news that you want to share, then please do so!

We have a variety of methods of communication and as well as seeing your child's class teacher at the end of the day, all teachers can be contacted via:

Email

Teachers will be checking their emails regularly; however, if the matter is urgent, about illness or appointments etc. then please contact the office directly as teachers are with classes and cannot guarantee exactly when emails will be checked. Emails will be responded to between the working hours of 8am and 5pm.

- Mrs Newton: snewton@burleyoaks.mlt.co.uk
- Miss Rushbrooke: mrushbrooke@burleyoaks.mlt.co.uk

'On the door'

If you have a question or concern that can be addressed quickly, you can discuss with a member of staff on the door at drop off or collection.

Office

You can phone the office to ask a teacher to contact you; this will be done as soon as is practically possible.

Website Our school website has a wealth of information on it and will be fully updated in the coming weeks.

Finally, Can my child wear a smartwatch to school?

To support safety online in school, Burley Oaks is now implementing a Trust-wide policy that prohibits pupils from wearing smartwatches to school. We define a smartwatch as a wearable device that allows connectivity to other devices via cable, Bluetooth/Wi-Fi, or cellular.

We hope you have a fantastic summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in September!