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We would like to welcome all the children and their families back to school and extend a warm welcome to our new Reception class and all the other new children who have joined us this term.

On Friday 6th July all the children took part in Sports Day. We were pleased that so many family and friends were able to attend and many of them stayed for our family picnic which followed the sporting events. On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July we held our annual Summer Fair and although it was a hot day and England were playing in the World Cup, we still managed to raise a fantastic £1,000 for school funds. Many thanks to our PTFA, as well as members of staff and other volunteers who helped to make this event successful.

Our KS1 children took a trip to Shorne Country Park on 9<sup>th</sup> July and they all had a great time. While on 11<sup>th</sup> July the Year 6 children went to watch Wicked at the theatre in London, which they fully funded from their own enterprise during the course of the year. On 13<sup>th</sup> July the whole school took part in a Dance Festival, with each class performing different dances in front of their parents and carers. They did amazingly well to remember all of the moves, so thank you to everyone involved.

The children having music lessons with Rocksteady Music School treated their parents and all the children to a concert on 18<sup>th</sup> July which was a great start to our end of term celebrations. Our end of term Eucharist, led by Reverend Mike Hayes, took place at the school this year, as due to increased numbers, Burham Old Church is simply not big enough to accommodate all of the children, as well as parents who wanted to attend. On the last day of term we held our Leaver's Service for our Year 6 children and their families, followed by a Leaver's Lunch.

The end of last term saw us achieve excellent results in Early Years, KS1 and KS2 with the school performing above the National Average. In Early Years, 86% of children were achieving the required standard and showing a good level of development. In KS1 the percentage of children achieving the required standard in Reading, Writing and Maths was 81%, 81% and 93% respectively, while in KS2 it was 93%, 100% and 87% (it should be noted that Year 6 was a class of only 15 pupils). Both Key Stages also had a significant percentage of pupils working at a greater depth.

We are already looking forward to our PTFA Firework Display on Friday 2nd November. We hope that as many people as possible from the village and surrounding area will be able to attend. More details to follow in the next Newsletter.

As always, all updates relating to our school can be found on our website [www.burham.kent.sch.uk](http://www.burham.kent.sch.uk) If you would like to get involved with our PTFA please do get in touch [office@burham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@burham.kent.sch.uk)

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