

**Think It.**

**Believe It.**

**Live It.**

Friday 27th March 2026

Weekly Round-up

Term Times

**Hoppy Easter from everyone at Buckden School!**

**We're sending a big bundle of Easter cheer your way as we hop into the holidays. We hope your break is filled with sunshine, laughter, and plenty of chocolate eggs tucked into unexpected places. Whether you're adventuring outdoors, getting creative at home, or simply enjoying some cosy downtime, we hope you make the most of every moment.**

**You've all worked incredibly hard this term, so enjoy a well-deserved rest. We can't wait to welcome you back after the break, refreshed, recharged, and ready for more learning fun and new adventures together.**

**Wishing you a bright and joyful Easter!**

**A Big Thankyou!**

**"Thank you so much for your support of Purple Day. It meant a great deal to see everyone come together to raise awareness and support such an important cause - so very close to our hearts and family. Your support makes a huge difference to our fundraising for Albie, who lives with Dravet Syndrome, and it's truly appreciated. Living with epilepsy brings daily challenges, and knowing there is such a strong, caring community behind us makes a real difference.**

**If anyone would like to continue supporting, we will be doing Every Day in May - a fun and fab challenge where you run, walk, cycle, hop, skip or swim 2km everyday throughout May. We had a great time doing this last year so anyone who wants to support, please get in touch - rjdg81@hotmail.co.uk or 07342075843 and we can share our team page.**

**Thank you again for your kindness, your support, and for helping us raise awareness."**

**[https://www.justgiving.com/team/superheroalbie?  
utm\\_medium=TE&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/team/superheroalbie?utm_medium=TE&utm_source=CL)**

### **A message from Parliament**

**Buckden Parliament met last week and discussed two things. Firstly, the representatives had been tasked to speak to their classes about how technology is used in school. What was clear was that pupil voice was saying whilst they enjoy the technology use, they also enjoy learning away from screens. Michael, our Prime Minister, plans to take a working party to ask Mrs Heather if we can have a 'screen free' learning day next half term.**

**The second topic for discussion was the continued parking problem outside of the school. They are going to speak with their classes to explore ideas as to what can be done to improve on this. We will let you know more about the progress made in these areas next half term.**

### **Sports Day - Date Confirmed!**

**We're pleased to confirm that Sports Day will take place on Friday 26th June.**

- Lower School (including Year 3): 9:00am**
- Upper School: 1:00pm**

**If you have children in both key stages, we kindly ask that you leave the school site after the morning session and return for the afternoon events. This helps us manage space and safety for all families. We're looking forward to a fantastic day of fun and teamwork!**

### **A Message from the Trustees of Shakespeare at the Towers**

**This year's show is already breaking records, with over 1,000 tickets sold in the first three weeks – faster than ever before. If you're hoping to join us this summer, we recommend booking soon as tickets are selling quickly. Their updated website has all the information you need about tickets and planning your visit to Buckden Towers. Rehearsals are underway, and more updates and volunteer opportunities will be shared on social media over the coming weeks.**

**Buckden Primary School would also like to say a big thank you to Buckden Towers for supporting us with the purchase of our new stage, contributing an amazing £2,000. Your generosity is truly appreciated.**

**We look forward to seeing you this summer.**

On Tuesday we took a team of Year 5 and 6 children to represent our school at an NFL Flag Tournament in St Ives. We were 1 of 14 schools competing, and having only recently introduced NFL Flag into our PE curriculum, we had little experience of playing the game competitively compared to many of the other schools. In the first pool we won our first match 13-0, and our second 19-6 which took us through to the quarter finals. Our third game was a close game where we lost 6-8, and our final game was also very tight only missing out by 2 points, 16-18. Our final position was 7<sup>th</sup> out of the 14 schools. Well done to our team.

We are looking forward to building on all we have learnt next year.



### Make A Difference Day

We had a fabulous event last year where we made a significant improvement to our children's environment with the help of some amazing volunteers and the support of a fabulous PTA - If you would like to be involved this year please Save the Date - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April and drop Mrs Heather [mheather@bpa.act-academytrust.org](mailto:mheather@bpa.act-academytrust.org) letting her know your skills you are able to offer and whether you are able to offer a morning an afternoon or a full-day.



# Make a self-referral to the Mental Health Support Team

## Are you:

- A young person aged 13-18 years.
- A parent/carer of a primary or secondary school child.
- A professional wanting support for a primary or secondary school child.



Scan Me!

## Looking for support?

If you or your child attends a school that is supported by a Mental Health Support Team (MHST), you can make a self-referral to the MHST, and they may be able to support you with mild to moderate mental health difficulties. This includes:

- Low mood
- Anxiety/Worry
- Challenging behaviour

To check whether you or your child attends an MHST school, to find out more about the service or to make a referral, please scan the QR code or visit -

[cambspborochildrenshealth.nhs.uk/MHST-referral](https://cambspborochildrenshealth.nhs.uk/MHST-referral)

If your school is not listed as an MHST school, please visit [www.cpft.nhs.uk/youunited/](https://www.cpft.nhs.uk/youunited/) to find out more about YOUNited or to make a referral.

## Who to contact in a crisis:

If you think you or someone else is experiencing a mental health crisis, call NHS First Response Service on **111** and select the mental health option to speak to an NHS professional.

For life-threatening emergencies call **999**.



# Music Mindset Coaching



## Help Your Child Build Confidence Through Music!

Charlotte Cunningham

Music Educator, Performer & Confidence Coach for Kids

Using music-based coaching, I help children:

- ✓ Build Confidence
- ✓ Express Emotions Safely
- ✓ Reduce Anxiety
- ✓ Feel Seen & Empowered



### Instruments taught:



Contact me to learn how music can empower your child!

instrumentalcoachingkids@gmail.com



## The Doodle Spring Challenge 1st – 30th of April 2026

### Earn a pin badge and certificate!

Between the 1st - 30th of April, Doodle are running two exciting wildlife-themed Spring Challenges — the DoodleMaths Challenge and the DoodleEnglish Challenge!



Both Challenges are designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, keeping your child engaged in their learning and boosting their skills. Plus, they can earn exclusive rewards by taking part!

### How to take part

#### 1 Create or link your account

If you haven't already, create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account. To find out how to do this, see the reverse of this flyer or visit [help.doodlelearning.com](http://help.doodlelearning.com) and search 'how to link account'.

#### 2 Register for the Challenge

From the 1st of April, visit [parents.doodlelearning.com](http://parents.doodlelearning.com) and press Register next to your child's name for one or both Challenges.\* The last day to register for and begin the Challenge is the 24th of April.

#### 3 Doodle 'little and often'

Once you've registered, encourage your child to earn 450 stars (or 350 if they were born after August 2018) and use DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish for 7 days\* between the 1st - 30th of April.

\*These 7 days don't need to be in a row. A day of use is defined as completing at least one exercise between 00:01 and 23:59.

#### 4 Receive a pin badge and certificate!

Once they've reached their target, we'll send a pin badge to their school. This will arrive after the Challenge comes to an end. You can also claim a certificate for them by visiting [parents.doodlelearning.com](http://parents.doodlelearning.com) and pressing Download certificate before midnight on the 29th of May.



Tag us and use the hashtag #DoodleSpringChallenge

For more information, please visit [doodlelearning.com/challenge](http://doodlelearning.com/challenge).

Any questions? Please visit [help.doodlelearning.com](http://help.doodlelearning.com) and press on the green circle icon to chat to our team.

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## PLAY CRICKET

## THIS SUMMER WITH BUCKDEN CC

It all starts with...

COURSES FOR ALL KIDS AGED 5-8

[allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)

For kids aged 8-11

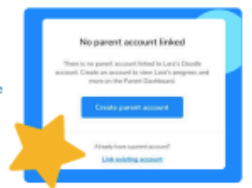
[dynamicscricket.co.uk](http://dynamicscricket.co.uk)

### How to create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account

Creating a parent account is really important (and really easy!). By doing this, you'll be able to enter the Spring Challenge and claim your child's personalised certificate by visiting [parents.doodlelearning.com](http://parents.doodlelearning.com), our online parent hub.

### How to create and/or link a parent account via the Doodle apps

- 1 Log in to any of the Doodle apps using the username and password provided by your child's school. If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.
- 2 From the Learning Zone, click on the arrow icon in the top left-hand corner of the screen
- 3 Select Settings and press Parent details
- 4 If you're new to Doodle, choose Create parent account. If you already have a Doodle account, click on Link existing account.
- 5 Enter your details to link your email address to your child's account



Add a child profile to account

Link to my child's school account

### How to create and/or link a parent account via the Parent Dashboard

- 1 Visit [parents.doodlelearning.com](http://parents.doodlelearning.com)
- 2 If you're new to Doodle, click on Create account and follow the instructions. After you've done this, log in to [parents.doodlelearning.com](http://parents.doodlelearning.com). If you already have a parent account, log in to [parents.doodlelearning.com](http://parents.doodlelearning.com)
- 3 Once you've logged in, hover over My account and select Child details
- 4 Click on Link to my child's school account and enter the username and password provided by your child's school. If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.



Good luck, and happy Doodling!

\*The Challenge available will depend on your school's Doodle subscription. If you'd like to join both Challenges but your school does not subscribe to DoodleMaths or DoodleEnglish, a home subscription can be taken out in the subject you're not subscribed to. To receive 2 FREE weeks of a home subscription, please visit [doodlelearning.com/challenge-offer](http://doodlelearning.com/challenge-offer).

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### Fun Facts

Dogs have a sense of smell up to 100,000 times stronger than humans.



### Fun Fact

A giraffe's tongue is about 45-50 cm long and is dark purple to stop it getting sunburned



### Attendance Fact

Poor attendance patterns translate into problematic workplace habits, significantly affecting employment prospects and economic outcomes.

### Catch Up on Past Newsletters

*What's going on locally? click here to find out*



## Homework Talk

Linking learning from the classroom to life at home can help to improve language and communication skills. We will continue these discussions in class next week.

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