



## The Burrowmoor Buddy System

The Burrowmoor Buddy System was introduced in March 2025. The idea is once a term, vertical groups – ie one from each year group, meet to create an art/dt project for an hour. The leaders are the older children, teachers support and model the groups, all groups first meet in the hall and then disperse. The final Buddy event of the year is a picnic in their buddy groups on the field.

Buddy systems can help students develop friendships, learn to support each other, and build a sense of community.



## Benefits

- **Social and emotional support:** Helps students who are bullied, new to the school, or have low social skills [🔗](#)
- **Academic support:** Helps students with coursework and transitions [🔗](#)
- **Sense of belonging:** Helps students feel more connected to their school and peers [🔗](#)
- **Behavioral support:** Helps students learn to compromise and play together [🔗](#)
- **Acceptance of differences:** Helps students learn to understand and accept differences [🔗](#)
- **Life skills:** Helps students learn patience, cooperation, and communication [🔗](#)

We see the benefits being

- Children getting to know different year groups
- Children sharing interests
- Children becoming more confident
- Developing leadership
- Encouraging a family feel.

Process on the day

- All children will be allocated a Buddy Group and given stickers with numbers on.
- The assembly will start at 11am.
- We will all go into the hall for an assembly where we will talk about the buddy task
- As your number is called you will be put into your buddy group and led to your classroom.
- Your buddy groups will be numbered.
- You will get to know your buddies.
- Then you will see them around and be able to say hi...
- Then it will be break time/lunchtime



