

# The Vine Inter-Church Primary School

## GOING TO BURWELL

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Friday  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Aims of the PowerPoint

To share with you...

- About Burwell House
  - Our activities
  - Expectations of behaviour
- Where/when we *will* be sleeping
  - Medical information
  - Contact information
- All the little things we need to know

# Burwell House



# Welcome Home

# Why is this visit important?

“The first-hand experiences of learning outside the classroom can help to make subjects more vivid and interesting for pupils and enhance their understanding.”

**Ofsted**

The Council for Learning Outside the Classroom (CLOTC) recognises that Learning outside the classroom:

- gives children **new and exciting experiences** that inspire them to reach their true potential.
- serves to **re-motivate children** who do not thrive in the traditional classroom environment
- encourages children to become **more engaged in their education** both inside and outside the classroom walls.
- increases **self esteem, confidence, confidence** and **results** – a proven link between high quality residentials and achievement.

**“Trips help us to learn more stuff than we can in the classroom.”**

(Primary pupil, Ofsted)

## Why is this visit important (part 2)

"A residential learning experience provides opportunities, benefits and impacts that cannot be achieved in any other educational context or setting."

Learning Away report, 2016



*“This visit has been the most organised, enjoyable and fun residential trip we have ever been on. A huge thanks”*

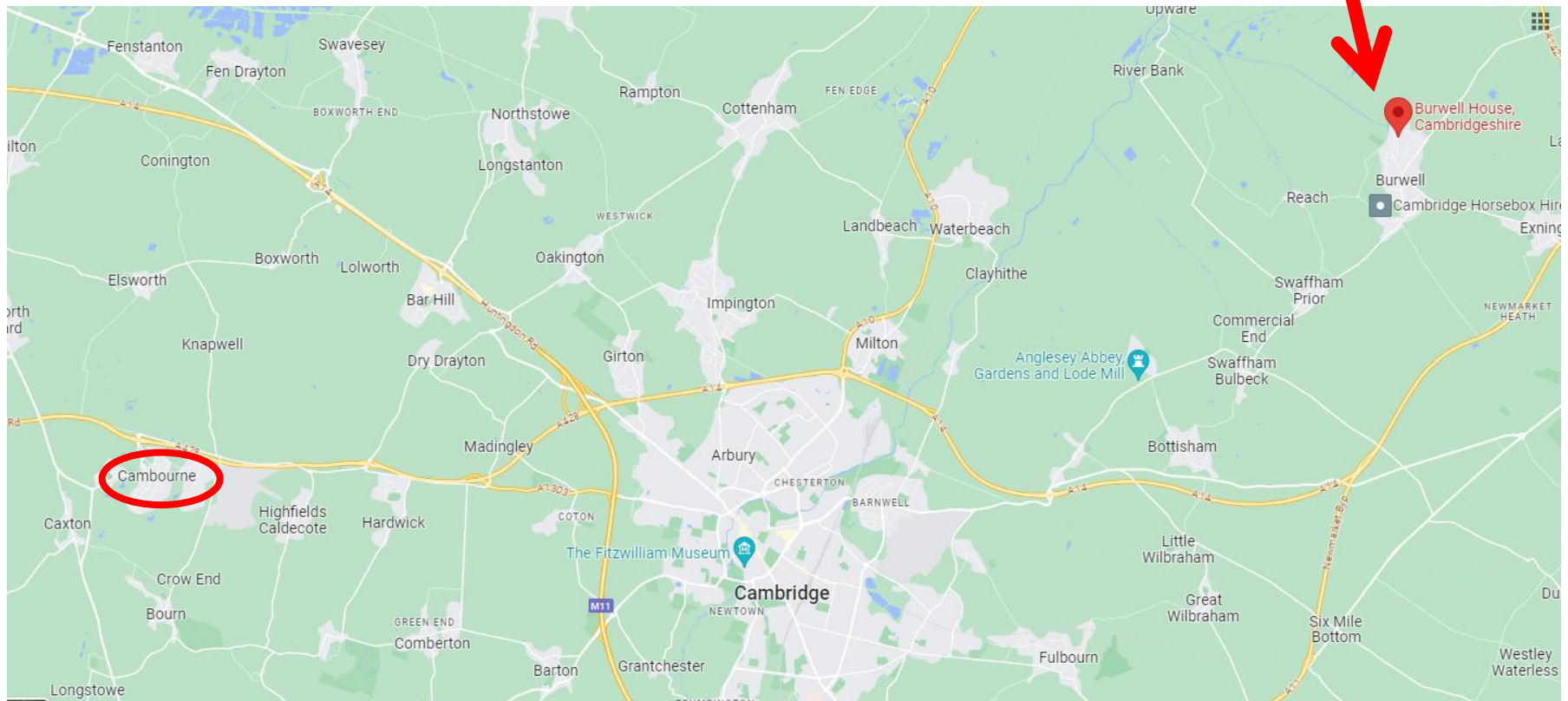


*“Friendship, team building skills, table manners improved, tried new things. Overall a really great first experience of being away from home for the children”*



# Burwell House

## Where are we?



## A family home, built in 1787...



...enjoyed for  
generations...



## 1964. A new purpose...



Bought by Cambridgeshire County Council for £15,000 to be enjoyed for generations to come.

## Today



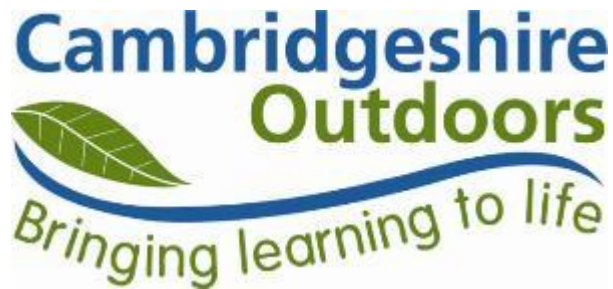
Burwell House welcomes around **80 primary schools on residential visits each year**, from right across East Anglia, and beyond.

Along with the wide variety of youth and adult groups who use the Centre at weekends and during the school holidays we host a total of **4000 visitors per year**.

Schools staying with us have:

- **Sole residential occupancy** – each school staying here will be the only school staying here.
- Use of our **fantastic house** and its 3 acres of **wonderful gardens**.
- Support from a **caring, professional Centre staff** team.
- Freedom to plan a timetable that suits their curriculum, their topics and their individual children – our **courses are built for your school**.

# High quality, accredited service



One of the 3 Centres within this partnership (Burwell House, Grafham Water Centre and Stibbington) all working together to bring learning to life for children from Cambridgeshire and beyond.



Awarded the LOTC quality badge in recognition of the high standards of safety, value and quality that our Centre provides.



## The House

- No longer a family home - though all the staff strive to make it feel like one.
- Grand, beautifully decorated, comfortable, warm, and homely.
- Protected by modern, sensitive fire alarm system and sprinklers.
- Secure – house is locked overnight by school staff, with grounds secured behind large wall and locked gates.

## Downstairs



- 2 large lounges and a separate classroom.
- Separate toilets for boys, girls and accompanying adults.
- Cloakroom.
- Dining room and conservatory



## Upstairs



- 11 bedrooms in total, of various different shapes and sizes.
- All with close access to their own shower and toilet facilities.



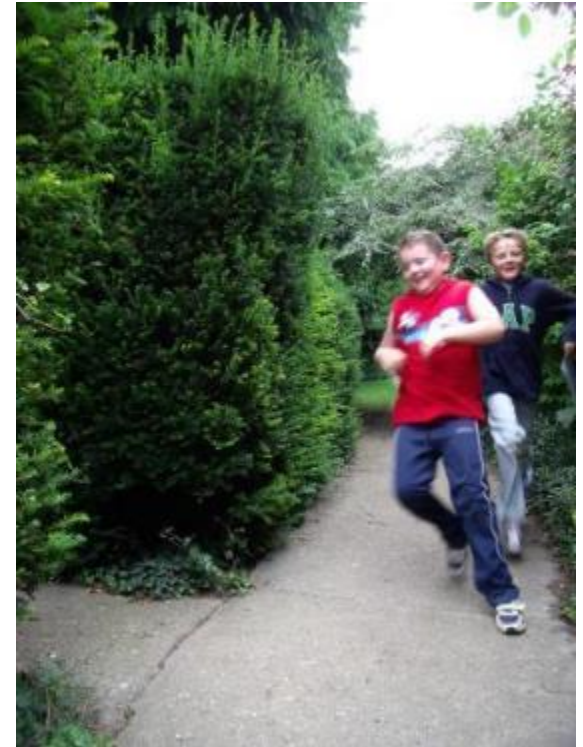
## The gardens

3 acres of secure, inspiring, exciting, magical space for children to play, learn, explore, invent, have fun and let off steam.



## Explore

*“The children worked exceptionally well together, particularly those who have never really engaged with each other”*



### Mapwork and Orienteering

A range of activities to learn and develop a variety of mapwork skills in and around the garden and out into the village and local area.

## Explore



A range of activities designed to help children explore their surroundings, explore the environment, and to explore their own skills and abilities – working independently and in teams.

*“They have been given such a range of opportunities to use their group work skills. Every child has had a chance to shine out through the wide range of activity types.”*



# Example Activities

## Day One

- 10.30 Arrivals and Introduction
- 11.00 Snail Game (acclimatisation)
- 12.00 Lunch & free time**
- 1.15 Map walk and Around the Grounds
- 2.30 Refreshments & free time**
- 2.45 Smugglers Mystery
- 4.00 Bedrooms and bed making
- 5.00 Fire Drill
- 5.30 Dinner (Burwell House teaching staff depart)**
- 6.30 Evening activities (Sch. led)

# Example Activities

## Day Two

**8.00 Breakfast**

9.00 Eggscape Pt 1 -Team Challenge

**10.30 Refreshments & free time**

	<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>
11.00	Meet a Tree and Burwell Challenge	Shelter Build/Fire lighting
<b>12.30</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; free time</b>	
2.00	Shelter Build/Fire lighting	Meet a Tree and Burwell Challenge

**3.30 Refreshments & free time**

4.00 Eggscape Pt2 &3 The Build and Drop

**5.30 Dinner (Burwell House teaching staff depart)**

6.30 Evening activities (Sch. led)

# Example Activities

## Day Three

7.30 Pack bags, strip beds and clear rooms

**8.00 Breakfast**

9.00 Burwell Orienteering Challenge (as close to 9am when group moved baggage across)

**11.00 Refreshments & free time**

11.30 Burwell Fox

**1.00 Lunch**

2.00 Departure

## Food!

A range of delicious and nutritious home cooked food will be served for breakfast, lunch and evening meal.

Good table manners are expected.

**Snacks** - these are provided throughout the day – there is no need to pack any for the trip.



## Evenings and overnight



- House and grounds provide hours of fun and enjoyment.
- Sole group use – no other schools on site.
- Secure accommodation.



### Teacher-Led Evening Activities



\*If visiting teachers decide to play any of these games whilst at Burwell House, please keep in mind this is done at your own risk.

## Sleeping Arrangements

Pupils will be asked to select 3 friends they would like to be in a room with. They will be guaranteed at least one of these.

Rooms are split into boys and girls.

School staff rooms are located in nearby rooms.



# The Vine staff joining Year 4 at Burwell House

Mr Johnson  
Mrs Gawthrope  
Mrs Wales  
Mrs Bate  
+1 other each day

# Behaviour

We expect children to follow the school rules AND the Burwell House rules so that we can be safe, happy and have fun.

- Be kind and gentle
- Be helpful
- Listen
- Learn
- Be honest
- And look after the environment.

# Behaviour

We want everybody to have safe and enjoyable time at Burwell and if anyone behaves in a way that may jeopardise the safety and/ or enjoyment of themselves or others, the Burwell and Vine staff reserve the right to exclude any individual or group from the visit.

In pupil speak: your parents/ carers will have to come and collect you if you are not behaving appropriately.

# Medical Information

We will be sending out specific medical forms very soon!

Prescribed medication only (completed on the medical form)  
Enough for 3 days, 2 nights.

Given to a member of staff on the morning of our departure;  
if you want to do this beforehand you can.

Original container and clearly labelled with child's name and dosage.

Please make us aware of travel sickness.

# Contact

In the unlikely event of an emergency, staff will contact the school and someone will contact you directly. If outside of school hours, then a member of staff will contact you directly.

There will not usually be any direct contact between home and Burwell. If you need to contact your child, please phone the school who will pass on the message to us.

Pupils **MUST NOT** bring their own mobile phones with them.

# Kit List

You will receive a kit list for the trip shortly. Your child will need all of the things specified on the list. If you are struggling to get something, please let us know.

Please name **everything**.

Please pack layers – will be outside in all weathers!

Please pack using a soft case / bag where possible.

Please DO NOT bring:

Aerosols

Footwear that is open toed/ has no back

Bedding

Valuables

Too much!

# Travel

- Pupils will be dropped off at the hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October with their bags. We will register and take in medication at this time.
- Pupils need to be in suitable clothing ready to start activities when we get to Burwell House.
- Coach will leave school at approx. 9:30am. (Parents are welcome to wave pupils off).
- We expect to be back for 14:30 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October. You can collect your child from the coach when we return at this time.

## Updates

Please check the school's social media pages for updates on the trip.

Any  
questions?

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