

## Furlong Newsletter

### Did you see us at BETT 2017?

BETT 2017 was a success for Furlong, meeting a lot of new people who were interested in our suite of products and getting the chance to catch up with some familiar faces. A total of 15 Furlong staff were in attendance. On any one day there were six of us there to ensure we met as many of you as possible.

Victoria, a member of our support team, commented “Going to BETT this year was a great experience and I really enjoyed meeting potential new clients as well as our existing customers. I speak with our customers regularly on the helpdesk so it was lovely to be able to put a face to a name! Getting to demonstrate SchoolBase and all the exciting new functionality and features was a great opportunity”.

[News item: Success at BETT 2017](#)



... And after such a positive response we have already booked to attend BETT 2018!

### Furlong films

Have you seen the new films on our website? We have started to produce some short instructional videos which outline how to use popular parts of SchoolBase. These guide you, step-by-step, so you can learn in your own time or when you have a spare couple of minutes – perfect if you just need a quick refresh on a certain topic! Take a look!

- [About Us](#)  
Meet the team!
- [Parent Portal](#)  
Catherine shows you some of the benefits of the parent portal
- [Quick Merge & Communication](#)  
Will guides you through the features of the powerful quick merge tool

- [Report Designer](#)  
Will demonstrate how simple it is to create your own custom reports
- [Seating Plans & Pupil Info](#)  
In this video, Catherine walks you through setting up and using these invaluable functions

### SchoolBase available in any language

In most of your schools English is the language used. Whilst you might teach in English, it may be that the 'home' language is something else. We have developed processes that recognise the browser language settings and can deliver in that language.

At present we have a limited number of translations but if you have a need then [let us know](#).



### Our Latest release

Our latest release went out at the beginning of February.

The release contains a multitude of new updates and includes the new customisable Quick Launcher and Quick Launcher editor form. This allows each user to set up their own Quick Launch with their preferred icons – already proving popular with many of our schools.

For all the information regarding this release please view full release notes [here](#).

### The App

This year our development team will be focusing their efforts on refining the system and developing an app which will allow you to access SchoolBase on the go from any mobile or tablet.

We aim to have the app available for download in August this year, ready for the beginning of a new academic year!

- Easy access to your favourite functions
- Log in just once
- Download onto your Android, IOS or Windows device
- Access SchoolBase on the go!

### SchoolBase training

We still have a few spaces available on our upcoming training courses; these help members of staff get to grips with crucial functions that help with day to day school life. We often find staff greatly benefit from working with colleagues who have the same job, Examination Officers sharing experiences, Time-tablers struggling with the same issues - Registration Staff swapping horror stories.

View the full list of dates in the [support](#) section of our website.

**Book online or call our support team to secure your space!**

### Preparations for upcoming shows

After our recent success at BETT we are working towards other shows and conferences. These include:

- [GSA Deputy Heads Conference](#) 23-24<sup>th</sup> February
- [Society of Heads](#) 27-28<sup>th</sup> February
- [BSME](#) in Bahrain 6-9<sup>th</sup> March (*British Schools in the Middle East*)
- [ACAMIS](#) in Nanjing 10-11<sup>th</sup> March (*Association of China and Mongolia International Schools*)
- [The Academies Show](#) in London 26<sup>th</sup> April

We may even see you there!

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