



Friday 10th  
March 2023



Dear Parent/Guardian,

A huge well done to Kestrels Class for their excellent class assembly this week. Thank you to parents and carers that were able to attend. Also, a huge thank you to everybody that has been able to attend the parent drop-in sessions. It has been great to see you. I hope you have all enjoyed the snow today. Closing school is never a decision I take lightly. However, the safety of children, staff and the wider community must always come first. *Take Care, Mrs C Holgate, Headteacher*

Thank you for your continued support. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school to speak with us.

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### DATES:

School will be closed for Easter Holidays from Monday 3rd April and will re-open Monday 17th April 2023 at 8.35am.

Attendance for Last Week w/c 27.2.23	
Woodpeckers	99.33%
Eagles	99.03%
Doves	98.67%
Wrens	98.62%
Kestrels	96.45%
Jays	95.67%
Kingfishers	95.52%
Swans	95.00%
Robins	94.33%
Puffins	94.33%
Owlets	93.57%
Eaglets	94.14%
Wagtails	91.94%
Cygnets	90.00%
Sparrows	89.66%
Swallows	89.33%
Skylarks	88.97%
Overall school attendance was 94.45%. Well done to Woodpeckers who had the highest attendance.	

- EYFS Mother's Day Chat and Cake  
Friday 17th March at 2pm



- Owlets and Eaglets Classes
  - It is Mother's Day on Sunday 19th March and we would like to invite any mothers, grandmothers or mother figures into school to share cake and juice with your child on Friday 17th at 2pm.
  - It will give you a chance to have a chat to other mums, grandmothers and mother figures.
    - Book your ticket now
- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eyfs-mothers-day-chat-and-cake-tickets-576983452037>

## School Car Park

We are very lucky to have the use of a shared Car Park with other schools on campus. Unfortunately, at the moment, this is not being used safely by parents. I have sent out a separate letter regarding this. Sadly, if the Car Park cannot be used safely, then we will not be able to allow parents and carers to use the Car Park. Please help us by adhering to the polite requests below:

- ❑ Keep to the 5mph speed limit whilst on the Car Park
  - ❑ Reverse-park into any spaces (this is directed by Lancashire County Council)
  - ❑ Walk on the paths at the side of the Car Park and not down the middle of the Car Park
  - ❑ Do not drop your children off in the middle of the Car Park. This causes congestion and is dangerous for children to exit the vehicle. Please park safely in a designated space and escort your child to school.
  - ❑ Please be polite to staff when they are supervising the Car Park. Please remember that we are trying to keep all children safe. Verbal abuse, rudeness or an inability to follow requests will result in the offenders being prevented from using the Car Park permanently.
- Let's all work together to keep our children safe**

## Attendance 6.3.23

The weather is on the change and the snow has arrived once again! Next week, please ensure that you plan extra time to walk, drive and allow for traffic so that pupils arrive at school at 8.35am as any other day.

For the first time this year, our weekly whole school attendance has reached 94.45%; we continue to work to reach over 96%.

Punctuality has slipped this week with late arrivals reaching double figures again. Please note, we are aware of parents using the lates system as a means of avoiding walking to far ends of the school, which is not acceptable. Be advised, meetings are being arranged with parents to rectify this.

## EYFS and Year 1 Farm Animal Visit

On Thursday, a mobile farm came to visit us at Barden. We met Pudding the pony, Tinkerbelle the pygmy goat and Ferris the guinea pig. The children absolutely loved it!



## Upcoming Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT
Every Friday @ 9am	Celebration Assembly. You will be invited by a text message to attend.
w/c 13th March	British Science Week. Children will be undertaking activities across the week.
Monday 13th March	Puffins Parent Open Afternoon 2.15-3pm
Tuesday 14th March	Owlets Parents Open Morning (Stay and Play) 8.35-10.05am
Wednesday 15th March	Eaglets Parents Open Morning (Stay and Play) 8.35-10.05am
Thursday 16th March @ 8.50am	Sparrows Class Assembly followed by tea/cakes
Friday 17th March	Mother's Day Chat and Cake
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day – children to wear RED for the day (£1 donation please for Comic Relief)
Thursday 23rd March @ 8.50am	Puffins Class Assembly followed by tea/cakes
30th March	Pupil Progress Report Cards go home today
Friday 31st March	School closes after school for 2 weeks Easter Break



# Curriculum

## What has your child been learning about in class this week?

If your child's class isn't in the newsletter this week, they will be next week.



Cygnets

We have had a great week this week! We have had a visit from the farm and we met lots of different animals. In English, we have been reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar and recreating the story using the sensory resources. In Maths, we have been exploring number by counting how many pieces of fruit the Hungry Caterpillar ate each day. Well done Cygnets, keep up the good work.



R- Eaglets

We have had a fantastic week this week. We had a visit from the farm, we met lots of different animals. Most of us had the snake around our neck, we were very brave! We drew a picture of our favourite animal and labelled it. In Literacy, we have started reading our new story and so far in the story, we have a very lazy farmer. In Magic Maths, we have been making repeating pattern.



1- Robins

We have been working hard this week in English looking at the tale of Peter Rabbit. We have been writing exciting sentences about the main characters including Mr McGregor and Peter himself! In PE, we have been trying hard with our kicking skills and staying determined to keep control of the ball with our feet!



2- Swallows

We have had such an exciting week this week. We met and handled some amazing creatures ranging from tarantulas to snakes! We all handled them carefully and learned about how they are able to live where they do! Starting our farm stories in English and measuring in m and cm in maths. Well done, Swallows. Keep up the great attitude.



3- Doves

We have had a great week in Doves. We started the week with our parent afternoon, we enjoyed joining in with a range of activities with our parent visitors which included a QR code hunt and creating our own mosaics. In English, we have been learning about the Greek gods and goddesses and have created our own Top Trumps cards about them. Well done Doves, you've worked extremely hard!



4- Kingfishers

We have loved learning all about sound in Science this week and have been exploring how we hear it. In Maths, we have been working hard learning all about fractions! We know what proper; improper and mixed number fractions are and have been focused on improving our times tables recall ability. In English, we are exploring expanded noun phrases and adverbials.



5- Jays

This week Jays have had fun continuing our Science lessons learning about space. We created models of the earth, sun and moon to show how they move relative to each other. We've also learnt the differences and similarities between a star and a planet. On Monday, we had fun using fruit to create a model of the solar system.



6- Kestrels

This week, we have been finding out more about the story of Romeo and Juliet in our English lessons. In Maths, we have been continuing our learning about Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. We were not allowed to use pencils in our Art lessons this week and have been 'drawing with scissors' instead. This is technique used by Henri Matisse to create many of his famous works of art – it was very tricky!



Animal Antics!



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# Holiday activities with food

Bookings are now open for the Easter HAF (holiday activities with food) for children on benefits related free school meals.

You can view the activity brochure and book on the activities direct.

## **Ages 4 to 11 years:**

[Activities for under 12s - Burnley HAF - Fun Food and Friends](#)

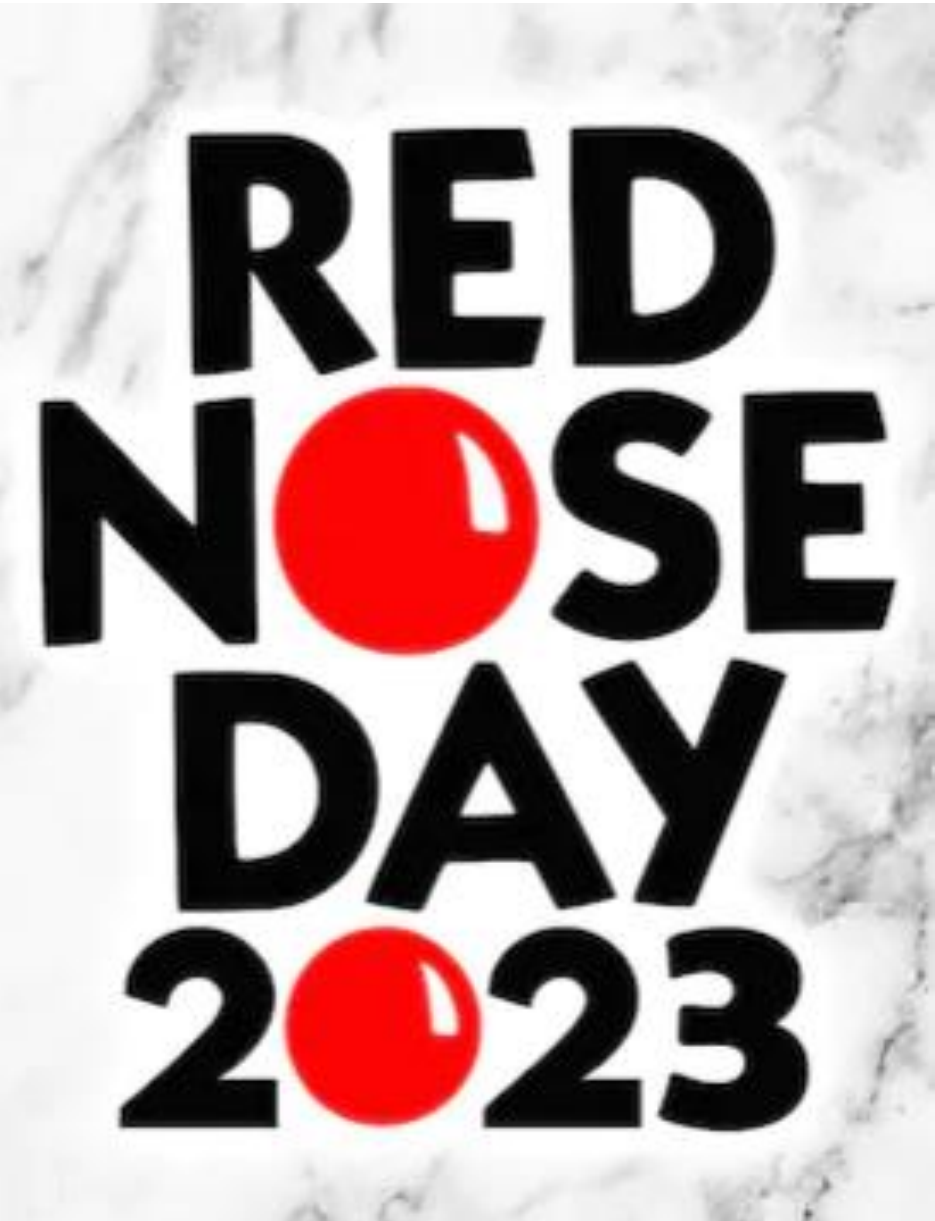
Find out about the Burnley HAF holiday activities with food programme, for children aged 5 to 11 years

## **Ages 12 to 16 years**

[Activities for 12-16s - Burnley HAF - Fun Food and Friends](#)

Find details of the Burnley HAF programme, for young people aged 12 to 16 years.





## Red Nose Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Red Nose Day is back and we're all looking forward to a chance to get together for a giggle.

Here's what we've got planned...

- **Wear Red for the Day** – All children are invited to bring a donation of £1 and wear something red for the day.
- **Class Talent Show** – There will be class talent shows in the afternoon where children can showcase their talents for a £1 entry.
- **Sweepstake** – For £1 your child can enter a sweepstake and be in with a chance of winning a very delicious prize.

Alongside this, your child will be taking part in a range of fun activities throughout the day and will take the opportunity to learn about the issues facing young people across the world, and how the money we raise can help.

Please remember, all donations to Comic Relief are completely voluntary and all money raised will be given straight to this charity.

This year we are unable to sell Red Noses in school. Please see the following message from Comic Relief... *"Please note that this year Noses are not suitable for children under 7 years of age due to small parts."*

We really appreciate your support and hope that you'll have fun helping us raise lots of money for Red Nose Day.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Cooper (Deputy Head)