



Dear Parent/Guardian,

What a mixed week in school! We have had the excitement of some Christmas parties and celebrations, mixed with the frustrations of a broken heating system on the coldest day of the year so far. Thank you to parents and carers for your support and understanding with this.

Thank you *Mrs C Holgate*, Headteacher

Attendance for Last Week

Swans	100%
Puffins	96.21%
Kestrels	96.13%
Wagtails	92.67%
Swallows	89.33%
Eagles	86.90%
Eaglets	89.03%
Robins	85.71%
Woodpeckers	84.19%
Skylarks	82.07%
Owlets	81.33%
Kingfishers	79.66%
Wrens	77.24%
Doves	77.00%
Jays	76.33%
Sparrows	74.83%
Cygnets	71.25%

Overall school attendance was **84.5%**. Well done to **Swans** who had the highest attendance last week.



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. Tel: **01282 226777**

Go-Noodle!

The hall doors will be open at 8.20am everyday for any body that would like to take part. Go Noodle is a 10 minute dance/fitness session. Come and join in!

DATES: School closes on Thursday 15th December at 1pm. **School reopens on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at 8.35am.**

Thank you from everybody at Barden Primary School

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our parents, carers and community for their continued support and loyalty for Barden Primary School. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic school community and your ongoing support is very much appreciated to all of us here at Barden. I would like to wish you a happy and peaceful break and I look forward to seeing you all back safely in the New Year.

Mrs Holgate

Upcoming Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT
Every Friday @ 9am	Celebration Assembly. You will be invited by a text message to attend.
Tuesday 3rd January	School reopens for Spring term
Thursday 19th January	Kingfishers Class Assembly @ 8.50am followed by tea/ cake with your child
Thursday 26th January	Doves Class Assembly @ 8.50am followed by tea/cake
Thursday 9th February	Skylarks Class Assembly @ 8.50am followed by tea/cake
Wednesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day—Whole School

NEST

What an end to our first full term in The Nest. We've enjoyed lots of festivities including our very own mini-performance and craft afternoon with parents. This was the first time we have been able to invite our parents into The Nest to share with them how much we have achieved over the last few weeks. We have also been able to welcome a fish tank into The Nest, which the children love.



ATTENDANCE

After recent Chicken Pox, Viruses and infections, I hope everyone remains illness free allowing you to have quality family time together over the holidays. I look forward to seeing our pupils eager to learn on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at 8.35am sharp. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Unavoidable Extended Leave

Application of Leave of Absence forms must be submitted to Mrs Rawcliffe with copy of flight tickets. A parent meeting will then be arranged with Mrs Holgate before departure.

Number of lost learning days due overseas trips since 1st September 2022 = **606 - up from 584 last week.**

Penalty Notices Issued since 1st September = **29**

Whole School Attendance to date is **91.79%**-
School target is **96%**

Please report your child's absence on each day of absence from **8am**. Failure to do so may result in the absence being recorded as unauthorised, which may lead to a Penalty Notice.

NEW SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER

Tel: **01282 226777**

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.



R- Owlets

It is the last week of term, and we are still busy – working in the elves workshop, learning about time – day and night, morning, noon, afternoon and evening and sequencing events. We have been talking about technology in the world around us and how we should always be safe on the internet. We will finish the story of 'Aliens love Panta Claus' - what will the aliens do with the underpants next!!



1- Robins

Robins have had a fabulous last week of term. We have been busy making moving pictures using levers and sliders. We have worked hard in PSHE talking about being kind and how we can support each other in class. We finished our English unit on Supertato and have enjoyed reading lots of the other adventures he has had. Have a lovely break. See you all in 2023!



2- Wagtails

Wagtails have had an amazing last week of term! We have done some super dancing at the Christmas party, some fantastic PSHE work about how we are all different and an amazing Independent Write of their own versions of the Jack and the Beanstalk story! We have finished off the week with a lovely toy, snack and dance day to celebrate filling our Jar of Joy! Have a great holiday Wagtails, see you next year!



3- Skylarks

What a fantastic first term in year three we have had! We have had a super last week, enjoying the Christmas party and toy morning. We have danced our socks off, ate yummy food and worked really nicely together. We have worked very hard in English, writing a letter all about the night gardener. Our vocabulary and writing stamina is improving every week. Well done on a super first term Skylarks – Merry Christmas!



4- Woodpeckers

Wow, it is the end of term already! This week, Woodpeckers are finishing off their Fairy Tale unit in English by writing their own version of Rumaysa! Elsewhere, we have lots of other fun things planned this week, such as the Christmas Party on Wednesday and making our own Christmas decorations out of salt dough in DT! We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 😊



5- Puffins

Puffins have had a fantastic end to the term! They made Anglo Saxons brooches out of clay and painted them. They worked hard in our Maths unit of fractions, looking at adding mixed number fractions. We had a fantastic afternoon on Wednesday in our Christmas Party. Have a lovely break and we will see you in the New Year! Merry Christmas!



6- Eagles

Wow! We have had a fantastic first term in Year 6! We have been busy this week making our World War 2 shelters, writing our biographies on Anne Frank and finishing off our novel. We want to thank all the parents and carers for all their yummy food they sent in. The children and staff enjoyed eating it. Hope you all have a lovely break and we shall see you all in 2023.

Rounders and Dodgeball Club

Ages 8 to 11 years and 12 to 16 years

What is it?

Monday will be a day of Rounders, Dodgeball, Archery and lots other exciting activities based at the pavilion building at Thompson Park.

Wednesday will be an action packed day of games and a Little Party people Christmas party at St Peters with a visit from Santa.

Thursday will be back at Thompson Park for the Festive Christmas Cracker Trail, the whole family can take part in a Christmas themed trail and visit Santa, where they will receive an Activity Pack that they then take home and play with their families over the Christmas break

A packed lunch will be provided for each child on each day of the club. Children will also be given a Christmas themed meal to take home with their Activity Pack.

When? 10am – 2pm

Monday 19th December 10am – 2pm

Wednesday 21st December 10am – 2pm

Thursday 22nd December 10am – 2pm

Where?

The Pavilion, Thompson Park: Monday

St Peters Centre: Wednesday

Thompson Park: Thursday

Booking:

Email- burnleyroundersclub@outlook.com

For further info:

Contact burnleyroundersclub@outlook.com

Janet -07974419098



HOLIDAY CLUB
ROUNDERS
DODGEBALL
AGES 8 - 16

The poster features two cartoon characters wearing Santa hats. On the left, a boy in a blue sports jersey with the number 2 holds a yellow and blue dodgeball. On the right, a boy in a white cricket uniform holds a wooden bat and a baseball. The background is dark blue with white snowflakes. At the bottom, there are logos for '3lc', 'FUN Food > Friends', 'Action for Children', and 'BURNLEY ROUNDERS CLUB'.

Holiday Club's are funded and provided in partnership with

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BURNLEY ROUNDERS CLUB



Sion Pantomime Society Presents
by kind permission of Lazy Bee Scripts

Beauty and the Beast

by James Barry

*Monday 13th to Saturday 18th
February 2023*

*7.15pm Monday - Friday
2.15pm Saturday*

Adults £9 Children £6

Box Office:

*[www.ticketsource.co.uk/
sion-panto-society](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sion-panto-society)*

Tel: 0333 666 3366

*Sion Baptist Church,
Church Street, Burnley BB11 2DW*

*Booking fees apply. Please check our Facebook page
@sionpanto for all the latest ticket and event information*

Cost-of-living support

Find out what help and support is available to you and your family as the cost-of-living crisis continues to bite.

Get in touch with us to let us know if you're struggling with your finances

We know everyone is feeling the pinch this winter and we want to support those families in our school community who are impacted the most. If you're struggling with your finances, please do get in touch to let us know, as there may be things we can suggest which will help. We want to do everything we can to help you and your child through this difficult winter. Unfortunately, we will not be able to make phone calls for you or contact companies as they will only speak to account holders,

Contact your local Citizen's Advice Bureau or Family Hub

Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB)

You don't have to be a UK citizen to get support from your local CAB, you just need to be a resident of the local area. The CAB can help you with:

- Getting benefits or other financial support organised
- Accessing support for essential costs (food, bills, rent)

Visit the [Citizens Advice](#)'s website or contact your local branch to book an appointment [Calico Building Centenary Court Croft Street Burnley) 01282 616750 / 0800 144 8848].

Family Hub

Contact your local Family Hub to get help accessing all the support you might need as a family. [Find your local hub](#) here Brierfield Children & Family Wellbeing, Tunstill Square, Brierfield Nelson 01282 470534.

Check you're paying the right amount of tax

Make sure you're on the right tax code. If you aren't you might be due a refund. Use the [Money Saving Expert's](#) free tax code calculator to find out.

Claim any benefits you're entitled to

Use 1 of these benefits calculators to determine whether there are any benefits you could be claiming:

[Turn2us](#)

[Policy in Practice](#)

[Support for migrant families](#) – use this calculator if you are a migrant family, or if you have no recourse to public funds

You may be able to get benefits paid early if you're already feeling the squeeze - this is known as 'a short-term benefit advance' - you will need to contact the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) office @ Hammerton Building Victoria Street Burnley 0800 169 0190] that's dealing with your claim.

Check you've received all the government's cost of living payments

The government's [cost of living payment](#) is available for those receiving certain benefits or tax credits. You don't need to apply for these – if you're eligible the money should go straight into your account.

If you think you're due a payment, but haven't received one – [report a missing payment](#) to the government here.

Be aware of scams! If you receive any emails, texts or phone calls asking you to fill in an application form or asking for your bank details to receive a cost of living payment, **do not talk to them or send a reply**. Get more information on [cost of living scams](#) on the Money Saving Expert's website

Find out what help you can get with your energy bills

Take a look at these resources from [Simple Energy Advice](#), the [British Gas Energy Trust](#) and the [Money Saving Expert](#) website.

Let us know if your child is entitled to free school meals (FSM)

If your child is eligible for free school meals (FSM) you need to get them registered. This will allow them to get a free meal at school, and we'll get extra funding to support your child's learning. East Area Education Office 44 Union Street Accrington 01254 220747.

See what other support you can get from your local authority

Burnley Borough Council Parker Lane Burnley 01282 425011

Local authorities have lots of different schemes that you might be eligible for, including:

The [holiday activities and food programme](#) – access to food and activities over the school holidays

[Help with transport to school](#)

[Help with the cost of uniform](#)

Get free or low-cost food

If you're worried about not having enough food to feed your family, you're not alone. There are a number of places offering support.

If you have a child under 4, and meet the eligibility criteria, you may be entitled to [healthy start food vouchers](#)

Burnley Food Bank Charter Walk Shopping Centre 01282 448577

Find a local foodbank with these websites: [Bankuet](#), [The Independent Food Aid Network](#), the [Trussell Trust](#), or your local [community fridge](#)

Use food waste apps and websites like [Olio](#) (for free food and household items from your local community), [Too Good To Go](#) (for low cost food from local restaurants), or [Low Price Foods](#) (food that has passed its best before date, but is still safe to consume)

Further information

Contact [StepChange](#), if you're struggling with debt

Contact [Shelter](#) if you're having issues related to housing

Get free household goods on [Freecycle](#)

Contact the [Salvation Army](#) for emergency assistance