



Friday 10th
November
2023



Barden Primary School
Only my best is good enough for me



Dear Parent/Guardian, We have had such a super exciting week in school. We have had Britain's tallest man and Harlem Globetrotter's Basketball player, Paul Sturgess visit Barden. He was great. Also, our school debating team has some very exciting news about a competition they attended this week. Puffins also performed their class assembly - they were amazing. Thank you to parents and carers that were able to attend. Finally, we had Lord Khan in to deliver an assembly, to finish off our amazing Parliament week in school. What a super week!

Kind regards, Mrs 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.
01282 226777 You can also catch me on the yard most mornings before school.

DATES: School closes for the Christmas holidays at 1pm on Friday 22nd December

Attendance for Last Week w/c
30/10/23

Cygnets	95.0%
Swans	95.0%
Owlets	97.2%
Eaglets	96.1%
Robins	97.0%
Sparrows	89.3%
Goldfinches	96.0%
Wagtails	98.0%
Swallows	96.0%
Doves	94.5%
Skylarks	85.9%
Kingfishers	91.6%
Woodpeckers	98.7%
Jays	98.8%
Puffins	94.1%
Eagles	92.9%
Kestrels	97.7%

Overall school attendance was **94.2%**

Well done to **Jays** Class who had the highest attendance last week!

Studybugs

Studybugs allows parents to check attendance, report absences due to illness, and message the school.

Get the app or register now
<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Cancelled Schoolcomms

After the **successful launch of Studybugs**, we will be discontinuing Schoolcomms due to the availability of a free messaging service on Studybugs.

Schoolcomms

Please uninstall the School Gateway app from your phone.

Special Visitor in school this week

This week we had Paul Sturgess in to visit school. He is the tallest man in Britain. He is 7 ft 7.26 inches tall. He delivered a whole school assembly and individual workshops with each year group. He was fantastic and such a lovely man!



Upcoming Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT
Every Friday @ 8.50am	Celebration Assembly. You will be invited by a text message to attend.
Monday 13th November	ODD SOCKS DAY – children wear odd socks to launch anti-bullying week.
Thursday 16th November	Doves Class Assembly @ 8.50am Parents invited for coffee and cakes
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Day
Saturday 18th November	Burnley Lantern Parade and Christmas lightswitch on – 4pm @ the new Pioneer Place
Thurs 23rd, Fri 24th & Mon 27th November	Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall
Friday 30th November	M&M Productions in school – Beauty and the Beast!

IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DATES

Date	Event
Wednesday 6 th December	EYFS & Year 1 Performance (1:30-2:45)
Thursday 7 th December	Year 2 & Y3 Performance (1:30-2:45) CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY (ALL DAY)
Friday 8 th December	Year 4 & Y5 Performance (1:30-2:45)
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Party Lunch (12:00-13:00) Christmas Parties in Class (13:00-15:00)
Wednesday 20 th December	Traditional Christmas Dinner (12:00-13:00)

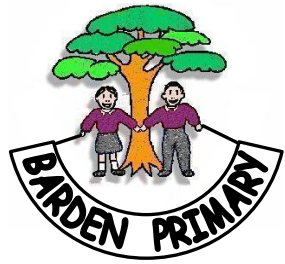


THE GREAT LANCASHIRE DEBATE



I am so proud to announce that on Tuesday our debate team took part in The Great Lancashire Debate Countywide Final and WON!!!! After already being awarded as the Primary Local Area Winners for Burnley, we were invited to County Hall in Preston to compete against 6 other primary schools in the grand final. The children were an absolute credit to the school. The judges were blown away with their presentation, maturity and passion! One of our children even won a Highly Commended Best Speaker award too! We are the first school to ever win this award and we can't wait to take part again next year.





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 in Cygnets class! We have been learning about sorting in Maths. We have explored how to sort by colour, shape and object. In English we have been continuing our Read Write Inc phonics work and we have started to read *The Gingerbread Man* for our class novel this half term. Well done Cygnets on another great week!



R- Eaglets

We have had a super fun week! In Magic Maths, we have been looking at 2D shapes, talking about their properties and naming the shapes. In Literacy, we finished reading the story 'Room on the broom', as a class we re-told the story using actions. We made some fun potions using water, vinegar and bicarbonate soda, our spells and wands worked and made the potions explode!



1- Sparrows

We have had a lovely week in the Sparrows. We have been celebrating Parliament week, completing different activities like our campaign march. In English, the children have been discovering all of the mischief Evil Pea has been causing. In Maths, the children have been developing their addition. The children have really enjoyed their Jar of Joy this Friday afternoon!



2- Swallows

We have had a super week full of different experiences. We embraced Parliament Week wholeheartedly with debates, question time, protest marches and learning about the environmental issue of global warming! We created some amazing artwork in the style of Michael Gutteridge too. We met the basketball player Paul Sturges and had the opportunity to play some games with him.



3- Doves

We have had an excellent week in Doves class. We have been learning about the role of Parliament as part of Parliament Week. The children have had chance to carry out their own class debate, lead a protest march around the school, and create some amazing posters! We have also had lots of fun exploring techniques and tools for creating cave paintings in art. Well done Doves class!



4- Kingfishers

We have had an exciting week! The children really enjoyed meeting a professional basketball player. They have also learnt lots about how our country is run and how to protest existing laws. In DT, Kingfishers have been tasting toasted sandwiches and learning how to read the nutritional information on the packaging. They also learned about who Margaret Thatcher was.



5- Jays

This week Jays have been learning lots about our government during Parliament week. We have taken part in a debate, a protest, created our own parties and created Parliament week art. We have begun our fractions topic in maths and are continuing learning about Mae Jemison in English, preparing to write a biography. We loved our special visitor Paul this week, look at our class page for photos!



6- Kestrels

We have had a wonderful week in Kestrels, the children really enjoyed their PE session with the professional basketball player on Tuesday. The children have learnt a lot about the House of Lords and House of Commons, they have participated in a debate and protested against Palm Oil. The children have created some amazing artwork showing The Houses of Parliament.

WE'RE SUPPORTING

BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED



FRIDAY 17TH
NOVEMBER

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BBC Children in Need Fundraising

As you may already know, **Friday 17th November** is this year's BBC Children in Need Appeal. Barden is excited to be joining with many others around the UK to participate in the fundraising programme.

The school council have voted for another **Games Afternoon**

On Friday 17th November (**next week**), all children are allowed to bring into school their favourite game from home, along with a **cash donation** for Children in Need. Your child is also welcomed to wear something yellow, or other children in need merchandise, however this is optional.

Last year we raised over £700. It would be amazing if Barden could raise even more this year!
If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

BARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL is joining in ODD SOCKS DAY!



WOOHOO... MONDAY
13TH NOVEMBER IS
ODD SOCKS DAY!



WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique we ask that you wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate

Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. It reminds everyone that we should be kind and caring to ALL.

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

Make sure you wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November. Encourage your family and friends to wear odd socks to work, school, out shopping - just anywhere!

COMPETITION TIME

Take a photograph of as many of your family and friends wearing odd socks and send it to the following email

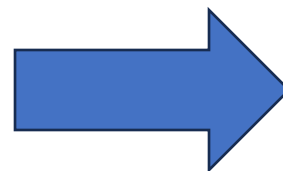
pshe@barden.lancs.sch.uk **PRIZES TO BE WON FOR THE MOST PEOPLE WEARING ODD SOCKS IN A PHOTOGRAPH!**

Get looking for your odd socks now!





Your child will have been given an entry form that looks like this.
All they have to do is complete their design and hand it in to their class teacher.



ANTONY'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

*ONLY DRAW WITHIN THE BOX
*NO GLITTER OR DIGITAL DESIGNS

STUDENT NAME:

SCHOOL AND YEAR:

Antony Higginbotham
Member of Parliament for Burnley and Padiham



FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

COME TO the BOOK FAIR!

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE



Date: Thursday 23rd November 3-3.30pm
Friday 24th November 3-3.30pm
Monday 27th November 3-3.30pm

Scan the QR code to pay online!



Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastic book fair
On Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and
Monday 27th November outside the
school hall.

This is a wonderful opportunity to
purchase some of the latest books by
the top children's authors.

All parents are welcome to attend the
book fair on any of the days
advertised. We look forward to seeing
you all there!

CHRISTMAS Party

Come and
get into the
Christmas spirit
and join us for
some fun at our
festive party!

On Friday 15th December

Party
Food
Served!

If your child
does not usually
have a paid
school dinner
but you would
like them to
have one of the
special
Christmas
themed lunches,
please contact
the school office
to arrange this.

CHRISTMAS Lunch.

Traditional Roast
Turkey & Chipolata
Sausage
or
Roast Quorn Fillet
& Vegetarian Sausage
Served with
Sage & Onion
Stuffing Roast &
Mashed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
& Gravy
~
Iced Vanilla Sponge

Wednesday
20th December

A MESSAGE FROM HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL

Join us at Holly Grove
School Festive Markets on Saturday, 16th December 11am-2pm!

Get ready for some festive cheer and family fun! We have a fantastic line-up of activities planned just for you.

Santa's Grotto: Bring your little ones to meet Santa Claus himself! He'll be listening to their Christmas wishes and spreading joy.

Meet and Greet with Olaf: Don't miss the chance to meet everyone's favourite snowman, Olaf from Frozen! He'll be there to share warm hugs and take memorable photos.

Tombolas and Raffle: Feeling lucky? Participate in our exciting tombolas and raffle for a chance to win some incredible prizes. You might just walk away with something special for the holidays!

Hot Food and Refreshments: Treat yourself to delicious hot food and beverages, perfect for keeping you warm and satisfied while you explore the festive atmosphere.

Festive Stalls: Browse through an array of festive stalls offering crafts, gifts, and decorations. Find that perfect something for your loved ones or perhaps a little treat for yourself.

Christmas Movie & Popcorn: Sit back, relax, and enjoy a heartwarming Christmas movie with some popcorn. The perfect way to soak up the holiday spirit!

Free Entry: Yes, you read that right! Entry to this delightful event is absolutely free. Bring along your whole family, invite friends, and let's celebrate the season together.

Date: Saturday, 16th December **Time:** 11 am to 2 pm **Venue:** Burnley Campus Main Entrance, Barden Lane, Burnley, BB10 1JD

Mark your calendars and don't miss out on this amazing festive extravaganza! Spread the word, bring your loved ones, and get ready for a jolly good time with us at Holly Grove School Festive Markets.

For any inquiries or more information, please contact Katie at k.wood@holly-grove.lancs.sch.uk. See you there!

Holly Grove School

Festive Markets

Saturday 16th December 11am-2pm

Free Entry!

Burnley Campus, Barden Lane, Burnley,
BB10 1JD

- = Santa's Grotto
- = Christmas Movie & Popcorn
- = Tombolas
- = Hot Food & Refreshments
- = Raffle
- = Festive Stalls
- = Meet & Greet with Olaf
- = Fun for all the Family



Class Assemblies 2023 -2024

Join us for our upcoming class assemblies! We will be showcasing the learning that has taken place in class. Afterward, you can spend time with your child looking at their books. Then, enjoy a drink and some snacks with us back in the hall. We look forward to seeing you there!



Date (Thursday usually)	Class
12 th October	Swallows
Fri 20 th October	Jays
2 nd November	Kingfishers
9 th November	Puffins
16th November	Doves
18 th January	Skylarks
25 th January	Woodpeckers
1 st February	Wagtails
8 th February	Goldfinches
29 th February	Eagles
21 st March	Kestrels
28 th March	Sparrows
25 th April	Robins
23 rd May	Owlets
27 th June	Eaglets