



Friday 17th  
November  
2023



**Barden Primary School**  
Only my best is good enough for me



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you to everybody that joined in to raise money on our 'Charity Day' today. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Well done to Doves class for their excellent class assembly this week. Thank you to parents and carers that were able to attend.

*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  
06/11/23**

Cygnets	93.8
Swans	97.5
Owlets	95.8
Eaglets	89.4
<b>Robins</b>	<b>97.3</b>
Sparrows	95.9
Goldfinches	89.3
Wagtails	93.7
Swallows	94.3
Doves	94.8
Skylarks	91.3
Kingfishers	92.9
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<b>97.3</b>
Jays	94.7
Puffins	96.4
Eagles	91.0
Kestrels	92.3

Overall school attendance was **93.8%**

Well done to **Robins** & **Woodpeckers** Class who had the highest attendance last week!

**Badge Winners this Week**

Class	Badge Winners
The Nest	Muhammad M, Jason M
Owlets	Hanya K, Aaliyah A
Eaglets	Huzaiifa W, Amayah K
Sparrows	Musa K, Suhana K
Robins	Maahi A, Donka S
Goldfinches	Husnain S, Ahmed R
Swallows	Aliya M, Abdullah K
Wagtails	Noor F H, Abdurrahman H
Doves	Ayaan J, Maten K
Skylarks	Arooba A, Adam M
Woodpeckers	Hasan A, Aniya F
Kingfishers	Lexie W, Yusuf H
Jays	Razzaq A, Amar U S
Puffins	Saaliha K, Ayesha M
Eagles	Muhammad Z, Adeeba F
Kestrels	Anaya K, Rayaan Z

Winning Team - **WATER**

**BRONZE WINNERS** - Aliya M, Abdullah K

**SILVER WINNERS** - Hassan A, Amar U S, Muhammad Z

**GOLD Certificate** - Ibrahim A, Aliya M, Ayaan A, Menaal W, Safaa Q

## New Interactive Smart Boards

We are in the process of installing new interactive smart boards in all our classrooms. This will help to provide the very best learning environment for our children. Why not ask your child what they think of their new screen?



## Celebrating Parliamentary Week

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to see their children's work from Parliament Week yesterday. We had an amazing week full of special guests, debates and peaceful protests! Well done, everybody.



## Upcoming Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT
Every Friday @ 8.5 0am	Celebration Assembly. You will be invited by a text message to attend.
Saturday 18th November	Burnley Lantern Parade and Christmas light switch on – 4pm @ the new Pioneer Place
WB 20th November	Christmas Art Week in School
Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and Monday 27th November	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 30th November	M&M Productions in school – Beauty and the Beast!

## Christmas Activities



Please take a look on the newsletter (corner of this page) and make a note of important Christmas activities taking place for your child towards the end of this term. We have lots of exciting things going on such as performances, Christmas lunches and parties. Tickets will be made available shortly for the Christmas performances.

## IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DATES

Date	Event
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & Year 1 Performance (1:30-2:45)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 & Y3 Performance (1:30-2:45) CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY (ALL DAY)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 & Y5 Performance (1:30-2:34)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Lunch (12:00-13:00) Christmas Parties in Class (13:00-15:00)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Traditional Christmas Dinner (12:00-13:00)

# 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.



Swans

We have had a busy week this week, starting with anti-bullying and Odd Socks day and finishing with Children In Need. We have continued our hard work in maths, consolidating our place value and number work and in English we have been reading more of our class novel – Iron Man. Our DT topic is mechanisms and moving pictures, so we have been choosing Christmas card designs we like.



R- Owlets

We started the week by wearing odd socks and talking about how everyone should be kind and to celebrate our differences. We are reading - 'The Christmas Magic' and talked about how so many different things can be magical. We found a tiny door in the woodland area – who could it be for? Where does it go to? We are making little doors ourselves – maybe to magical worlds!



1- Robins

Another great week in Robins. We have continued our learning on Supertato and have been finding out what Evil Pea has been up to in the supermarket. The children have been writing some fabulous sentences. In science the children have enjoyed finding out about living and non living things. In Maths the children have worked hard with subtraction.



2- Wagtails

This week has been a wet and windy one in school! In English, we have been reading Jack and the Baked Bean Stalk and have written a setting description. In Maths, we have continued with Addition and Subtraction. In Geography, we explored different climates across the world. Reminder – please can all children continue to read daily and practice their 2, 5 and 10 times tables!



3- Skylarks

We have had a great week in Skylarks class. We started the week looking at anti bullying strategies to celebrate anti bullying week. The children came up with lots of good strategies to help make their friends feel happy. We have done some excellent pattern making in art using sticks like they would in the Stone Age. We finished off the week with a fun toy afternoon for Children in Need!



4- Woodpeckers

We have made good progress with our English. We have been writing character descriptions using expanding noun phrases and are starting to look at the setting in more depth. In maths, we have been looking at how to make calculations easier for ourselves. Some examples of this are partitioning a number or rounding to the nearest ten first.



5- Puffins

This week in Puffins, we started our fractions unit in maths and developed our understanding of equivalent fractions. In English, we continued to develop our knowledge of biographies about Mae Jemison. In History, we learnt all about what a witch was in the 17th century and created wanted posters. In Science, we researched the planets in our solar system. Well done!



6- Eagles

In Eagles this week we have been enjoying our work on Antibullying week. We loved wearing odd socks on Monday and enjoyed our special assembly. In English, we have been starting to research William Shakespeare in preparation to write a biography on him. 'To be or not to be, that is the question.' In maths we have started exploring fractions- remember there is no such thing as the bigger half of cake!

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

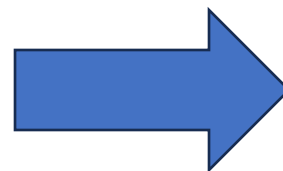
We will be holding a Scholastic book fair  
On Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and  
Monday 27th November outside the  
school hall after school.

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!



**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



# 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](mailto: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 <sup>th</sup> October	Swallows
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Jays
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Kingfishers
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Puffins
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Doves
<b>18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Skylarks</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Woodpeckers
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Wagtails
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Goldfinches
29 <sup>th</sup> February	Eagles
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Kestrels
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Sparrows
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Robins
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Owlets
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Eaglets