



Friday
8th December
2023



Barden Primary School

Only my best is good enough for me



Dear Parent/Guardian,

This week we have watched our Christmas Performances in school. They have been outstanding. I have really enjoyed them all and I hope you have too. Thank you for supporting school if you were able to attend.

Thank you to parents and carers for with our School Values consultation. Your opinion really matters to us, and we want to know what you think. Please see the next page if you are not aware of this.

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 /11/23	
Cygnets	92.5
Swans	97.5
Owlets	97.5
Eaglets	92.2
Robins	97.5
Sparrows	99.3
Goldfinches	99.6
Wagtails	95.7
Swallows	89.0
Doves	93.9
Skylarks	96.3
Kingfishers	91.7
Woodpeckers	96.7
Jays	91.3
Puffins	93.9
Eagles	95.5
Kestrels	95.8

Overall school attendance was
Well done to who had the highest attendance last week!

Christmas Performances



School Values Consultation



We need your help! At school, we have been working with staff and children to decide on our new 'top three' values. These are the things that we want to underpin everything that we do at school.

We have worked hard as a school staff to look at what these words mean individually and how we can represent and 'live' them in our school.

I have sent out a very brief questionnaire by text for you to complete to tell us which are your favourite three words. We would love you to participate and share your views. Thank you for your help – your views matter!

Thank you, Mrs Holgate

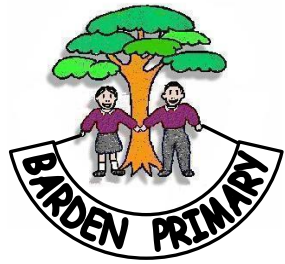
Christmas Performances



Upcoming Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT
Every Friday @ 8.50am	Celebration Assembly. You will be invited by a text message to attend.
Friday 15th December	Christmas Party Lunch (12:00-13:00) Christmas Parties in Class (pm)
Wednesday 20th December	Year 6 Trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelter. Traditional Christmas Dinner
Friday 22nd December	LAST DAY OF TERM School finishes at 1pm!





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! In Maths we have been learning all about counting, working towards our individual learning goals. In English we have been continuing our phonics work. We have been focussing on our Thrive curriculum in the afternoons, completing lots of craft and co-operative play activities. Well done Cygnets!



R- Eaglets

What a super week! We have been busy working in Santas workshop and helping the Elves make presents. In Magic Maths, we have been investigating how shapes can be combined to make new shapes. In Literacy, we have been reading the story 'Aliens Love Panta Claus'. Well done Eaglets for showcasing your Christmas songs in front of parents/carers, you were all brilliant!



1- Sparrows

It has been a fantastic week in the Sparrows! the children really enjoyed practising and performing their amazing Christmas show for the parents. The children have been working hard in English, developing their writing about the adventures of Supertato and Evil Pea. In maths, the children have been exploring 2D shapes and making different patterns.



2- Wagtails

This week we have been chefs in DT! We finally got around to making our very own wraps from around the world, including a combination of different flavours. In English, we have begun our new unit of Instructions where we will aim to write a set of instructions on how to make a wrap. In Maths, we continue with our Addition and Subtraction unit. In Geography we are exploring the oceans around the world.



3- Doves

What a great week! We have begun our final cave painting pieces in art this week. We have used our knowledge of line, shape, and texture to create a background wash and begin adding shapes to our pieces. We have also been practicing our inverse operations in maths this week to help us check our answers when using column addition and subtraction! Well done Doves!



4- Kingfishers

This week we have been writing a fairy tale in English using complex sentences, fronted-adverbials, and expanded noun phrases. In Maths, we have been multiplying 3 numbers together and reviewing our assessments from last week. In our DT lessons we are looking at seasonality in food. As well as all this, we have been preparing our Christmas performance.



5- Jays

Jays have had another great week of working hard. In English, we have begun looking at explanation texts, and will be writing an explanation of how a spacesuit works. We have enjoyed learning more about the Pendle Witch Trials and acted out the events which took place. We have created models of the Earth, Sun and Moon in science.



6- Kestrels

We have had a great week in year 6, in English we have come to the end of our Biography unit and all the children have completed their own amazing biographies on Walt Disney. In History we have been creating our own secret messages using the Morse Code. We are looking forward to making our Air Raid shelters next week after lots of practising joining materials together.

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

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
16 th November	Doves
THURSDAY 25th January	Woodpeckers
FRIDAY 26th January	Skylarks
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

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

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BB10 1JD

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- ⇒ Fun for all the Family

