



Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge well done to our amazing dance team who performed brilliantly on Tuesday evening. Thank you to our parents and carers who were able to come along to support.

Also well done to Skylarks class for their excellent class assembly this week and again to the parents and carers who were able to attend.

*Take Care, Mrs C Holgate, Headteacher*

**Attendance**

Congratulations to everyone for this week's attendance, which is over the school target of 96%. Yearly attendance is at 95.44% which a fabulous effort. Long may it continue. Well done!

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 on T: **01282 226777**.

**DATES:** School will close for the Easter holidays at 3.05pm on Friday 27th March and will re-open on Monday 13th April at 8.35am. Thank you.

**Attendance for Last Week  
w/c 02/03/2026**

Eaglets	96.84%
Owlets	98.89%
Chicks	98.95%
Robins	98.93%
Sparrows	96.90%
Swallows	96.55%
Wagtails	99.31%
Blackbirds	99.03%
Skylarks	96.67%
Doves	98.28%
Kingfishers	99.31%
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<b>99.68%</b>
Puffins	96.06%
Jays	96.67%
Kestrels	99.38%
Eagles	97.81%
The Nest	87.14%
Pipits	92.50%

Overall school attendance was **97.62%**. Congratulations to **Woodpeckers** who had the highest attendance last week. Well Done!

# Badge Winners this Week

Class	Badge Winners
EYFS	Ubaid U, Haider A K, Muhammad A K, Hamza N
Sparrows	Muhammad I, Fatima M
Robins	Raakin N, Aila M A
Swallows	Mariyam A, Farhan Y
Wagtails	Hasan A M, Asher-Milan I
Doves	Hussain M, Manha A
Skylarks	Mahbub H, Sara Y
Blackbirds	Abdurrahman H, Jawad A
Woodpeckers	Aliya M, Yaseen K
Kingfishers	Mariyam T, Amina U
Jays	Musa N, Aliza U
Puffins	Mahdia A, Ayleen A
Eagles	Ayna M, Inaya A
Kestrels	Ayaan K, Izzah K
The Nest	Mohammed I
Pipits	Hasan A S

**Winning Team - AIR**

**Bronze Award** - Fahan Y, Asher-Milan I, Mariyam T, Amina U  
**Gold Award Certificate** - Laraib, Ubaid, Rayhaan, Eleen, Abdurrehman, Sienna, Mahnoor, Abu Bakr, Hanaa, Eshaal, Ayat, Lihon, Teresa, Ayana, Charlie, Eleen, Amira, Lucy, Menaal, Bareera, Veda, Mehrish, Lily, Aizah, Ediz, Chioma, Aliza, Emma, Louis, Ayleen, Mahdia, Maria, Anam, Fatimah, Aminah, Sara, Aminah, Alesha, Ayana, Zayyan

## Request for one day's absence for Eid



Eid Mubarak to all our Muslim families for the coming Thursday 19th, Friday 20th or Saturday 21st March.

Muslim pupils are entitled to a **ONE DAY** authorised absence from school for religious observance for Eid **(if Eid falls on a school day)**.

To request the absence (when you know the date), please complete the super quick form here

[Absence due to religious observance March 2026 – Fill out form](#)

It will also help us to organise our staffing supervision.

I appreciate that families will not know which day their Eid will fall so I will also text out the Wednesday evening.

Have a great Eid, from Mrs. Holgate



It's that time of year again as we prepare for the annual Barden Easter Parade. As always, there will be a competition to decorate either an egg or a bonnet (or Easter craft). Please take the time to support your child in creating a unique and egg-citing (sorry!) design. Please ensure you boil (or blow) the eggs first. Otherwise, it could get very smelly in school!

The parade will take place in school on **Thursday 26th March**. There will be a prize for the best two entries in each class and all children that enter will receive a cream egg. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend as we do not have the space. We will take lots of photos for you though and share them with you. **Please bring your entries into school week commencing Monday 23rd March and no earlier please as we have limited space to store them. Good luck!**



## Upcoming Diary Dates



DATE	EVENT
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5&6 Multi-skills 1-3pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Parent Learn Together Group PASTA week 4
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Eid celebrations in the afternoon
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Swallows Class Assembly @8.50am followed by tea/ coffee and cake Jays at BYT (Linking Project)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Wagtails Class Assembly @8.50am followed by tea/ coffee and cake Reading Tea Party Easter Parade Reports sent home
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Mother's Day Cake and Chat Last day of term

Children and Family  
**Wellbeing**  
Service

# Get advice and support

Someone to talk to  
Problems at  
home/school  
Jobs and training  
Apprenticeships  
Staying safe  
online  
Sex and health  
Relationships

Mental Health  
Self Harm  
Bullying  
Drugs and  
alcohol  
Things to do  
Housing, rights  
and money  
What age can I?



## Age 0-19

(up to 25 for young  
people with learning  
difficulties or disabilities)

[facebook.com/LancashireYZ](https://www.facebook.com/LancashireYZ)

[twitter.com/LancashireYPS](https://twitter.com/LancashireYPS)

You can contact us 365 days a year

**2pm to 10pm**



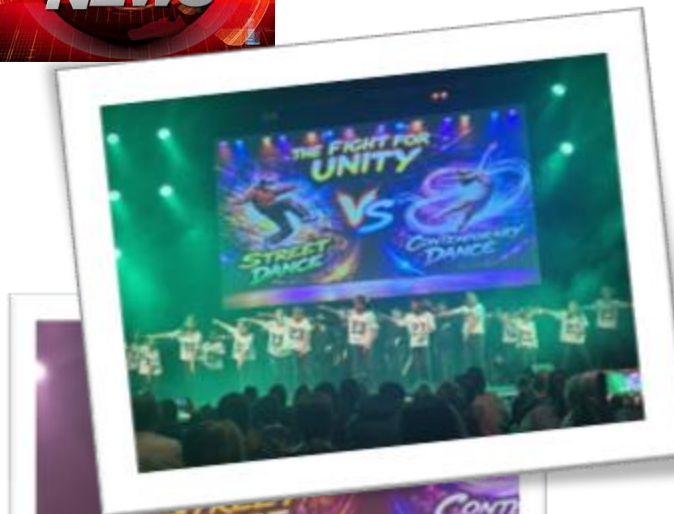
**Text 07786 51 11 11**

**Talk online** [lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone](http://lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone)

**Call 0800 51 11 11**



## Sports



## Making Barden Dance History!

Wow, wow, wow! The Barden Dance Group have made Barden history by placing **FIRST** and receiving **GOLD medals** in the Burnley Dance Festival. They were incredible and made us all so proud. A huge thank you to Mrs Taylor, Mrs Sudders and Miss Jackson (and also to Menaal's Mum!) for all their hard work and dedication to teach and support the children. They will now go to Blackpool to represent Burnley in the Lancashire School Games Finals – wow!



### **Year 4 Girls Football Event**

Some of our Year 4 girls attended an exciting girls' football event. The children had a fantastic time developing their football skills through a range of fun training activities. They practiced techniques such as passing, dribbling and teamwork before putting their new skills into action.

After the practice sessions, the girls took part in several mini football games, where they showed great enthusiasm, determination and teamwork. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow throughout the event.

Well done to all the girls who represented our school so brilliantly!



Some of our KS2 pupils recently took part in a Boccia competition and represented the school brilliantly. The team performed extremely well throughout the event and were unbeaten in all of their games, winning each match to reach the final.

After a very close final game, the team finished in 2nd place, proudly bringing home the silver medal. We are very proud of their teamwork, determination and great sportsmanship. Well done to everyone involved!



### **Year 3 & 4 OAA Event**

Some of our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils recently attended an OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) event at Towneley Park. The children took part in a range of team-building games, where they worked together to solve challenges and support each other.

They also enjoyed a fun Pokémon hunt around the park, exploring the area while searching for hidden Pokémon. The pupils showed great teamwork, enthusiasm and problem-solving skills throughout the day.



Dr Ken came to see us and showed us some amazing science experiments/tricks!



Robins

# Year 1



Sparrows



The Children really enjoyed taking part in World Book Day and dressing up as their favorite characters from books.

In DT, we tried lots of different fruits to help us decide which ones we want to use in our smoothies.



The Sparrows have been exploring data handling in computing, using both written methods and technology.



Robins really enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters for World Book Day. Everybody looked amazing!

In History, the Sparrows have been learning about Learie Constantine, the famous cricketer from Trinidad and Tobago who played for Nelson.





Jays

# Year 5



Puffins

Puffins were amazing during Bikeability! It was wonderful to see their confidence grow.



Puffins also thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day and meeting our new friends from our linking project at Burnley Youth Theatre!



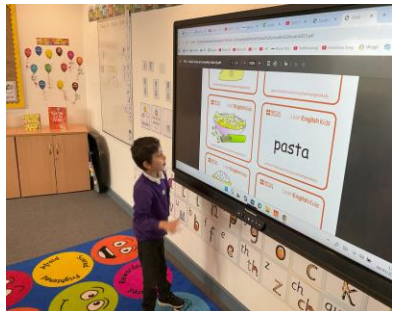
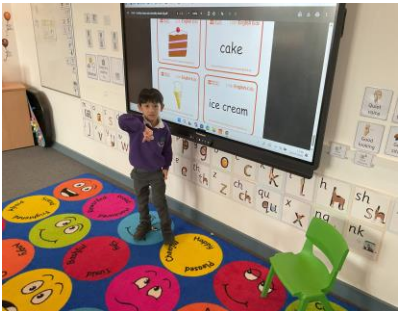
Jays had a fantastic time during our bikeability sessions. They learnt lots of safety tips on how to keep safe on the road.

In PSHE this week, we explored the important life skill of healthy eating. We discussed a variety of foods and determined which ones were healthy and which ones were unhealthy. In English, we began reading our new class book, 'Farmer Duck'.

# Pipits Class



On Wednesday, we have a visit from Emily's Mini Farm. We saw a variety of animals and even got a chance to hold them. We ensured that we listened to instructions and used kind hands.





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
<del>Wednesday 1st October 2025</del>	Jays
<del>9th October 2025</del>	Puffins
<del>23rd October 2025</del>	Kingfishers
<del>Wednesday 12th November 2025</del>	Blackbirds
<del>Wednesday 19th November 2025</del>	Woodpeckers
<del>Wednesday 28th January 2026</del>	Eagles
<del>5th February 2026</del>	Doves
<del>12th March 2026</del>	Skylarks
Wednesday 25th March 2026	Swallows
Thursday 26th March 2026	Wagtails
30th April 2026	Sparrows
Wednesday 6th May 2026	Robins
21st May 2026	Kestrels
18th June 2026	Owlets
25th June 2026	Eaglets
2nd July 2026	Chicks