



Friday
15th December
2023



Barden Primary School
Only my best is good enough for me



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your contributions for the food bank and toy appeal. They were gratefully received.

I watched a fantastic Christmas performance in The Nest this week - the children were amazing. Thank you to parents that were able to attend.

Please don't forget to complete our Values questionnaire (it's only short and we want to know your thoughts). Thank you!

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
04/12/23

Cygnets	88.8%
Swans	96.3%
Owlets	92.7%
Eaglets	87.4%
Robins	92.7%
Sparrows	98.6%
Goldfinches	97.2%
Wagtails	96.3%
Swallows	95.3%
Doves	96.8%
Skylarks	92.5%
Kingfishers	98.0%
Woodpeckers	95.7%
Jays	94.4%
Puffins	93.6%
Eagles	91.6%
Kestrels	95.5%

Overall school attendance was **94.4%**

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

Badge Winners this Week

Class	Badge Winners
Owlets	Mohammad S, Saad M
Eaglets	Musab K, Muhammad H
Sparrows	Ayeza Z, Mahbub H
Robins	Zayaan M, Hussain M
Goldfinches	Bareera B, Hussain M
Swallows	Fatima N, Fatima A
Wagtails	Musa K, Yasin I
Doves	Yusra-Bibi I, Rayyan M
Skylarks	Sumayah H, Aliza U
Woodpeckers	Abu-Bakr Y, Iqraam S
Kingfishers	Mohammad A, Haleema S
Jays	Mahfuz A, Sumayya A
Puffins	Tuuba N, Ameera K
Eagles	Suhaana Z, Zeeshan I A
Kestrels	Aminah B, Safaa Q

Winning Team - **EARTH**



BRONZE WINNERS - Arooba A, Yasin I, Fatima A

SILVER WINNERS - Sumayya A

GOLD Certificate - Jemima H, Ahmad I, Aliyza K, Ibrahim A, Taiba H, Zahra A, Erik V, Ayat A

Polite reminder about lateness



A lot of children are currently arriving late and/or being collected late from school. Please be on time. School starts at 8.35am and finishes at 3.05pm. Being late for school makes children feel anxious and they miss important learning time.

We have a breakfast club which starts at 7.45am. Please enquire at the school office if you are interested.

Thank you, Mrs Holgate

We have had an amazing term at Forest school. We have explored the woodlands and found jelly ear fungi, we have made bird boxes and bird feeders. After making the bird feeders we saw robins coming to eat. The children have had great fun in the mud too.



We are taking part in the RSPB challenge and will soon be in a position to get our bronze award, which is a great achievement.

All pictures can be found on the [school website](#) under curriculum, Falcon Forest School then photos.

Our final weeks are being spent making Christmas items.

Upcoming Diary Dates

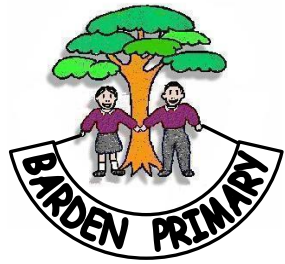
DATE	EVENT
Every Friday @ 8.50am	Celebration Assembly. You will be invited by a text message to attend.
Wednesday 20th December	Year 6 Trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelter.
Friday 22nd December	School closes @ 1pm
Monday 8th January	School reopens to pupils
Monday 8th January	Corner Exotic (animals) visit to Year 5
Thursday 25th January	Woodpeckers Class Assembly @ 8.50am followed by tea/cake
Friday 26th January	Skylarks Class Assembly @ 8.50am followed by tea/cake
Friday 2nd February	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 6th February	Young Voices Trip! (Choir)
Monday 5th February	Children's Mental Health Week

Santa Claus is coming to.... BARDEN!!!



IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DATES

Date	Event
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)



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

Swans have been busy this week rehearsing for their Christmas performance. They are retelling the story of The Nativity through song as well as drama. They can't wait to perform it in front of parents and friends. They have also been busy making props and costumes as part of their TRIVE learning approach and have been invited to watch Holly Grove's Christmas performance too.



R- Owlets

We have been learning about the Nativity story and had such a lovely time watching Reedley Hallows Christmas Show. We have been acting out the story and writing parts of the story 'Aliens Love Panta Claus!' We have made such a lot of progress since September in our writing – WOW! We have been making models of toys to help the elves out in their workshop. We have earned our Jar of Joy treat and had a movie and popcorn. It has been a busy week!



1- Robins

Robins have had another great week. The children enjoyed a lovely winter walk as part of our science topic. We had a fabulous workshop learning all about Guy Fawkes and his attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament. In English we have been innovating our 'Supertato' story using a new 'super veggie'. Well done Robins, another great week!



2 – Goldfinches

This week in Goldfinches we have been learning how to write instructions in English. We have been writing recipes for Jack from our story of Jack and the baked bean stalk for him to use in his new café. In Geography we have been learning about the different names of the seas and oceans around the world. Well done Goldfinches, another great week!



3- Skylarks

We have had a great week this week! We have started our new maths block on multiplication and division and the children are working hard to use arrays. We are looking at our final folk tales text in English, The Night Gardener. We are gathering evidence from the story to use in our letters next week. In art, we have painted a background wash ready to add our cave art next week.



4- Woodpeckers

In year 4, we have started our independent write based on the story of Rumaysa. The children have worked hard up until this point to include their year 4 writing skills. In maths, we have been consolidating what we have been doing all half term. We have been practicing addition and subtraction along with multiplication and division.



5- Puffins

In Puffins this week, we are building up to our independent write to explain how a spacesuit works. In maths, we have started subtracting fractions with different denominators and, in science, have investigated the phases of the moon. In our history topic, we have learnt about the key events of the Pendle Witch Trials. We also achieved our Jar of Joy- a PE afternoon!



6- Eagles

The children have been working so hard this week! They have written their own poems using 'Twas the night before Christmas' as inspiration- see if they can recite any of it to you. In maths we have been learning to multiply fractions, I think we've nearly mastered it! In history, we have been continuing our World War 2 topic and have created some work for our display- look out for it in the hall, it's amazing!

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
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

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

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