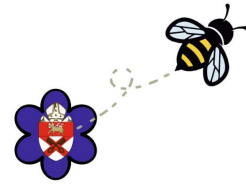




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FOBS

Thank you so much to FOBS (and you!) for all their hard work and support this year. They have been instrumental in so many of the activities and opportunities which we have given the children. All of our trips have been subsidised in some form by FOBS, many of the books in the library, and lots of PE and art resources. Thank you! There's more to come too – there will be an after school treat stall on Friday afternoon, and FOBS will be rattling buckets at Bedale car boot sale on Saturday.

Library Opening

You will all have seen Derrick's Book, which chronicles the creation of our library, and many of you were able to take a tour on opening day. PotterSpace's media department have been hard at work writing articles for news outlets too. A letter will be coming out later this week with a renewed user agreement, so that we can hit the ground running in September. The Amazon wishlist will be ongoing, thank you so much to the parents who have already generously donated!

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We've been very busy taking a little bit of Burneston out into the big wide world: our Y6 have been working on the charity aspect of Taking Flight – well done Izzy, whose cake stall raised £236 for the Rainbow Trust, Bella who raised £140 for FOBS with her charity bike ride, and Serena who collected for the local food bank. In addition to this, younger children have sung at Wath Street Fair as part of Soul Children, and Hallikeld's Eco Council have created very plush bug hotels for the Benefice's competition.

PE and Sport

Sports Day earlier this term was the best one ever – we were lucky with the weather, and the Year 6s did a splendid job of running the events. Thank you Miss Metcalf for taking over this year, it was seamless! As part of Sports Week we welcomed a professional golfer and a GB archer, who talked to the children about their sports and ran workshops across the classes. We have a lot of very talented sportsmen and women in our school, and one of our aims next year is to up our pollination rate at various local competitions – Miss Metcalf has been busy arranging this already, so watch this space in the new term!



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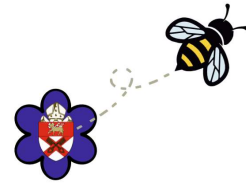




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Trips

We've had so many trips this year, it's been lovely to get back on track with curriculum visits. Recently Year 3 spent the day at Middleham Castle – and I had a special email from the organisers praising them for their exemplary behaviour and their amazing knowledge, enthusiastic engagement and challenging questions. Well done Year 3! Mr Easton and I took Year 6 to Ripon Cathedral for the Diocese's leavers' service. We were chosen to read a reading during the service, and again the organisers noted how well behaved and engaged our pupils were. We then visited Little Ripon Bookshop, where the children chose a book each for their leavers' gift, and in a new development (we were dazzled by the selection to be honest – if you haven't visited, you absolutely must!!), they also chose a book for their buddy to remember them by next year – a new tradition started I think!

Transitions

Our new starter transition sessions were all very well attended, and the Year 5s were delighted to meet their new buddies – it was very special! One of the sessions was a whole school moving up day, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all! Over the last couple of weeks, our Year 6 have gone up to their various secondary schools, and have all come back excited and looking forward to Year 7.

Miss Watson

As some of you may know, Miss Watson is getting married over the summer holidays. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating her and wishing her well in her new life as Mrs Davison! I've tried to persuade her that the 'something blue' ought really to mean going down the aisle in a Burneston jumper, but sadly she has already chosen her dress...

Safeguarding

[The Go-To](#) website provides information and signposting to services, for children and young people's mental health and wellbeing, in North Yorkshire. There is a range of Go-To resources for parents to access which can help support children who are struggling with their mental health.



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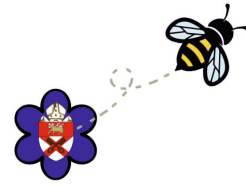




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Cost of Living and Pupil Premium

If you're struggling to pay for food and other essentials, there are local schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or point you in the right direction. You'll find information about emergency financial support, managing debt, benefit entitlement, energy bills and staying connected all in one place at www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving North Yorkshire Council's cost of living web page also has information about pension credit, schemes to help families and local community-based support including Warm Welcome spaces as well as advice on staying safe and well. Please do think about applying for Pupil Premium funding (link here: https://fisportal.northyorks.gov.uk/Synergy/fsm_prereq.aspx Please ignore the line on the site which says 'you do not need to fill in this form if your child already receives free school meals' – the wording is a little disingenuous!). This funding is not just for free school meals, it enables school to support families in a range of ways. Even if your child is in Key Stage 1, and already receiving free school meals as part of universal infant meals, you may well still be eligible for this funding, so don't let it put you off! Once you are successful, the funding stays with your child until the end of their time in primary school. The form itself can be completed in five minutes or so, and you just need to have your National Insurance number to hand.

Parking

We have had concerns shared from residents about parental parking. As a school we very much rely on the goodwill of the village, so we would ask you to please be very mindful when you park at pick up and drop off. Some parents are parking across pavements, others are parking right up to junctions. Please park respectfully.

And finally...

Summer term is a funny old time. It's bitter sweet, as we welcome in our new cohort whilst wiping the tears from waving off our oldest pupils. Whilst it's tempting to think that we are winding down for summer, ironically it's one of the most intense times of year, for staff and children alike. As with the end of every term, curriculum projects are being completed, assessments undertaken and feedback shared. Thank you to all of you who have taken a few minutes to return your parent comments section, it's really helpful. We really appreciate the feedback. All of our children (and staff!) have worked so hard all year, they thoroughly deserve their achievements. The most important things are often the least quantifiable, but all externally measurable outcomes (Early Learning Goals for EYFS, Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 and 2, Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4, SATs for Year 6) have come back now and we are above National levels across the board, particularly for Greater Depth standard in Year 6. Thank you and well done to all our children and their dedicated and hard working teachers! It's easy to focus on what is coming up, what still needs to be done (I am probably the worst for this...), but Summer term is also a time to reflect on what has gone well – and there is so much of this: trips, buddies, books, friendships, sporting achievements, visitors, arts week, sports week, participation in big projects, I could go on and on!



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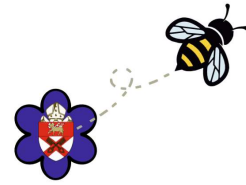




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Having worked in many schools, and speaking with parents who have experience of other schools – our school is a very special place to learn, both academically and socially. Our children will tell you (and they always tell anyone who visits) how much they love coming here, how much they love their lessons, how much their teachers care for them. I’ve lost count of the number of advisors and visitors who have told me that they wished they worked in our school (one of them even said they wanted to be a child in our school!). New starter parents say that one of the first things they notice is how happy and focused our children are, and how welcome they are made to feel. This takes work, dedication and commitment. It doesn’t happen by accident. So I’d like to end this last newsletter of the year with an enormous well done to the staff and children, and a heartfelt thank you to all our supportive, positive, engaged families for all your messages, conversations and interactions over the year.

Don't forget you can also check out our Twitter account (@BurnestonSchool) to see what we've been up to! You don't have to have a Twitter account yourself, you can just google it, or follow via the school website (<http://burneston.n-yorks.sch.uk/>).

Dates:

| When | What | Who |
|---|--|-----------------|
| Thursday 18 th July | NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB | All |
| Friday 19 th July, 3.15pm | Break for Summer | All |
| Monday 2 nd September | Training day | Staff |
| Tuesday 3 rd September | First day of Autumn Term | Everyone |
| Wednesday 9 th October | Open Morning for September 2025 new starters | Y6 and families |
| Friday 18 th October, 9.15am | Harvest Festival, St Lambert's Burneston | All |
| Friday 25 th October | Break up for half term | All |
| Monday 4 th November | Start of new half term | All |
| Friday 20 th December | Break up for Christmas | All |
| Monday 6 th January | Training day | Staff |
| Tuesday 7 th January | First day of Spring Term | All |

Further dates to come in September!



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