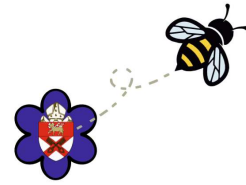




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Newsletter Autumn 1, 23rd October 2025

It's been an action-packed half term, the holiday is well deserved! Our new starters have made a wonderful beginning to their time with us, ably helped and guided by their fantastic buddies. Across school, it's been delightful to see friendships blossom, and our children come back reinvigorated after summer ready for their transition into their new year groups. Please find below all the news from school!

Safeguarding

We were delighted to welcome North Yorkshire Fire Service, who talked with our KS2 children about how to keep themselves safe now the nights are drawing in. In addition, Hawks pupils were visited by PCSO Heather Jones as part of Hate Crime Awareness week – once again she was super impressed by their ideas, and how well they listened and respectfully shared their views. We've also had some excellent resources shared with us by the London Grid for Learning, which are aimed at supporting parents with the fast changing and sometimes bewildering online world our children are navigating. There is a link here: <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/> and as always, if you have any questions or concerns please call or dojo, we are happy to support you!

Attendance

Wrens: 98.7%

Swifts: 96.4%

Robins: 99.5%

Kites: 98.1%

Hawks: 97.5%

National Average: 95.8%

North Yorkshire Average: 96%



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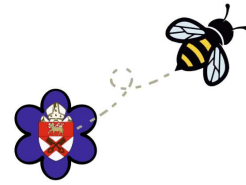




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FOBS events

Thanks as ever to FOBS for all their hard work and support, they've got the year off to a flying start already with Open Morning help, a cake sale and the highly anticipated Disco which is taking place later this week. Not to mention those dedicated parents and children who got up even earlier on their first day of the summer holiday to bucket rattle at Bedale Car Boot Sale – they raised an incredible £2500 for school! There are many events coming up over the school year, please do get involved. And if you'd like to get involved even more, FOBS are always looking for new members, just catch any of them at the school gates.

Staffing

As many of you will know, we are incredibly sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Humphreys on Thursday, as she is moving away from the area. Mrs Humphreys has been such a fabulous member of Team Burneston for the last five years, and she will be hugely missed. We wish her well with her house move and know she'll stay in touch. We have successfully recruited two new members of support staff: Mrs Teasdale and Miss Archer, who will be ably stepping into classroom support across the school.

Sporting Successes

Our sports teams have been out and about this term – dodgeball and cross country have been well attended, and next half term we will be sending our football teams out to cluster competitions too. Thank you to Miss Metcalf for the huge amount of work she puts in to ensure we can attend as many fixtures as possible!

Bewerley Park

Mr Easton and I met with Year Five and Six parents and carers recently for a Bewerley Park information session. It's hard to tell who is more excited – the children in Hawks or us adults at the prospect of new and improved dorms! February will be coming round quickly, I think Father Christmas will be getting lots of requests for warm layers this year...

New starters and Buddies

Autumn term is such a lovely time of year, when our buddies get into full swing welcoming their buddies and helping them settle into school life. They really are doing such a wonderful job of helping our youngest children settle quickly and happily into school. It's become such a part of school life now, I can't remember a time without it. And our children remember it too – some of our buddies from several years ago are still in touch with their buddy via younger siblings. I know Year Five are champing at the bit for their turn!



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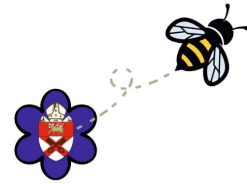




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Vindolanda

Years 3 and 4 had a wonderful time visiting Hadrian's Wall as part of their History unit on Roman Britain last week. It was an epic day, visiting both Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum nearby. The children were impeccably well behaved and learned so much about life on the Northern Frontier. I was impressed by how much they already knew and were able to recognise in the museum and on the site too.

Open Morning

We couldn't have been prouder of our oldest children last week, who did an incredible job of showing round lots of potential new starter parents. Year Five helped out too this year, and knocked our socks off! There were so many lovely comments from the adults who came, about how confident and welcoming our children were, as well as how engaged and polite the children in classes were too. FOBS did a fantastic job on the teas and coffees too, and Tor baked a selection of the delicious treats which our hot dinner children enjoy.

Harvest Festival

We are slightly biased but we definitely think that this year's Harvest Service was the best yet. So many lovely songs and pieces of artwork, and once again Rev James's sermon gave us much to think about. It was great to see so many parents and carers with us for the service too – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Parking

A continued request for all parents and carers to be considerate when arriving at collection and drop off times. As I'm sure you are aware, parking across driveways and junctions is causing a considerable amount of ill feeling in the community. As a school, we very much want to work with our village in whatever we do, and your support with this would be very much appreciated by them and us.



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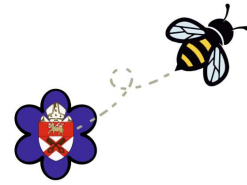




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When	What	Who
Mon 3 rd Nov	Return to school	All
Tues 4 th Nov	Y1/2 Multisports	Y1/2
Weds 5 th Nov	Y5/6 Football Bonfire Night lunch	Y5/6 team All
Fri 7 th Nov	Flu vaccinations	All requested
Weds 12 th Nov	Individual photos Y3/4 Football pm (come in uniform bring PE kit)	All
Weds 19 th Nov	Y5/6 Crucial Crew	Y5/6
Fri 21 st Nov	Y3/4 Netball 3.15 FOBS Christmas Jumper Swap Stall 2.45 Parent Carer Celebration Assembly	All
Fri 28 th Sat 29 th Nov	FOBS Wreath making workshop	All (ltd spaces)
Tues 2 nd Dec	Y5/6 Netball	Y5/6 team
Thurs 4 th Dec	Y5/6 Athletics	Teams from Y5/6
Fri 5 th Dec	Christmas Craft Day FOBS Christmas disco, BASA	All
Weds 10 th Dec	Panto in school	All
Tues 16 th Dec	2pm KS2 Carol Service in hall	Y3/4/5/6
Weds 17 th Dec	6pm KS1 Nativity St Michael's Kirklington	EYFS, Y1/2
Thurs 18 th Dec	12pm Christmas lunch	All
Fri 19 th Dec	Break up, normal time FOBS Christmas theme bake sale	All
Mon 5 th Jan	INSET	All staff
Tues 6 th Jan	Children in	All



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