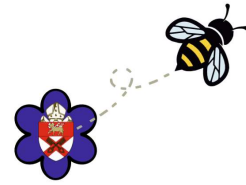




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Newsletter Autumn 1 9th September 2024

Welcome back new and old

It was great to see so many smiling faces last week – we’ve missed you! A huge warm welcome too to our new starters, Mrs Davison and her team have loved meeting their new children, and the buddies have been every bit as welcoming and wonderful as we knew they would be. And on that note, don’t worry, we haven’t got a new teacher, Miss Watson got married over the summer and is now Mrs Davison. We wish her a huge congratulations! We have sadly said goodbye to Mrs Baker over summer, but we will be welcoming her back for a farewell assembly later this half term. Hers were some formidable shoes to step into, but Mr Watkins, our new cook, has definitely managed it!

Attendance

Whole school attendance – 98%. We’re off to a flying start! As you know, every day in school counts. Government legislation regarding attendance is changing, Governors and I will be reviewing our attendance policy accordingly and sharing it with parents and carers later this term. In the meantime, well done everyone, it’s great to have you all back!

Celebration Assemblies

We will be ringing the changes slightly in Celebration Assemblies this year. Instead of meeting in the hall, we will be setting up work in classrooms which your child will be able to show you and talk about. Class teachers will be on hand for a chat too. We will still be doing the traditional certificate celebration assemblies on Fridays, but these will be whole school and we will share photos of our superstar children on dojo. The first of these new style assemblies will be at the end of September, and will be a great opportunity for you to meet your child’s class teacher and to see their classroom and books. Please save the date for Friday 27th September, 2.30pm. More information will follow shortly.

Parking

Please be mindful of where you park when dropping off and collecting your child. Some parents are, unfortunately, parking across driveways, blocking residents in who want to leave their house, parking across junctions and generally causing quite a bit of ill feeling amongst the village residents. I know that the vast majority of parents are super supportive, considerate parkers, and it is sadly the actions of a few which is causing the problem. We work really hard to maintain good relationships with the village community, it would really help if you could support us by parking considerately.



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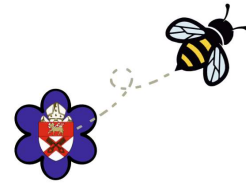




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Harvest Festival

Key dates are below, and will also be sent by email, but we'd love to see you at our Harvest Festival, on Friday 18th October. As usual, we will meet you at St Lambert's Church after drop off. If you have any donations of cans, dried goods or toiletries for Harvest, we'd love them – please send in with your child to the office, nearer the time.

Safeguarding

We will be welcoming in PCSO Charlotte and her team later this week. She will be delivering 'Meet the Police' sessions in KS1 (Wrens and Swifts classes) on Thursday, and returning on Friday for online safety workshops for children in KS2 (Robins and Hawks classes).

Headlice

Yes, they walk/crawl among us once again. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly. If you do find headlice, please let the office know and we can send a whole school reminder.

School Lunches

Mr Watkins is cooking up a storm in the kitchen, and the children are loving their dinners! There is a jacket potato option every day, alongside the main hot dinner and vegetarian options. Children choose their pudding once they get to the hatch so that they can see what deliciousness is available every day. There will be samples for you to try at the Meet the Teacher event on Friday 26th September, and you can see portion sizes and have a chat with Mr Watkins too if you have any questions.

Lost jumpers

Please make sure your child's jumpers etc are clearly labelled (sharpie is fine!), so that we can make sure any lost items are returned swiftly to their rightful owners. Now welly season is here, this also applies to school shoes as lots of children have the same style and size. We do try really hard to get jumpers back home, but equally we want children to be responsible for their own possessions, as it's one of the many ways we build their independence. There is a large box of spares in the nurture room, please help yourselves.

After School Clubs

Jordan and Mrs Clarkson have started the year off with a bang last week! You may have noticed Mrs Clarkson has sent some photos of what her clubbers have been up to recently, as she has had a change-around of activities for the new school year. Just a quick reminder for Multisports, that children need to be wearing school PE kit for their session. They will be able to change in the hall and hall toilets after school.



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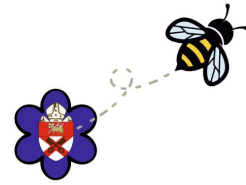




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Open Morning

It seems strange to be thinking about next year already, but the application window will open soon for our new starters in September 2025. The Y6s and I will be holding this year's Open Morning on Wednesday 9th October at 9.30am. Mrs Moss has sent an email with a flyer to you last week, if you could share with any nurseries or parents with a child due to start next year, we would be really grateful!

Uniform and PE Kit

Everyone is looking spiffing as we return to school – just a reminder that PE kit (which includes Wednesday after school club) is white tshirt, dark shorts or trackies and school jumper. We have a few branded tops and hoodies sneaking in, which I'd like to resolve. As you know, it's a priority to keep costs as low as possible for parents so the last thing I want is for children to be nagging for the latest football shirt etc. If everyone is in school uniform, this will relieve the pressure a little hopefully.

Wellies and Overs

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness (and rain and mud) is upon us already. Please make sure your child has labelled wellies and overs in a bag with their name on it to leave in school. We do have a good stock of spare wellies, and some overs in limited sizes for children who forget.

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/>).



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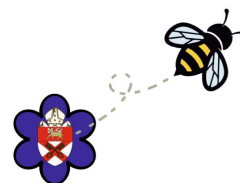




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Dates:

When	What	Who
Monday 2 nd Sept	INSET	All
Tuesday 3 rd Sept	First day back	All
Wednesday 9 th Oct, 9.30am	Open Morning Sept 2025 new starters	Y6, new starter families
Friday 27 th September, 2.30pm	Celebration Assembly	All
Friday 18 th Oct 9am	Harvest Festival, St Lambert's Burneston	All
Monday 21 st Oct	Parents' Eves week	All
Thursday 24 th Oct	Children break up	All
Wednesday 23 rd October, am	Individual photos	All plus younger siblings
Friday 25 th Oct	INSET	All staff
Monday 4 th Nov	Start of Autumn 2	All
Friday 8 th Nov	Flu immunisation	All who signed up
Friday 29 th November, 2.30pm	Celebration Assembly	All
Friday 6 th Dec	Christmas Craft Day	All
Friday 13 th Dec 2pm	KS2 Carol Service	KS2
Monday 16 th Dec	KS1 party pm	KS1
Tuesday 17 th Dec	KS2 party am	KS2
Wednesday 18 th Dec, 6pm	Nativity, St Michael's Kirklington	KS1
Thursday 19 th Dec, 12pm	Christmas lunch	All
Friday 20 th Dec	Break up for Christmas	All



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