

**'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE
TO ALL'**

**9TH JANUARY 2026
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**



NEWSLETTER

BURSCOUGH METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL



GAINING NEW KNOWLEDGE

This week in Drawing Club, **Reception** have been enjoying The Camel Who Had the Hump. Through the story, the children explored the important message of never giving up and always trying their best. As the book is written in rhyme, the children have also been learning about rhyming words including wearing their own rhyming name tags.

In Maths this week, **Year 1 and 2** have been exploring fractions, focusing on finding one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) and one quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$). The children have been shading fractions of shapes to show their understanding and have also been working out halves and quarters of different amounts.



GAINING NEW KNOWLEDGE

This week **Years 3 and 4** have started 2026 off with a bang! We have started our new text in English: The Firework Maker's Daughter. We have put ourselves in Lila's shoes and written emotive letters to her Dad, focusing on how she feels and using some amazing vocabulary!

This week, **Year 5 and 6** have started their new topic – World War One. Ask your child if they can remember, what year the war started and what year it

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY EVERYDAY MATTERS

This Weeks Attendance

This week's overall attendance is 91.9%

Congratulations to Year on 100% attendance for this week.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	96.5%	100%	66.7%	98.6%	95%	86.7%	90%
Lates	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship we have been learning about Epiphany. On Monday, the Three Kings arrived, and the children also explored this celebration in their Spanish lessons. They decorated an Epiphany cake, linked to the tradition of children receiving gifts at this time.

HOLIDAY DATES AND LATE PROCEDURE

Please find attached the holiday dates the next academic year. You'll notice a two week break in October. Following parent feedback, governors have agreed to this change to help families with holiday costs and we hope it will also support improved attendance.

From Monday 12th January, we will be introducing a late book. Any child arriving after the school gates have closed and entering through the main entrance must be signed in by an adult, with the reason for lateness recorded. Please note that arrival after 9am is classed as an unauthorised session. If a child reaches ten unauthorised late marks, this may result in a fine from Lancashire County Council.

FOREST SCHOOL

This week was Class 1's first of twelve Forest School sessions at The Beacon. It was a lovely, fresh day and the children explored the camp, spotted possible dangers, and built some fantastic dens.

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKINGS

Please ensure you book Breakfast and After School Club sessions via School Money under Clubs by 2pm the day prior to the booking. Bookings cannot be made after this time, and you will need to contact the school to check whether a place is available.

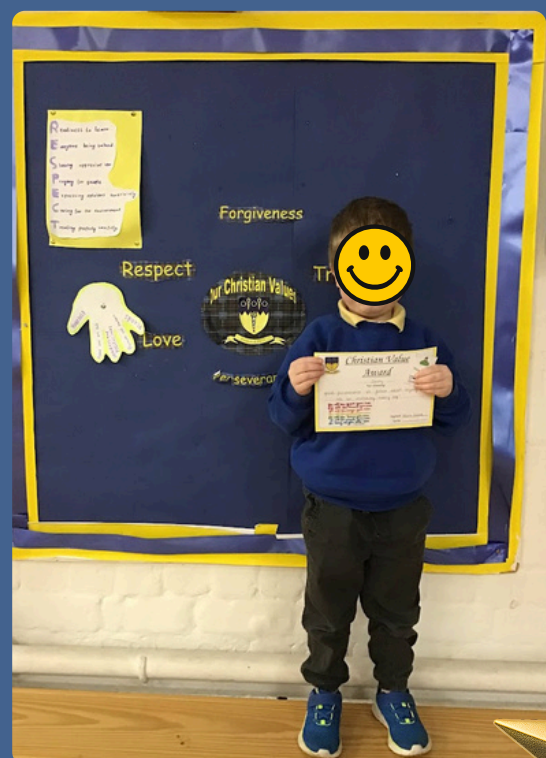
PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

We are fast approaching the deadline for applying for a Primary School place starting September 2026. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2026.

If you have a sibling due to start school and have not yet submitted your application, please use the link provided to apply as soon as possible.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

STAR AND CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARDS



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Please ensure that any outstanding balances relating to last term for Dinner Money, After School Club and Breakfast Club are brought up to date.

For school dinners, please note that if there is still an outstanding balance from the previous term, your child will need to bring a packed lunch until the account has been cleared, as the school has already paid the supplier for the meals taken.

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Welcome back, and Happy New Year to all our children, families and staff. We hope you've all had a restful break and are ready for a fantastic term ahead.

We're still incredibly proud of our amazing achievement: our school was ranked 11th out of more than 480 primary schools across Lancashire for the best KS2 results in all areas for 2025.

We're also the only primary school in Burscough to appear in the top 27 schools. It's an achievement worth shouting about once more and we couldn't be prouder of our children, staff and families.

Year 6 parents please make a note of the following date relating to SATs. We will be holding a Year 6 SATs parents meeting at 3:15pm on Tuesday 20th January. If you are unable to attend please let Mrs Murphy or myself know.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 15th January – Primary School Application Deadline

Tuesday 20th January – Y6 SATS meeting with parents 3.15pm

Week Commencing Monday 23rd February – Swimming starts for keystage 2 (Day to be confirmed)

Our School Values

Love **Respect** *Hope* Forgiveness *Perseverance*