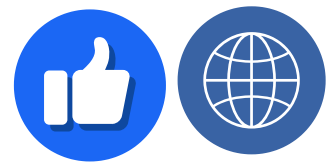


**'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE
TO ALL'**

**24TH APRIL 2026
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**



NEWSLETTER

BURSCOUGH METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL



GAINING NEW KNOWLEDGE

This week in Maths, our **Reception** children have been busy ordering and comparing numbers from 1 to 20.

This week in PSHE, **Years 1 and 2** took part in a activity all about recognising the people who care for them. The children drew a mystery person and wrote clues describing how that person looks after them. Their friends then used the clues to guess who it might be.



GAINING NEW KNOWLEDGE

Years 3 and 4 are thoroughly enjoying their new class text, 'Rumblestar' by Abi Elphinstone. They have made predictions about the plot and looked at the function of a prologue. They are excited to find out what happens to Casper after he found himself inside the Neverlate Tree!

Years 5 and 6 have begun their new Science topic: Earth and Space. This week, they explored the planets in our solar system and learned a mnemonic to help remember their order: My Very Easy Method Just Speeds Up Nothing!

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY EVERYDAY MATTERS

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

This weeks whole school attendance is 93%

Congratulations Year 2 on 100% attendance!

Well done Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 for superb punctuality!

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	98.69%	95%	100%	97.1%	82.9%	97.1%	86.3%
Lates	2	2	0	0	0	0	2

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we marked St George's Day and thought about why his story still inspires us. We reflected on how St George "put himself on the line and expected nothing in return" when he chose to help others. Like him, we can show courage by not following the crowd when something feels wrong and by doing small things that make the world a better place, even when no one sees. Instead of asking "Why should I?" we challenged ourselves to think, "Why shouldn't I?" as we look for ways to help.

CHRISTIAN VALUE

This half term our Christian Value is **Perseverance**



LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE
THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US.

Hebrews 12:1

SAVE THE DATE

Our much loved Strawberry Cream Tea is back after being such a big hit last year! Join us on Friday 3rd July 2026, 2pm–4:30pm in the Church Hall and School Gardens. Year 6 will once again be hosting and serving parents and guests, all family members are warmly welcome. All proceeds will go directly towards school funds.

E-SAFETY

Please find attached April's Online Safety Newsletter which highlights key guidance for families, including safer use of BBC iPlayer for Kids, understanding age ratings in games and how to set up parental controls across different devices. It also raises awareness of emerging risks such as deep fakes, noting that AI technology offers incredible opportunities, but it also introduces serious risks when misused.

YEAR 6 SATS

Our Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard this week as they prepare for their SATs beginning the week commencing 11th May 2026. A quick reminder that Mrs Murphy is running SATs booster sessions on Tuesdays after school, 3:15–4:15pm, with just two sessions remaining.

WARMER WEATHER REMINDER

With the warmer weather arriving, please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle (**water only**, not juice), sun cream applied before the school day and a sun hat. This helps us keep everyone safe and comfortable throughout the day.

GAINING READING SUPERPOWERS

This term, each class is diving into a new text to help build their reading superpowers.

Year 1/2 are exploring the beautifully written story The Tear Thief

Year 3/4 are fully immersed in the adventure of Rumblestar

Year 5/6 are delving into poetry

STAR AWARDS, CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD AND ROBINWOOD CERTIFICATES



SPORT

This half term, KS2 are enjoying dance as part of their PE curriculum, exploring rhythm, movement and performance skills. We also have a Friday after-school dance club running for the next five weeks, giving children an extra opportunity to get active, be creative and have fun.

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

We're very excited to be welcoming our Reception Class of 2026 into school next half term! It's always a special time as our youngest pupils begin their school journey and we're looking forward to getting to know each of them. We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new parents joining the school community. Here's a link to our school Facebook page so you can follow all the latest news and updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/BurscoughMethodistSchool>

A big welcome to our student teacher, Mr Williams, who has joined Year 5 and 6 this term. We're delighted to have him working with our pupils and being part of our school community.

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Cafe 48, who provide our school lunches, are currently running a special promotion: one free child's meal with every paying adult. It's a lovely chance to enjoy breakfast at the weekend or lunch during the school holidays while supporting a local business.

Please ensure that all outstanding balances for school lunches and Out of School Club are brought up to date as soon as possible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 11th May – Y6 SATs Week

Monday 18th May – Year 6 start swimming

Monday 18th May – Summer Disco

Friday 22nd May – Close for the half term break 3:15pm

Thursday 4th June – Return to school

Friday 5th June – Clothes Collection

Monday 15th June – Book Fair Arrives in school

Friday 3rd July – Strawberry Tea 2pm–4.30pm

Our School Values

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