

'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE  
TO ALL'

8TH MAY 2026  
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



# NEWSLETTER

BURSCOUGH METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL



## GAINING NEW KNOWLEDGE

This week in Drawing Club, **Reception** enjoyed the story Tad and explored the life cycle of a tadpole and frog. Inspired by the story, the children created their own lily pad artwork in the style of Monet.

This week in Computing, **Years 1 and 2** have been developing their digital writing skills. The children have been learning how to change the font, colour and size of text, as well as exploring the functions of the keyboard.

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This week in Maths, **Years 3 and 4** have been exploring the link between division and fractions. They have been using their times table knowledge to work out how to find a fraction of a number by dividing it by the denominator and multiplying it by the numerator. They are now beginning their new topic on time. Please continue practising telling the time at home.

This week, **Years 5 and 6** have been learning about the phases of the Moon as part of their Earth and Space topic. The children explored how the Moon appears to change shape over its 29.5 day cycle and researched the names of each phase.

# ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY EVERYDAY MATTERS

## THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

This weeks whole school attendance is 88.4% Congratulations Year 2 on 100% attendance for the 3rd week running! Congratulations also to Year 5, who achieved 100% attendance this week. Our punctuality this week has been the best of the entire academic year, showing a real commitment from families to getting children into school on time and ready to learn.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	87.5%	93.8%	100%	80.4%	75%	100%	90.6%
Lates	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In Collective Worship this week, we explored our Christian Value perseverance and why it matters to keep trying even when things feel difficult. We talked about how it can be tempting to give up or avoid challenges, but continued effort helps us grow and achieve things we didn't think we could. We listened to the adapted fable of The Hare and the Tortoise, reflecting on how the tortoise "always tried his best" even though things didn't come easily to him.

## CHRISTIAN VALUE

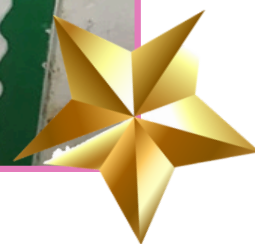
This half term our Christian Value is **Perseverance**



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

*Hebrews 12:1*

# STAR AWARDS AND CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD



Congratulations to the children who received their Merit Awards and Christian Value certificate today in our weekly Celebration Assembly.

## E-SAFETY

Please find attached this months E-Safety Newsletter. This month highlights risks linked to FreezeNova, where "there are concerns with any online chat facility", as well as guidance on group chats, Roblox's new age-based accounts, and screen-time advice for under-5s. It also includes updates on looksmaxxing and changes to PEGI age ratings.

# HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

As you will be aware, we had our Ofsted inspection this week. Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the online Parent View survey and to those who spoke with the inspectors, your support is genuinely appreciated. As soon as we receive the final report, we will share it with you. We are hopeful that this will be before the Summer break.

To support our Year 6 pupils during SATs week, they are welcome to come into school at **8:15am for Breakfast**, served by Mrs Murphy and Mrs Tyrer, from Monday to Thursday next week. This gives them a calm, settled start to the morning and a chance to be with friends before the tests begin.

We're really proud of how hard they've been working and look forward to supporting them through the week.

Last week we asked for volunteers to come into school and talk to the children about their jobs and careers. We are still looking for parents and carers who would be happy to come in and share their experiences. If you can help, please contact the School Office with a day and time that works for you.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 SATs Week

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Reception 2026 Home visits

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 start swimming

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Summer Disco

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Close for the half term break 3:15pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Return to school

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Clothes Collection

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day 1.30pm-3.15pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June - First Little Learners session for Reception 2026

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Book Fair Arrives in school

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Strawberry Tea 2pm-4.30pm

## Our School Values

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