‘LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE TO ALL’

9TH OCTOBER 2026
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## BURSCOUGH METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL



## GAINING NEW KNOWLEDGE

This week in Drawing Club, **Class 1** have travelled back in time to discover The Magic Roundabout. They enjoyed drawing Zebedee and inventing their own imaginative bubble machines. **Year 1 and 2** have spent some time editing and improving their writing, with a focus on capital letters and punctuation marks.

## GAINING NEW KNOWLEDGE

This week in Science, **Class 2** have been learning about different types of skeletons, including endoskeletons, exoskeletons and hydrostatic skeletons. They discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each type and explored why different animals are suited to the skeletons they have. To continue the learning at home, try playing "I'm Thinking of an Animal" and ask questions about its skeleton to see if you can work out which animal it is!

This week in Computing, **Class 3** have been learning about systems. The children explored how a system is made up of many linked processes and discovered that if one part is missing, the whole system may not work correctly. They used the example of Mrs Murphy ordering a pair of trainers online and mapped out all the steps involved before the parcel could be collected from an InPost locker.

# ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY EVERYDAY MATTERS

## THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

This week, our whole school attendance is 91.8%
Congratulations to Reception and Year 3 for 100% attendence this week and fantastic punctuality from everyone.

| | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| **Attendance** | **100%** | **82.9%** | **80%** | **100%** | **91.4%** | **88.6%** | **100%** |
| **Lates** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |

## HARVEST

Next Friday is our Harvest Festival, and we hope lots of parents and grandparents will be able to join us. If you would like to make a food donation, please bring it into school by Thursday. All donations will be given to our local food bank.

## CHRISTIAN VALUE

This half term our Christian Value is **Respect and Friendship**



## SCHOOL DISCO

Next Wednesday is our first School Disco of the academic year, straight after school. Places can be booked via the School Money App for £4 and includes a snack. Children may bring their disco clothes to school to change into before the fun begins. The disco will finish at 4:30pm and parents should collect from the office entrance.

We can't wait to see everyone on the dance floor!

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship, the children reflected on the importance of showing respect for special places. They discussed why places of worship are important to many people and explored how these places can provide a space for prayer, reflection and community. The children also considered ways they can show respect for others, their surroundings and the special places they visit.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

This week, KS2 children have voted for their School Council representatives for the year ahead. The children took part in a democratic vote and have already begun sharing their ideas on how they can help improve school life and represent the views of their classmates.




## PARENTS EVENING

Parents' Evening appointment times were sent out via text this week for Monday 12th October. Each appointment will be 5 minutes long. If you are unable to make your appointment, please contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher. If possible, please make alternative arrangements for your children and any siblings as all staff will be speaking with parents and therefore will be unable to supervise children. This will also ensure the meeting between yourself and class teacher is as productive as possible. We thank you for your support with this matter.

# STAR AWARDS AND CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD







## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please find next week lunches below

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| **Chicken and Cheese Wrap, Brioche Bun** |
| **Spaghetti and Meatballs, Yoghurt** |
| **Beans on toast, Fruit** |
| **Sausage, Mash and Vegetables, Mousse** |
| **Pizza, Curly Fries and Sweetcorn, Swiss Roll** |

## HEADTEACHER MESSAGES

A quick reminder that we have a two week break this half term, with school closing on Friday 16th October and reopening on Monday 2nd November. The Governors agreed to this extended half term to help support families with holiday costs and, we hope, reduce the need for term time holidays at other points during the school year.

## OFFICE MESSAGES

A reminder that applications for primary school places for September 2027 are now open. Parents can apply online at lancashire.gov.uk/schools. Please note that the closing date for applications is 15th January 2027
https://schooladmissions.lancashire.gov.uk/prefs.php

Applications for high school places for September 2027 are now open. Parents are reminded that the closing date for applications is 31st October 2026. Applications can be made online at

https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school/

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 12th October** - Parents Evening for Years 1-6 appointments have bee allocated
**Wednesday 14th October** - School Disco 3.15pm - 4.30pm
**Friday 16th October** - Harvest Festival 9am in the school hall - All parents/grandparents welcome
**Friday 16th October** - School closes at 3.15pm for October Half Term
**Monday 2nd November** - Return to school
**Thursday 5th November** - Vision screening for Reception
**Tuesday 17th November** - Bikeability for Year 5
**Wednesday 18th November** - Bikeability for Year 5
**Thursday 19th November** - Bikeability for Year 5
**Thursday 19th November** - Priory Sings
**Monday 23rd November** - Flu Vaccines

**Our School Values**

Love **Respect** Hope Forgiveness Perseverance Trust