‘LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE TO ALL’

18TH SEPTEMBER 2026
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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BURSCOUGH METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL



GAINING NEW KNOWLEDGE

This week in Drawing Club, **Class 1** have read The Colour Monster Goes to School. They explored different feelings and created their own colour monsters through drawing.

Year 2 then went on to plan and write a diary entry as the Colour Monster, using their drawings to inspire their writing.

GAINING NEW KNOWLEDGE



In English, **Years 3 and 4** have been reading The Boy Who Grew Dragons. This week, they wrote diary entries imagining they had discovered a dragon egg in the garden. The children used time conjunctions and adverbials to create some fantastic pieces of writing.

This week in RE, **Year 5 and 6** have been exploring commitment, what it means to us and how we show it in our everyday lives. During a class discussion, the children agreed that commitment is a promise you make to yourself or someone else that you endeavour to keep.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY
EVERYDAY MATTERS

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

This week, our whole school attendance is 92.4%

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	**95.3%**	**92.9%**	**86.7%**	**100%**	**80%**	**95.7%**	**97.5%**
Lates	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

We are now three weeks into the autumn term and we wanted to share with you that there has been updated guidance on attendance published by the Department for Education (DfE) in July 2026. Good attendance is one of the biggest factors in how well children do at school, not just academically, but also in their confidence and friendships.

Every child is entitled to a full time education and by law parents and carers must ensure their child attends school regularly once registered. Even short or occasional absences can add up quickly, making it harder for children to keep pace with their learning.

We know children can become unwell, especially as we move into the colder months, and parents will always need to judge how severe symptoms are. While 100% attendance is possible, it is challenging; a more realistic and healthy benchmark is 96%, our whole school target this year.

To show how attendance percentages translate into days missed across the school year, here is a simple breakdown.

Percentage	100%	97%	95%	93%	91%
Days Absent	0/190	5/190	9/190	13/190	17/190
Equivalent	0	1 week	1 week 4 days	2 weeks 3 days	3 weeks 2 days

BURSCOUGH PRIORY ACADEMY VISIT

This week we had a lovely visit from past pupils Lucy and Riley, who came along from Burscough Priory Academy with Mrs McLaren to talk to Years 5 and 6 about life at High School. They shared their experiences and answered lots of thoughtful questions about moving up to secondary school. A reminder that the Burscough Priory Academy Open Day is next Tuesday 4pm-7pm for Year 5 and 6 families.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in collective worship, we've been thinking about how each person is unique and how everyone is special in their own way. We also explored the importance of respecting and valuing difference and how we can show kindness and understanding to others. Our Bible story was The Roman Centurion, which helped us reflect on respect, faith and caring for others.

CHRISTIAN VALUE

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



STAR AWARDS AND CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD





SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please find next week lunches below

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

Next Wednesday, 23rd September, we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at 2:00pm in the School Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for tea, coffee and cake in support of this wonderful cause. We would be very grateful for donations of cakes (no nuts please), homemade (must provide a list of ingredients for allergens) or shop bought (must come to school in original packaging for allergens) to help make the afternoon a success.

We look forward to seeing you there!

OFFICE MESSAGES

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

Tuesday 22nd September - Burscough Priory Academy Open Day for Year 5/6 4pm-7pm
Wednesday 23rd September - MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2pm-3.15pm - all parents and grandparents welcome
Wednesday 30th September - Parents Reading/Phonics Workshop EYFS/KS1/KS2 3.15pm
Monday 5th October - School Open Day 3.30pm
Wednesday 7th October - School Photographs
Monday 12th October - Parents Evening for Years 1-6 appointments will be allocated
Wednesday 14th October - School Disco 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Friday 16th October - Harvest Festival 9am - All parents/grandparents welcome
Friday 16th October - School closes at 3.15pm for October Half Term
Monday 2nd November - Return to school
Monday 23rd November - Flu Vaccines

Our School Values

Love **Respect** Hope Forgiveness Perseverance Trust