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C of E (VA)  
Primary  
School

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Friday  
21<sup>st</sup>  
November  
2025

School  
News  
No.0456

### Dear Parents/Guardians:

Last weekend our children were amazing at the Interfaith Match, singing at Burnley Lights and walking in the lantern parade. This week school has been busy with our Christmas Show rehearsals, and the stage goes up on Monday. I have not seen any of the rehearsals and I am looking forward to the performances. Tomorrow, we support our church at their Christmas Fayre. It starts at 11am with our school choir performing. See you there!

Stay safe and well.

### Autumn Term

#### Burnley FC in the Community bin on site

#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Y2 Infant Wellbeing Programme  
BSSP Gymnastics event

#### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Archdeacon of Lancaster David Picken  
in school to lead worship.  
Y4 Welly Wednesday

#### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November

BFC in the Community bins for  
Christmas collections leave today.

#### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Last day for after school clubs  
Dress Rehearsal  
Y6 Decorating the Memorial Garden.

### Prayer of the week

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

The Second Sunday before Advent

### Makaton Sign of the Week Television



[https://youtu.be/FxTnaoS2hvU?si=aquVg-kzVpiPD\\_Jl](https://youtu.be/FxTnaoS2hvU?si=aquVg-kzVpiPD_Jl)

The school twitter account is @ClivigerSchool

**Dates:** School closes for Christmas on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December and reopens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Thanks for your continued support.

*Naomi R. Healey*

Mrs N. R. Healey  
Headteacher

**PTO**

**AUTUMN TERM**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
The start of Advent.

Baubles in memory of lost loved ones can be placed on our Prayer Tree until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

2pm KS1 Christmas Show  
6pm KS1 Christmas Show

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
BSSP Elf Dash (am)  
2pm KS2 Christmas Show  
6pm KS2 Christmas Show

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Care for a Cuppa at 9am  
The school nurse will be attending.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
EYFS Storytelling session with Rogan Mills  
6pm KS2 Christmas Show

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
EYFS/Y6 Writing Day  
Y3 Stone Age session with Mr Sansom (am)  
2:30pm Y2 Family Fun Friday

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
Assessment Week

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
Mad Hatter with Mrs Healey  
EYFS Drop in at 2:30pm

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
PoP review day with Mrs Pickup and classteacher

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
EYFS Drop in at 2:30pm

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
End of term reports go home  
9:30am Christingle Service at church – all welcome  
Y5/6 Christmas Party in their own clothes all day.

**Church News**



Jane and Jeanette, who currently run Guides on a Thursday in Church House, will be finishing at Christmas after many years of service.

They have asked school to advertise this and ask if there is anyone in our school community who would be willing to become part of the Girl Guides and volunteer so this uniformed organisation can continue.

If you would like further information, please contact the school office and we will gladly pass on your details.

**Breakfast Club and Shooting Stars  
Wraparound Provision**



The Governors have asked me to inform you that there will be an increase in charges from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 to cover the rising costs of staffing, food, electricity etc....

Breakfast Club will be £6.50 per session

Shooting Stars will be £7.50 per hour or £14 for the full session (2hours and 40minutes).



## FAQ's on attending shows at school

### 1. *Can I bring children to the shows?*

We ask that only children of primary school age upwards come to see the show, and they can only come if they have their own tickets. Children should not be sat on parent's knees and babies are not allowed simply because they distract the children in their performance.

### 2. *Can I use my ticket on another night if I miss a performance?*

Tickets can only be used on the night they have been allocated. This is due to the Health and Safety Fire Regulations and strict numbers which must be adhered to.

### 3. *Can I have more than two tickets for my family?*

We have over 160 families in school and, therefore, can only allocate two tickets per family due to the Health and Safety Fire Regulations and strict numbers which must be adhered to.

We expect families where the parents do not live together to communicate and ensure each person with parental responsibility has a ticket so that they can both enjoy seeing their child in the show. Extra tickets cannot be issued.

Any extra tickets which become available are allocated on a random draw basis.

I would ask you to be kind when speaking to our Office staff. They work tirelessly and bend over backwards to accommodate everyone's needs. The governors and I will **not tolerate challenges or rudeness** towards the Office staff.

## Severe Weather Procedure

In the case of the snow arriving this is the timeline and procedure we are going to implement to try and ensure everyone is kept informed and it is done as soon as possible.

- **7:50am** Mrs Healey will decide whether school is open or closed. This is dependent on the number of staff who can get to work. School will use the texting system. **If you have not had a text by 8am, please assume school is open.**

### If school is open:

- A 'key route' will be cleared for access.
- Please enter the new building via the main office.
- Please enter the old building via the back entrance.
- Please don't use the steps, ramps or main playground area.

## SNOW!!!!!!

### Please ensure the children have the appropriate clothing every day.

To include: - Wellingtons or boots (bring shoes for inside school), hat, scarf, gloves, a warm padded coat and waterproofs (if you wish). We will play out in the snow if it isn't too icy, and the children will need to be dressed to keep warm and as dry as possible. Children who do not have the correct footwear will not be allowed to play out.

## Congratulations!

Well done to Georgia Heys who has won the competition for the Mayor of Burnley's Christmas card. She has been invited to the Town hall to meet the Mayor and received her award.



## Care for a Cuppa



As part of our continued support for parents each half term we hold 'Care for a Cuppa' sessions, these are a chance to meet with other parents and carers, discuss parenting concerns and get support from others. These sessions are tailored to meet our family's needs, and we welcome your ideas, previous sessions have included behaviour support, training for parents, supporting children to use technology safely.

Mrs. Pickup is available during these sessions and refreshments are on offer. We hope you can join us!!

### 3rd December at 9am - 10am.

Our school nurse will be available during our next Care for a Cuppa session; please come along to have a chat about any concerns you may have. Mrs. Pickup will also be available during this time.

As we approach the Christmas performances, I would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone in the school community about the school's policy on this.

### Parental right to take photographs.

Parents are not covered by the Data Protection Regulations if they are taking photographs or making a video recording for their own private use. Regulations do not, therefore, stop parents from taking photographs or making video recordings at school events, such as nativity plays.

Parents are not permitted, however, to take photographs or to make a video recording for anything other than their own personal use (e.g. with a view to selling videos of a school event). Recording and/or photographing other than for private use would require the consent of the other parents whose children may be captured on film. Without this consent the Data Protection Regulation would be breached.

Data Protection considerations aside, it is possible to consider banning all filming / recording / photography of school productions, sports days etc. if we felt that this is appropriate. We believe, however, that many parents would consider it to be overcautious to impose such a ban and we would not, at this stage, recommend this course of action. Should we wish to impose any such ban we would take legal advice to ensure that the correct steps are taken, whilst acknowledging that such a ban would be difficult to enforce.

### Attendance Figures

R – 97.3%  
Y1 – 97.0%  
Y2 – 100%  
Y3 – 98.5%  
Y4 – 95.7%  
Y5 – 93.7%  
Y6 – 96.3%

Overall school attendance was 96.9%.  
Well done to the Y2 class who had the highest attendance last week



### Christmas Baubles for lost loved ones.



Many of you will know that we have a Prayer Tree at the entrance to the New Building.

*I would like to invite you to hang a bauble in memory of loved ones not with us this Christmas.*

The baubles should be clearly labelled (should you wish to have them back) with your child's name and class.

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, you are invited to hang your bauble on our Prayer Tree. This can be when you drop off/pick up your children or during the school day. The children will not be coming out of class so you can do a time to suit you.

See examples of baubles below



The baubles will stay on the Prayer Tree until the last day of term.



After the Christmas Shows, every child will receive their keepsake bauble to remind them of their 2025 Christmas Show. It is a lovely way to remember the shows and by the time they reach Y6, they should have 7 baubles.

Thank you to Mrs Marshall who has worked tirelessly to put them all together.

### Reindeer



The CHSA have generously paid for a reindeer to visit on school on the morning of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The children can also buy some reindeer food, essential for Christmas Eve to guide the reindeer to your house, for 50p.

If there are any siblings (under 4) who would like to come and see the reindeer, please come in the first slot 9-9:15am.

Thankyou!

### Christmas Post



The Cliviger Christmas Post box will open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. It will be in the entrance of the New Building near the office. If your child would like to send cards to their friends, they can post them, and the House Captains will deliver them.

The cards should have on the envelope:

- Child's full name
- Class e.g. Y1

# GOLDEN BOOK

## **EYFS**

**Being kind:** Nancy Higgins for being really kind to a friend outside.

**Being respectful:** Lucy Sutcliffe for always looking after the classroom.

**Friendship:** Solomon Fritchley for being a kind and caring friend.

**Thinking outside the box:** Jude Munro for applying his phonics to his writing.

**Working hard:** Jack McKinlay for joining in with all the songs for the nativity.

## **Year 1**

**Being kind:** Franc Taylor for being helpful in class and helping his friends.

**Being respectful:** Ruby-Jean Thompson for always doing the right thing.

**Friendship:** Temperance Knowles for being a beautiful friend.

**Thinking outside the box:** Eleanor Cooper-Stansfield for good listening on the carpet.

**Working hard:** Tommy Butschok for showing a good understanding of addition.

## **Year 2**

**Being kind:** Pippa Barker for using kindness in all she does.

**Being respectful:** William Rigg for showing respect towards adults in class.

**Friendship:** Jessie Rodriguez for playing well with her friends.

**Thinking outside the box:** Harry Williams for beginning to transfer his tricky word spellings into his writing.

**Working hard:** Emilia Scott for trying hard to put new things into her work.

## **Year 3**

**Being kind:** Finlay Froude for being helpful around the classroom and doing jobs with a responsible attitude.

**Being respectful:** Ilijana-Marija Taylor for always using excellent manners and always being ready to learn.

**Friendship:** Oliver Bond being a kind, caring and calming friend to others.

**Thinking outside the box:** Poppy Hirst for thinking of interesting ideas for her writing.

## **Year 3**

**Working hard:** Lottie Nesbitt Harbour for working hard during maths and literacy lessons.

## **Year 4**

**Being kind:** Reuben Cliff for looking after others.

**Being respectful:** Jessica Law for showing lovely manners.

**Friendship:** Carson Sturgeon for helping his friends.

**Thinking outside the box:** Ivy Williamson for the amount of detail included in her work.

**Working hard:** Teddy Howarth for super literacy.

## **Year 5**

**Working hard:** Lyla McNulty for her best writing and learning some new tricky words.

**Thinking outside the box:** Edward Durham Hall for his excellent directing skills on Welly Wednesday.

**Friendship:** Scarlett Hardiman for how she interacts with others.

**Being kind:** Scarlett Seamans for always offering to help and being kind to others.

**Being respectful:** Robbie Pott for the polite and respectful way he acts towards everyone.

## **Year 6**

### **Working hard:**

Georgia Heys for working hard and persevering in all aspects of school life.

### **Thinking outside the box:**

Jacob Leach for excellent contributions in science when discussing our new topic of oceans.

### **Friendship:**

Edith Grimshaw for being an excellent friend to every member of the Cliviger family.

### **Being kind:**

Harry George for being a role model by always using his Christian values.

### **Being respectful:**

Leni Capstick for showing a mature and respectful attitude.

### **Intrahouse Dodgeball**

Year 5 and 6 had a fab afternoon competing against each other's houses at dodgeball. There was lots of good competitive action and smiles all round. Well done everyone!

And the results.....

1<sup>st</sup> place – Yellow - Thieveley

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Blue - Dyneley

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Red - Deerplay

4<sup>th</sup> place – Green - Causeway



### **Burnley Together Toy and Food Appeal**

The bins will be at the front of school from 10<sup>th</sup> November until 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

We are collecting both toys and food. Read below.....

The items most needed for food parcels are:

- Tinned meat/fish
- Long life milk
- Pasta/rice
- Jars/packets of ready-made sauces
- Tinned beans/soup/veg
- Toiletries
- Nappies and baby wipes
- Baby food
- Pet food

We are also doing the Christmas toy appeal again this year following the success of last years. We are collecting new toys for the families, who are unable to buy them, and will be distributing them in the Christmas week. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept second hand/ used toys.