

Burton Road Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter

22 October, 2026

Black History Month

We have designed our curriculum in line with a modern, diverse 21st Century Britain. In doing so, we want to make sure our children are culturally aware as citizens for the future.

In doing so, we have enjoyed embracing Black History Month with each class studying a notable, and influential historical figure. It has been a fascinating project and each class has been enjoying studying the social impact of people such as:

- Otsi Mabuse
- Marcus Rashford
- Katherine Johnson
- Callum Simpson
- Simone Biles
- Marsha P Johnson

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to our End of Term Newsletter. It has been a very busy, eight week, half term, here at Burton Road, and we are pleased to share with you some of the highlights:

Poetry Slam

We took part in a public speaking event called Poetry Slam.

We really value public speaking, as Oracy is the pre-cursor to Literacy, and preparing our young people for life which includes the ability to speak publicly and to an audience.

Poetry Slam is the perfect opportunity for this as pupils have to perform their poem at an inter-school event.

Team A recited and performed the wonderful 'Macavity the Mystery Cat' by TS Elliot, whilst Team B performed a poem of their own. Both teams did fantastically well and were a credit to the school.

Congratulations go to:

A - Richard Barta, Robyn Clarke, Mabel Hardcastle, Hazel Roystone, Morrison Stratton and Ollie Taylor.

B - Freddie Jones, Thea Hardy, Heather Morland, Harriet Saxton and Maddie Wreakes!

Year 6 Visit to Chateau Beaumont, Normandy

Our Year 6 Pupils had an amazing adventure to Chateau Beaumont in France at the end of September.

This was the school's eleventh trip to the Chateau, providing the pupils with an amazing French experience and lots of opportunities to practise the French that they learn in school, supplemented by lots of cultural and unforgettable experiences.

Sailing from Portsmouth to Caen, the children then travelled to the chateau which is located in the Mayenne region, just south of Normandy.

Our children had the most wonderful time, using their knowledge of the French language, to order ice creams, in Saint-Malo, and: poulet, galette et frites at the market in Chateau Gontier. They also visited some exciting locations such as the magnificent Le Mont St Michel, and the historic Normandy Landing Beach at Arromanches.

Evening entertainment was fun, especially at the themed French Night where everyone had the chance to try some 'L' escargot.' The weather was glorious and all the children gave fantastic feedback regarding the experience.



Pics... left to right...

Fougeres Castle & Le Mont St Michel

We plan to go again in September, 2027, so watch out for further details and for the dates of our Parents Information Meetings coming up.

YEAR 3 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Parents of our Year 3 children enjoyed attending our traditional annual Harvest Festival during October.

The service was presided over by Canon Darren Percival from St Paul's Church, Monk Bretton and the audience were treated to some wonderful readings and singing from our pupils.

We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations for our Harvest Table, all items have been gratefully received by The Salvation Army.

Many thanks for your support.

Scholastic Bookfair

We've enjoyed another successful bookfair week. Children have had the chance to peruse lots of literature and purchase books to enjoy reading at home.

In doing so, they've also raised lots of commission for the school which gave us roughly £1000 to spend on books to top up our school library.

A huge thank you to Mrs Brookes for organising this and all parents who supported it. As ever, Reading is our top priority in school. As we say to the children, Reading is the key!!

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Barnsley School District Ties

It was with great pride that we welcomed the families of 6 pupils to our school so that they could see Steve Gates award them with their ties to represent the Barnsley Schools FA in district football. Steve is a regular visitor to our school, to make this award, but has never given out so many ties in one (single) assembly before. Congratulations go to:

- Jasper Bisht
- Harry France
- Sam Fraser
- James Hellewell
- Lily Hunter
- Harriet Saxton

Wear the tie with pride and uphold the school's values...
Respectful, Responsible & Resilient!

Children's University

After the continued success of Children's University we have now extended it across the entire school. Children's University requires children to put their iPads and devices down and pursue their hobbies and interests out of school. They can then receive accreditation for the hours that they spend with these. Whatever their passion, all provide the perfect balance to their academic studies during the week. Mrs Herrod leads this and is ably supported by her Children's University Ambassadors.

There is a graduation ceremony at the end of the year where children can receive: bronze, silver and gold level accreditation.

School Ambassadors

Alongside Children's University there are other ambassadors roles up for grabs. Being responsible is one of our three golden values. We encourage all pupils to assume responsibility and be role models to others.

Other ambassadors roles that children can apply for are: School Councillors, Sports Leaders, Well-Being Warriors, School Monitors and Subject Leaders!

School Sports

Once again, it's been an action packed start to our school sporting calendar, as we strike a balance between : competitive sports, introduction and participation events.

Our Y5/6 Boys' Football Team have started the season in style, winning the boys football tournament and then getting their league campaign off to a flying start, with handsome victories over: Holy Rood, Shawlands and Darton. They are in a strong position to go on and win the league if they win their remaining 3 games.

Alongside football we've been giving other sports a try which include:

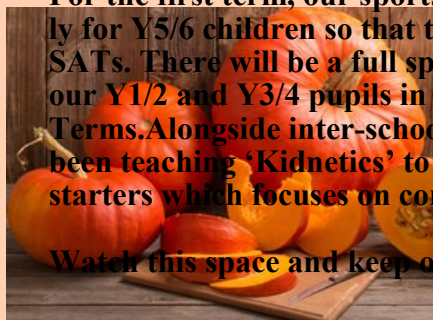
- Year 5/6 Girls Netball
- Year 5/6 Girls Lacrosse
- Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country Run

- shout outs to; Winnie Bentley and Jack Ingham who finished in 2nd and 3rd place respectively!



For the first term, our sports programme is predominantly for Y5/6 children so that they can concentrate on their SATs. There will be a full sports programme targeting our Y1/2 and Y3/4 pupils in the Spring and Summer Terms. Alongside inter-school sports, Mr Hawsworth has been teaching 'Kidnetics' to our Reception Class new starters which focuses on core balance and movement.

Watch this space and keep on being active and healthy!



Primary Enterprise and Ambispace

Thanks to our Enterprise winners we are currently in talks with Ambi-space to ensure that their design for a sensory room comes to fruition. Ambispace have assessed the premises and decided that the Rainbow Room is the best location and hopefully the finished product will stay true to their winning design. Watch this space... excuse the pun!

Enjoy the Half Term Holiday

After the longest half term, in the academic calendar we wish all: parents, pupils and staff a restful October half term and Happy Halloween for those who like to celebrate it.

