

# Burton Road Primary School

## Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to our end of term newsletter.

It has been a very busy few weeks here at Burton Road, and we are pleased to share with you some of the highlights:

### SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKFAIR

It was great to welcome The Scholastic Travelling Book Fair back into school this term.

We hope that everyone had the chance to have a good look around the fair at the end of each day and were able to choose a book from the many different styles and titles available.

We are delighted to announce that the total amount taken was £2334.77 an amazing result.

The school will get 60% commission from all book sales, which means we have the fantastic amount of £1400.86 to use to purchase new books for our library.

Thank you all for your very generous support!



### SPORTS

As usual we have had a busy calendar of sporting activities and events this term, kicking off with a selection of our Year 5/6 pupils taking part in a Cross Country event at Horizon CC.

Our pupils performed really well, achieving some excellent results.

Both our Year 5/6 Boys and Year 5/6 Girls have been taking part in both Football league and inter-school tournaments. They have thoroughly enjoyed participating and once again have achieved some brilliant results.

Well done everyone!

Don't forget that all pupils in all year groups always get the chance to represent the school in one or more of the vast selection of sporting events that we organise over the course of the school year.

More details to follow.

### Year 6 Adventure to Château Beaumont, Normandy

At the end of September, our Year 6 pupils embarked on an unforgettable adventure to Château Beaumont in France.

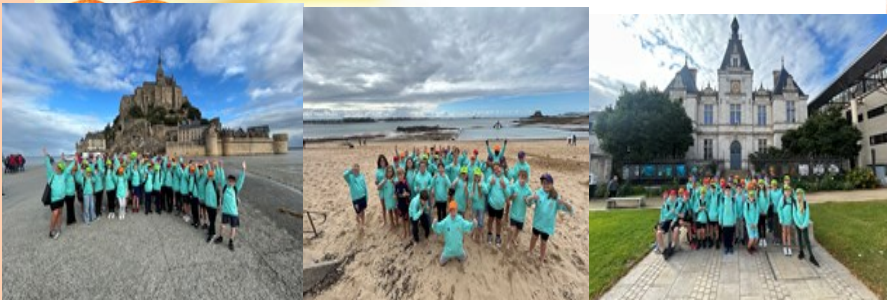
After sailing from Portsmouth to Caen, the children travelled to the château, beautifully situated on the border of Normandy and the Loire Valley.

During their stay, the children embraced the French culture and language, confidently ordering ice creams and baguettes at the bustling market in Saint-Hilaire-du-Harcouët.

Their itinerary was packed with exciting visits to historic and picturesque locations including Le Mont-Saint-Michel, St Malo, and Arromanches Beach, where they learned more about the D-Day Landings in WWII. Evening entertainment was a highlight for many, with French Night proving especially memorable. Pupils were adventurous enough to try *les escargots* and showcased their talents in a fun-filled Talent Show.

Congratulations to Finley, who brought the house down with his amazing impersonations of Donald Trump and Sir David Attenborough!

We were quite lucky with the weather, which helped make the trip even more enjoyable, and everyone had a truly fantastic time.



### Year 3 Harvest Festival Celebration

Parents of our Year 3 pupils were warmly welcomed to our traditional Harvest Festival, held in October.

The service was led by Canon Darren Percival from St Paul's Church in Monk Bretton, and featured heartfelt readings and beautiful singing from our children, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone for the generous donations made towards our Harvest Table. All items have been gratefully received by The Salvation Army and will go on to support those in need.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

### Non-Uniform Day – Show Racism the Red Card

During October, our school took part in a non-uniform day to support *Show Racism the Red Card*, the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity.

Students and staff were encouraged to wear red to show their commitment to standing up against racism, promoting equality and celebrating diversity.

Thank you to everyone for your participation.

We will shortly be sending out information about this brilliant opportunity to all of our current Year 5 Pupils, who we hope will be able to enjoy this amazing experience in September 2026.





### TT Rock Stars Day

October saw the first of our TT Rock Stars non-uniform days, where children came dressed as their favourite rock or pop stars and took part in some fun and exciting activities such as 'Times Tables Bingo' and inter-class 'TTRS Battles'.

These events are a fantastic way to promote the TT Rock Stars multiplication learning platform, and both pupils and staff always enjoy the day.

TT Rock Stars is an excellent tool for building fluency in times tables and plays a key role in preparing our Year 4 pupils for the Multiplication Tables Check, which they will complete in June. We all had a great day!



### Poetry Slam Competition

A talented group of our Year 5/6 pupils were recently invited to take part in the Barnsley Primary Poetry Slam Competition, a public speaking event held at The Holiday Inn in front of a large audience, including The Barnsley Poet—Mr Ian McMillan along with a selection of other high-profile guests.

The children were excited for the opportunity to showcase their impressive oracy skills, and they did not disappoint. Each pupil performed with confidence, passion, and creativity, leaving the audience thoroughly impressed.

We're incredibly proud to share that our team finished in second place – a fantastic achievement!

Well done to all who took part and represented our school so brilliantly.



### STATUTORY TESTING IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Please pay careful attention to the following dates:

Year 6—SATS  
11th—14th May 2026

Year 1—Phonics Screening Check  
8th to 12th June 2026

Year 4—Multiplication Tables Check  
8th –12th June 2026

Don't forget that if your child is in Years 1, 4 or 6, it is imperative that they are in school and able to sit these mandatory DFE tests.



### Years 5 & 6 Step Back in Time – Jorvik & DIG Site

As part of their History topic on the Vikings, Years 5 and 6 recently enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to the Jorvik Viking Centre and DIG site in York.

The day began with an immersive visit to the Jorvik Centre, where our pupils travelled back over 1,000 years to experience life in Viking-age York. The highlight for many was the ride through a reconstructed Viking village, complete with lifelike figures, realistic sounds, and authentic smells!

The children were fascinated to see how the Vikings lived, worked, and traded, and asked plenty of thoughtful questions about the artefacts and archaeological finds on display. In the afternoon, the classes visited the DIG site, where they became archaeologists for the day.

Pupils explored four replica excavation pits based on real archaeological digs in York. Equipped with trowels and brushes, they carefully uncovered replica artefacts and learnt how archaeologists piece together the past from what remains underground.

The trip brought the Vikings topic vividly to life and provided a valuable hands-on learning experience outside the classroom. Both places gave pupils a deeper understanding of the daily lives of Vikings and the importance of archaeology in uncovering history.

Well done to Years 5 and 6 for their exceptional behaviour and for representing the school so positively!



School and Nursery will be closed for the October Half Term Holiday from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October. We will re-open to all pupils on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Happy Holidays Everyone!