Mrs Wolfe's Weekly Update

7th November 2025

Upcoming Events

wb 10th Nov – Parent Consultation Meetings
14th Nov – Children in Need
19th Nov – Kite Class Theatre Trip to see 'A Christmas Carol'
21st Nov – Flu Immunisations
23rd Nov – Toy Service @ St Leonards Church
6th Dec – Church Christmas Fair
10th Dec – Christmas Lunch
11th Dec – Owl Class Nativity
16th Dec – Owl & Merlin Theatre Trip to see 'Stick Man'

Clubs & Enrichment

Monday
Y2/3 Swimming
Y3/Y4 Times Table Club with Mr Doohan
After-School Club

Tuesday
Sporting Influence PM
Miss Pullan Peripaatetic Music
Y6 SATS Club with Mr Doohan
After-school Club
Multi-skills with Miss M
After-school Club

Wednesday
Lunchtime Library with our Library Grannies
KS2 Knitting with Granny Lesley
After-school Club

Thursday
Forest School with Madeleine (Outdoor Adventures) AM
Yoga with Karen PM
Mandarin with Mrs Cummings
After-school Club

Friday
Y6 Decider Life Skills Training PM
Mr Timmis Peripatetic Guitar

Before School Provision from 8am Mon-Fri
After-school Provision from 3:30-6pm Mon-Fri

Our Vision

To love our neighbour, enabling everyone to shine and make a difference in the world.
'Love your neighbour as yourself'
Luke 10:27 Parable of the Good Samaritan

Big Question of the Week:
'How can we have happy and safe playtimes?'

We started the half term thinking about the importance of playtimes. During playtimes, we can enjoy happy and safe moments by following our vision and values in everything we do. When we 'love our neighbour as ourselves,' we show kindness, share, and include others in our games. By choosing to 'shine and make a difference,' we help make playtimes fun and positive for everyone. Showing courage, service, and love means standing up for what's right, helping others, and playing fairly. By following our rules—be ready, be respectful, and be responsible—we make sure that everyone feels safe, valued, and able to enjoy their time together.

Our Values

Our children have demonstrated our school values this week by showing...

Love, Courage and Service

Shining Together everyday!

Love:
- Merlins for welcoming Mrs Corrin with love and kindness

Courage:
- Year 3 & 4 for their amazing participation at this week's football tournament

Service:
- CCWC for sharing an incredible worship this week – they have so many brilliant ideas and we are looking forward to them taking on more leadership of this role

What's Been Happening in School This Week?

Y3/4 Football Tournament

A huge well done to our Y3 and Y4 pupils for participating so well in this week's tournament at Outwood Academy. We received so many fantastic reports about the children's engagement and are very proud of their efforts!

Mrs Corrin

We have been pleased to welcome Mrs Corrin this week. Merlins have had a magnificent week and completed lots of exciting learning. Thank you to parents who joined Mrs Corrin and I on Tuesday after school. It was lovely to see so many of you and Mrs Corrin appreciated the support.

Mary's Meals

A reminder to send in any unwanted coins for Rev'd Robb's Mary's Meals campaign. This is a great cause that we are very excited to be involved in!

SENDIASS

SENDIASS North Yorkshire is a service for parents and carers of young people aged 0-25 with SEND as well as young people themselves. SENDIASS is a free confidential and impartial information, advice and support service that can support with many things. There is a new information pack available for parents, carers and young people - please let me know if you would like me to send this to you.

Church Christmas Fair

On Saturday 6th December the children are invited to sing at the Church Christmas Fair, which will take place at Burton Leonard Village Hall, 2-4pm. We will be performing a number of songs to those in attendance and I am sure we will all start feeling very Christmassy!

Children can attend free of charge and are also welcome to run their own stalls to raise funds that will be shared between the Church and school. Please speak to Granny Lesley if you are interested in doing this.

Poppies

Thankyou to Skylar and Georgia, who have been out in all weathers this week selling poppy merchandise in support of The British Legion this week. Our last day for poppies will be Monday, therefore please do support this after-school at the gate entrance.

Class News!

Owl Class

Owl class have had a fantastic, jam packed first week back! Reception have been exploring the book 'The Quiet Little Firework' in Drawing Club this week. There has been a lot of Firework crafts, where Reception have made some brilliant rockets and Firework skies. They have been doing some super learning in phonics and continue to impress with their reading.

Year 1 have continued their Geography learning, coming up with some amazing new plans for their playground. They have excelled in maths, comparing numbers using our new vocabulary of 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to'. They have gone retro in drawing club watching Roadrunner and coming up with some great tricks of how they would trick the Roadrunner. Well done Owl Class for another fantastic week!

Merlin Class

In science we have been learning about forces. The main types of forces are either, push, pull or twist. Mrs Corrin brought in some playdough and showed us different ways to use it to investigate. She twisted it, bent it, stretched it and pulled it. We drew a table in our books and we had to put the correct word into the correct columns.

We have been writing Bonfire poems and drew illustrations. Rafferty, Layla and Theo read there's out in Church and Daisy, Lucy, Mati, Rose & Thomas shared their wonderful artwork!

In guided reading we have been learning about our new story, The Lost Species, we had to put different animals into the correct places and the places were either extinct, endangered or non-endangered.

We started our Yoga with Karen yesterday, we were doing poses and stretches. We learnt the pumpkin roll, which went into the butterfly pose, then we lay down and closed our eyes to feel calm and listened to calming music.

Y3 made sparklers in Forest School! James, Henry, Zara & Lyra shared them at Church!

Thank you for a magnificent week Mrs Corrin!

Kite Class

Year 3 & 4 went to a football tournament on Wednesday. We had a fantastic time sliding through the mud and playing against the other schools. We split into 3 teams – who all did amazingly and tried so hard! Ben's team especially, won 6 out of 7 matches – narrowly missing the final!

The science lesson this week involved us all going out into the school and selecting a random object. We were then investigating the vocabulary for 'hardness' and how we would measure this for a material. We determined that pushing, squashing, hitting and scratching the objects to see what happens to the shape and surface. We had piles of mud, pine cones, paper clips, rubbers and many more!

In R.E. we have been looking at the words 'messiah' and 'incarnation'. We started by mind mapping everything we knew about the words before looking at their definitions. We then remembered from Mrs Richardson how to do this in sign language!

Isla M and Isla S also shared their fantastic autumnal poem. They wrote this on their own time and included bags of literary skill and performed it expertly in front of everyone in church!

This week's Headteacher Shine Award is awarded to

Art

for consistently demonstrating our school values and

living out our school vision and making a difference.

You are a shining star!

House Cup

This week's team with the most house points is Seacole Yellow

Out of School Achievements

We are always so excited to hear about our children's achievements out of school and are constantly in awe of the talents our children have. We love to see the children celebrate together in school and Church with our community.

If your child has an out-of-school achievement they would like to share in class, or in Church, please let your child's class teacher know and we will make arrangements for this. This can be an individual achievement, or a group achievement, please just let us know.

Attendance & Punctuality

Our average whole school attendance so far this year is 96.7%
A reminder that there are now new attendance procedures in place nationally and laws have changed. Please consider if your child is well enough to be in school – missing school has a significant impact on learning and well being. Visit our attendance page for more information.
Well done to Owl Class for achieving 100% this week!

We are very proud of our attendance, which last academic year was above national.
We were in decile 1 for overall attendance, the top 0-10% of schools (out of 1672). We were also ranked 13th out of 292 LA schools for overall attendance. Thank you everyone for supporting our children with their attendance – your commitment and dedication to this is just amazing!

GOOD ATTENDANCE IS CRUCIAL!

Our school day begins at 8:55am. Pupils are encouraged to arrive from 8:45, in order to complete Early Bird learning and be ready to start their day! All pupils should be registered by 8:55 and ready to learn! Arriving late can result in a tricky start to the day and be very unsettling for pupils. We appreciate your support in encouraging and sharing the importance of punctuality with the children. Every minute counts! Holidays should NOT be booked during term time.

Please visit the school website to access our Attendance Page and Attendance Policy

Safeguarding, Health & Wellbeing Updates
Our Safeguarding Team
The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Wolfe
The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Drake & Mr Doohan
Our Early Years Lead is Mrs Heys
Our Pastoral Support Officer is Mrs Bland
Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Hewitt

Mrs Bland is available to our children for nurture drop-ins. If you feel your child would benefit from this, please let Mrs Bland, or your child's class teacher know.

Safeguarding continues, as always, to be our priority. We will always act upon any concerns or worries involving a child.

If you have any safeguarding concerns outside school hours and you are unable to contact myself or Mrs Drake, please visit our safeguarding page on the school website, https://burtonleonard.n-yorks.sch.uk/about-us/safeguarding/ which will direct you to how you can make a referral directly.

Playground Safety

A polite health and safety reminder that children, including siblings, should not ride their bikes/scooters on the playground before or after school. We are keen to promote pupils travelling to and from school on their bicycles, and request that they dismount before entering and leaving the school grounds, thank you. We also kindly request that pupils and siblings do not play on the climbing frame/adventure equipment at these times. Thank you for support.

Healthy Schools

We are working hard to improve healthy eating at school and as much as we know treats are OK every now and again, we are on a mission to champion healthy eating choices throughout the day. Fruit is available at Breakfast Club, lunch times & After-school Club daily, as well as provided free to our reception and KS1 (Y1&Y2) children during their snack-time. All classes have a dedicated snack-time, where pupils eat their snack calmly whilst enjoying story time. KS2 children (Y3-Y6) are encouraged to bring a healthy snack every day, so that they can enjoy a snack during this session too.

As a reminder, chocolate bars and sweets should not be included in packed lunches. For further information on healthy packed lunches, please visit the school website for some fantastic ideas! Parent Healthy Packed Lunch Guidance

Allergens in School & Food Safety

We have members of our school who have severe allergies to nuts and peanuts. Please support us to keep our children safe by ensuring these products do not come into school and are not included in your child's packed lunch or any snacks.

In addition, please can we request that all grapes, blueberries, cherries, sausages and popcorn need to be cut up, or avoided, as they pose a significant choking risk to children.

Hair, Nails & Jewellery

Hair should be tied up with discreet hair accessories in school colours (this can include house team colours); earrings must be small studs, which will need to be removed for PE. No make-up, nail varnish, false nails or other jewellery should be worn to school, thank you.

Jewellery & PE

Further to communication regarding PE, a reminder that earrings are no longer allowed for PE (North Yorkshire Council and The Association for Physical Education (afPE)). Schools have a higher duty of care; this is dictated by national guidance and schools must comply. Earrings pose a significant risk to children participating in contact sports at school.

If earrings get caught in another child's clothes or skin, injury can occur both to the child wearing the earrings and the child in contact with the earrings. Contact in PE can also cause damage to the area of the ear behind the earring.

- Children are not permitted to wear jewellery, including pierced earrings, during PE lessons and swimming lessons.
- Teachers are not allowed to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves. It would therefore be helpful if earrings could be taken out at home on PE days.
- If a child has recently had their ears pierced and are unable to remove their earrings they may not be able to take part in some elements of the PE lesson, but sessions will be adapted for them to participate.
- Staff are not permitted to tape earrings for children – the taping of earrings 'creates a perception of safety and is not recommended'. There have been several incidents nationally where children's ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape, or the earring stud has pierced the back of the head.
- During swimming lessons children wearing earrings must remove them – swimming sessions cannot be adapted and children unable to remove earrings will need to spectate, rather than participate.

Smart Watches

Pupils are no longer permitted to wear smart watches in school. Please ensure your child does not bring one into school. If a child is wearing one, the class teacher will ask for it to be removed and will be returned to parents at the end of the school day.

Online Safety

Please check out our online safety newsletter that can be found here Online Safety Newsletter Please also be aware of the information sent our this week about the Spy Dogs/Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series. I have also sent an attachment regarding important Robloix information parents need to know.

Medication & Treatments

A gentle reminder that school cannot administer any non-prescribed medications or treatments. If your child has been prescribed medication, including creams/sprays a medication form must be completed in the school office and medication/treatments can only be accepted with a named, prescribed sticker.

Pupils can self-administer any prescribed medication/treatments following this process, but this must then be observed and recorded with adult supervision. Children must not carry any medications/treatments independently. A copy of our updated medical policy can be found here: https://burtonleonard.n-yorks.sch.uk/Key-Info/Policies/

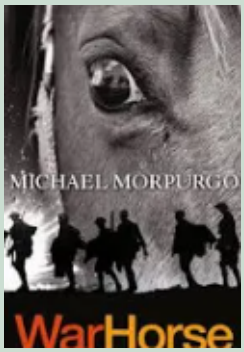
Road Safety

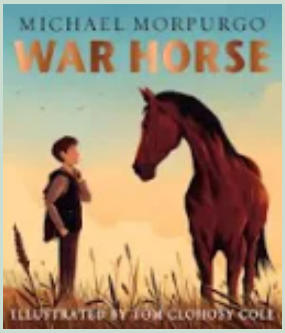
Our on-going polite reminder to please park safely when arriving at school throughout the day. Drop-offs are a busy time and we have many children and families using the paths and roads where cars park. Help us to keep all our children safe, thank you. Please also be mindful if you use the driveway up towards school as this is use by pedestrians throughout the day, including our children walking to and from school with their families. We also remind you to not park across driveways and entrances to properties at any time, thank you.

Mrs Wolfe's Recommended Read of the Week...

Meet four magical friends who control the seasons in this irresistible new series from author-illustrator Jo Lindley.
As Summer passes the weather crown to Autumn, a season of bright colours and fun-filled adventure awaits.
But while his friends are getting excited about picking berries, leaf jumping and exploring the shadowy forest, Autumn is filled with worries and 'what if's . . .
What will it take to show him that he's braver than he thinks?

Mrs Wolfe's Recommended Reads of the Month...





This is one of my favourite stories and there is a version for both younger (ages 6-9) and older (Age 11+) children to share! It tells of an enduring friendship between a boy and his horse, which is touching and will appeal to animal lovers, but this book also helps children to understand the history and deadly chaos of the First World War in an appropriate way.

Reading at Burton Leonard

We are passionate about reading at Burton Leonard and as well as teaching our pupils to 'Learn to Read' we also prioritise the importance of 'Reading for Pleasure'.

We aim for every class library in school, alongside our whole-school library, to be stocked with exciting current reads, alongside well-loved classics.

Previous research by The National Literacy Trust shows that reading for pleasure can support reading, and wider literacy, skills, wellbeing, empathy, confidence and aptitude for learning. In fact, 2024 research showed that twice as many children and young people who enjoy reading in their free time had above average reading skills than children who don't enjoy it (34.2% vs 15.7%).

Therefore, reading for pleasure is an important mechanism to encourage reading frequency which in turn is more likely to foster and improve a child's reading skills – something which is of fundamental importance at a time when children and young people's reading skills are cause for concern.

There are many benefits to nurturing a love of reading in a child's free time. It is a tangible way to equip children with the reading skills they need to thrive in school and beyond, as well as empower them with the chance to discover new things, both about the world around them and people and cultures they may not yet know and explore their sense of self.

Please prioritise reading at home with your child, this can be them reading to you, you reading to your child, or both reading together.

We have an incredible group of Reading Ambassadors in school, who will be in touch later in the term about how you can support reading at Burton Leonard Primary School.

Together, we can play our part to grow a generation of readers and make sure no child is left behind.

Please visit our Reading Webpage for more information about the importance of reading.

Spotlight on School Vision

Each week I share a Take Home activity for families to share together at home and discuss together. The themes within are closely linked to our school vision and values and give children the opportunity to share their thoughts and wonders, as they would in our worship sessions in school. Please enjoy!

In the news this week

The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP30, will be held in Belém, Brazil, from 10th to 21st November. At the meeting, country leaders and experts will discuss how to protect the planet by reducing pollution, saving forests and working together. After the meeting, countries will need to share how they will keep the climate promises they made, and stay on target to meet their goals.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about what they know about COP30.
- What do you know about climate change?
- If you could speak to the leaders at the COP30 summit, what would you say?

Community News

CLICK HERE TO READ

RARING 2 GO!