

BURNLEY ROAD ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



Summer 1 – Week 2

I wanted to share with you information about Ofsted's new inspection arrangements, what they call their toolkit, which you may have heard or read about it.

Our last inspection took place on 27th and 28th April 2022, under the previous framework. We are now due an inspection under the new Ofsted approach, which is quite different from the previous arrangements that you may remember.

One of the main changes is how outcomes are shared. Instead of one overall judgement, schools now receive a report card describing six different areas of the school's work. Another is the language used to describe these six areas. The new terms they use are:

- Urgent improvement
- Needs attention
- Expected standard
- Strong standard
- Exceptional

I want to explain two of these terms to you: 'expected' standard and 'needs' attention. 'Expected' is what inspectors would normally expect to see in a school like ours, though Ofsted are very clear it is actually 'a high bar', so for many schools it will be become the new normal, so to speak. "Needs attention" is not the same as the previous judgement of "requires improvement". A helpful way to think about it is like an advisory on a car's MOT. It highlights something that is not fundamentally wrong but an area to keep working on so it reaches the 'expected standard' rather than allowing it to deteriorate and it becoming a bigger issue.

Like all schools, we have areas we continue to develop. Attendance is one of these, and it is likely this may be identified as needing attention. This is something we are already working hard on together, and where your support really makes a difference. Every day in school truly does matter.

There is also much to feel positive about. Areas such as personal development are secure within our school and are expected to be recognised at the expected standard. We are proud of the way our children grow, not just academically, but in confidence, character and how they look after one another.

What matters most is that we continue to provide a caring, ambitious and supportive environment for every child. That will always remain at the heart of our work.

We do not know exactly when Ofsted will visit, but we will let you know as soon as we do. If you would like to learn more about Ofsted's new inspection arrangements, this [link](#) takes you to a 3-minute YouTube film they have made to explain them to parents and carers.

Thank you for your continued support. It really does make a difference.

Veronica Walker
Head of School
Burnley Road Academy

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 28th April, Skip2BFit Day

Monday 4th May, May Day

Thursday 21st May, Dance Day with Laura

Friday 22nd May, last day of Summer 1 term

Monday 1st June, Staff training

Tuesday 2nd June, back to school for Summer 2 term

Weekly attendance report by Year group

Year 4 - 97.2%
Year 2 - 96.4%
Year 6 - 95.3%
Year 5 - 90%
Reception - 87.8%
Year 3 - 86.8%
Year 1 - 85.3%
Nursery - 61.3%

Average - 89.8%

**Lunch menu for week
commencing Monday
27th April will be
week 3.**

Dogs on school premises.

**Can we ask that in the first instance dogs are not brought on to school premises but those that must come in are carried.
Thank you.**

Nut-free Academy.

Can we take this opportunity to remind everyone that Burnley Road is a wholly nut free space. Our kitchen strives to source the correct ingredients and can we ask that parents who send packed lunches are mindful that no nut or nut containing products come in to school. Thank you.



Burnley Road's entry in the recent Rotary Club Easter Duck Decorating Display, gained us a Highly Recommended placing!



Our Uni-hoc team secured bronze medals in their recent, brilliantly battled match in the HX7 games at Calder High.

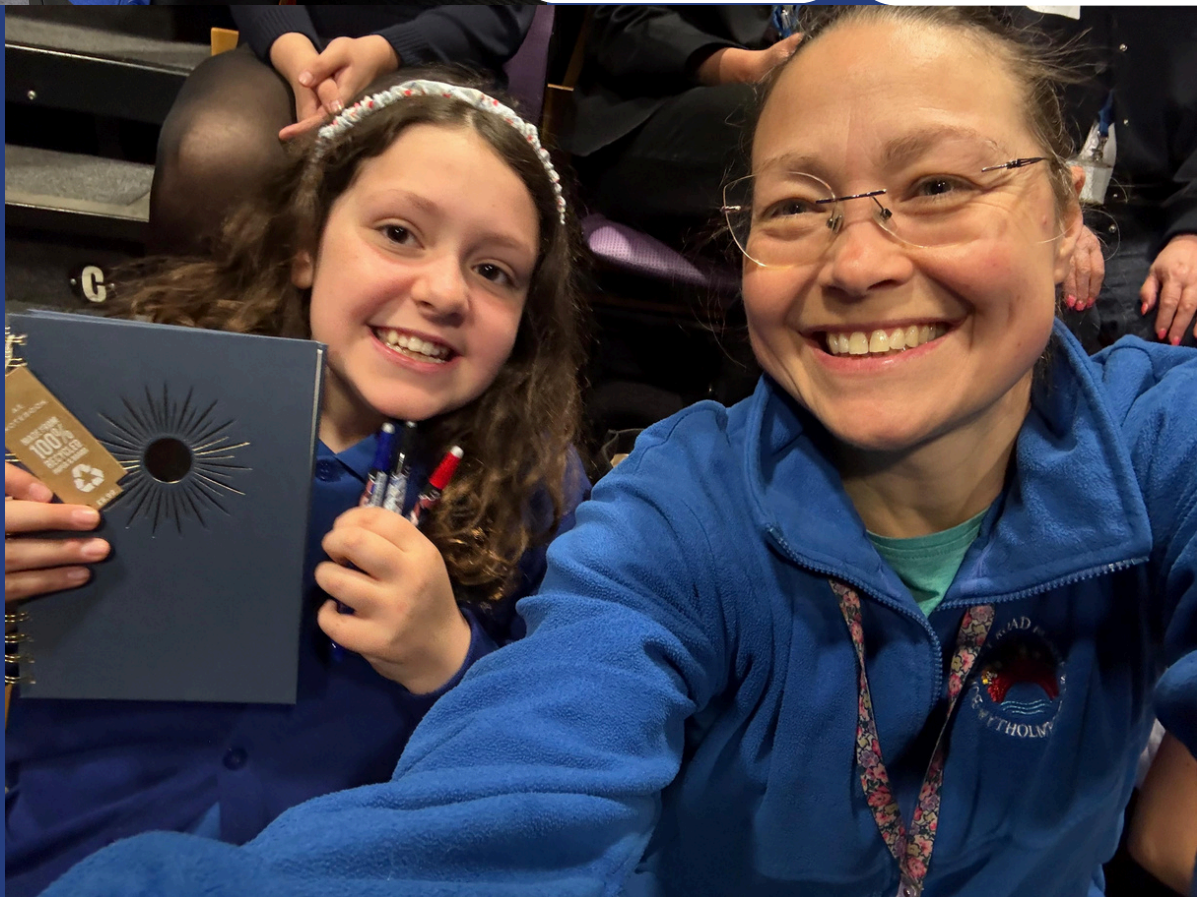




Burnley Road's very own Northern region Young Poet Laureate shortlist nominee Esme, has today visited Leeds University. Mrs. Knapper was Esme's chaperone for the day long masterclass,



where she refined her skills, met Simon Armitage the UK Poet Laureate and performed her final piece with the other nineteen finalists from across the UK!



There is a link below for a flyer from Unique Ways with details of two, parent focused, Mainstream Inclusion Calderdale sessions.

[MIC Parent Event - 05.05.2026.jpg](#)

Thank you.

Burnley Road Awards Page

House Points

Compassion - 367
Perseverance - 318
Courage - 305
Teamwork - 262

Maths Shed

1st Isabella (Y4) - 922,000
2nd Layla (Y6) - 371,000
3rd Harrison (Y6) - 122,000
4th Mathilda (Y2) - 8,600

Birthdays

Riley - Year 4

ABC Awards

Reception - Mya and Scott
Year 2 - Charlotte and Vinnie
Year 3 - Freddie and Harvey
Year 4 - Etta and Sophia
Year 5 - Emily and Intan
Year 6 - Hugo and Malakie

Spelling Shed

1st Isabella (Y4) - 5.08 million
2nd Mathilda (Y2) - 1.03 million
3rd Jace (Y3) - 888,000
4th Joseph (Y4) - 830,000

Tidy Cloakroom Awards

KS1 - Year 2
KS2 - Year 6

Lunchtime Behaviour Awards

KS1 - Reception
KS2 - Year 5



Well Done
Everyone

Burnley Road Academy PTFA

HELP US FUND A NEW TRIM TRAIL!

THE KIDS WANT
MONKEY BARS!

WE WANT
MONKEY BARS

The old trim trail is rotten
and unsafe, so we're raising
money for a fantastic
new one!

MONKEY BARS
PETITION

We need to raise £10,000
to bring our new trim trail
dream to life!

EACH EVENT
HELPS GROW
OUR FUND

Disco
Events

Sweet
Stalls

Non-
Uniform
Days

Sponsored
Walks

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

Together, we can reach our goal and make our
playground amazing for all our children!

PTFA

MEETING!

29th April - 5:30pm

At Mytholmroyd WMC



All Welcome – Including Children!

**Come and Share
Your Thoughts & Ideas!**

