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# BURNTSTUMP BUGLE

*In our Burntstump community, everyone, adults and children, knows that they are valued as God's children. Their gifts are discovered, valued and nurtured so that all can flourish to live life in all its fullness.*

## CALENDAR DATES

### December to January

- **4th December** - Whole school Panto visit. School opens from 8:30. Leaving promptly at 9am.
- **9th December** - PTA Christmas Fayre. PTA will share further details.
- **12th December** - EYFS/KS1 Nativity 9:30 am
- **12th December** - Christmas Dinner Day (these must be pre-ordered)
- **15th December** - EYFS/KS1 Nativity 2 pm
- **16th December** - Carol Service at St Paul's 2:30pm start - collection from church at 3:30pm
- **18th December** - PTA Christmas Film Night
- **19th December** - PTA Break the Rules Day and school parties
- **19th December** - Last day
- **20th December - 4th January** - Christmas Holidays
- **5th January** - Return to school

## Headteacher's Message

What a busy time we have had raising funds for Children in Need, wearing odd socks to start Anti-bully week and 'dressing down' for chocolate/sweets and raffle prize donations. Your generosity has been overwhelming and much appreciated!

The children have been busy in enrichment completing a range of Christmas crafts which we hope you will buy at our Christmas Fayre.

A reminder that we are attending the Panto on Thursday 4th December, organised by our PTA and Mrs Pink. We will need to leave at 9am (no later) so we will open school at 8:30 to enable us to get the children registered. Lunch will be a little later and a letter will be sent to let you know what the children will need.

Our KS1 performance this year is 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'. Look out for letters about the Nativity performance to secure your tickets! We will be welcoming residents from Coppice Lodge Care Home into school to watch our nativity and we hope to form links with the residents there.

The school council have met and decided to hold the reverse advent calendar to collect food items for Arnold Food Bank (our school's charity). I am so proud of the children for their courageous advocacy in thinking about others.

We are still in search of a caretaker so if you know of anyone who may be interested, please let them know to check the advert out on 'Indeed'.

Have a restful weekend,

Mrs Sarah Annable  
Headteacher

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Yes I can!

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## Robins

What a great start to this half term, we have had so much fun starting our celebrations topic! The children have been busy learning all about bonfire night, Diwali and birthdays. We enjoyed learning about Guy Fawkes and acting out our own bonfire night celebrations, dressed in warm, cozy clothes. We also had fun dancing to the fireworks with ribbons, making swoosh, bang and pop sounds!

We hope you like our rangoli patterns that we created using chalks, we worked so hard to create interesting patterns using huge arm movements.

We have also continued our fun in the woodland, exploring the changing seasons, making mud pies and working on our handwriting by writing our letters in the mud with sticks! We cannot wait to learn all about Christmas next!



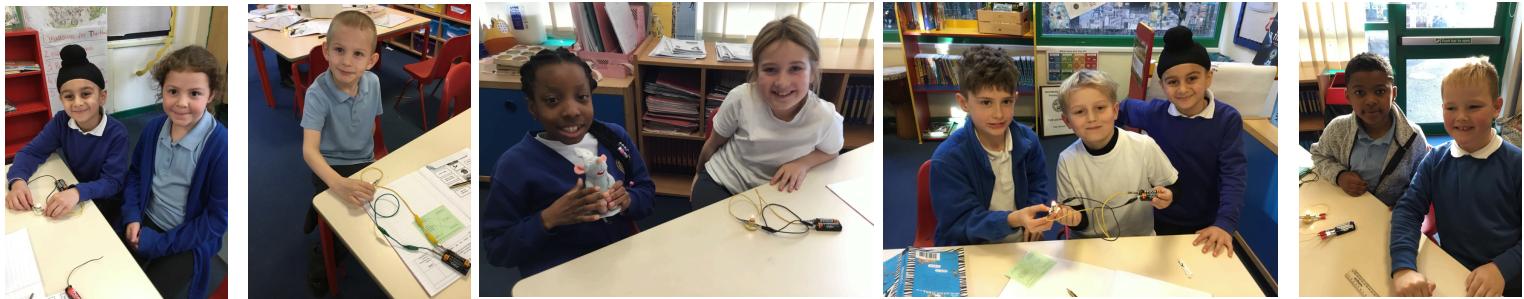
## Doves' Learning

This term in Doves we have been learning all about the Great Fire of London. Each week in our history lesson we have explored a different key question thinking about why the fire started and what happened after the fire. In English we have been reading stories set in the Great Fire of London and writing our own stories and a diary entry, just like Samuel Pepys! During continuous provision, the Doves drew London landmarks, created silhouette pictures and worked together to make Tudor houses. After the Christmas holidays we are looking forward to a visit from the modern day fire service. What a busy term; well done Doves!



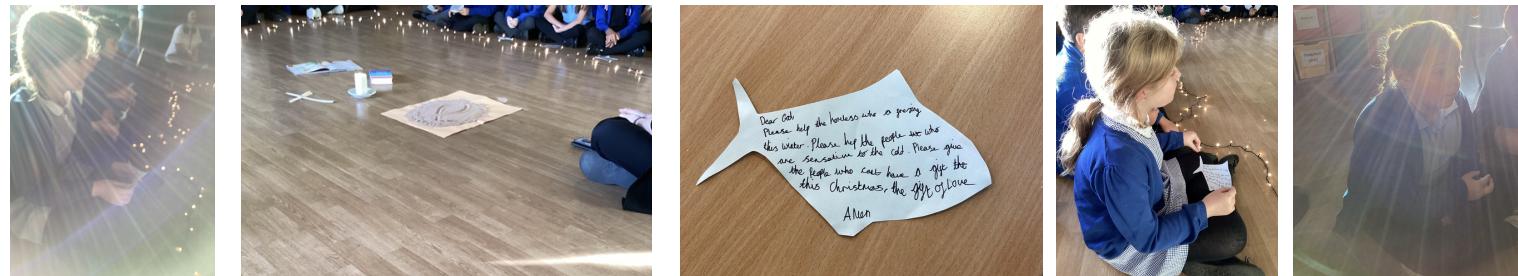
### Kestrels' Learning

This half term we have begun our new science topic - Electricity. The children are loving learning all about the positives and negatives of electricity (excuse the pun!) We have talked about the dangers of electricity and the children have been excited to learn about how to make complete circuits. We have even managed to make a light bulb light up!!! We are continuing to learn the different multiplication tables, getting quicker and more confident as we go. Don't forget to log onto TT Rockstars and see how fast you can answer the questions, Kestrels! Remember to keep checking out Facebook where we post what we are doing in Kestrels.



### Eagles' Learning

On Thursday 20th November, Eagles took part in our Prayer Fish worship; parents/carers and governors were invited too. Our children wrote thoughtful prayers and as a school, we sat and had some reflection time. Prayer Fish worship is always a lovely time to sit, give thanks and relax in God's company. You can see from our photos of the sun streaming in that God was with us.



### Ready, Steady, Read

A reminder that each class opens their doors to parents/carers once a week so that you can share a book with your child (and their friends) from 8:45 - 9am on different days. Our children and staff love having you in for these sessions and we hope to see many more of you there!

### Reception Child Places

Time is running out for parents to make the important decisions about the education of their child. If you know anyone requiring a Reception school place and for September 2026, then please encourage them to arrange a visit our school for a tour.

### Parent Zone

When you have a concern or a worry about your child, then please talk to your child's class teacher so that they can help support you and your child.

Should you need advice in regards to possible SEN/Behaviour needs then please speak to Mrs Annable.

We are here to listen so please come and talk to us no matter how small you feel an issue is!

We are currently reviewing the Behaviour Policy, with the view to removing the red and yellow card system. Should you have any comments regarding the current policy, please speak to Mrs Annable. Your comments are greatly appreciated in shaping the new policy!

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## **Southwell Minster Choir Performance**

Our KS2 children had the wonderful opportunity to take part in the Southwell Minster Music Workshop, performing in front of a huge audience alongside many other schools from across our MAT. The children sang beautifully, showing confidence, enthusiasm, and truly impressive teamwork.

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their hard work, talent, and courage on such a special day. We hope that the music workshop will be a yearly event that more of our children will be able to benefit from!

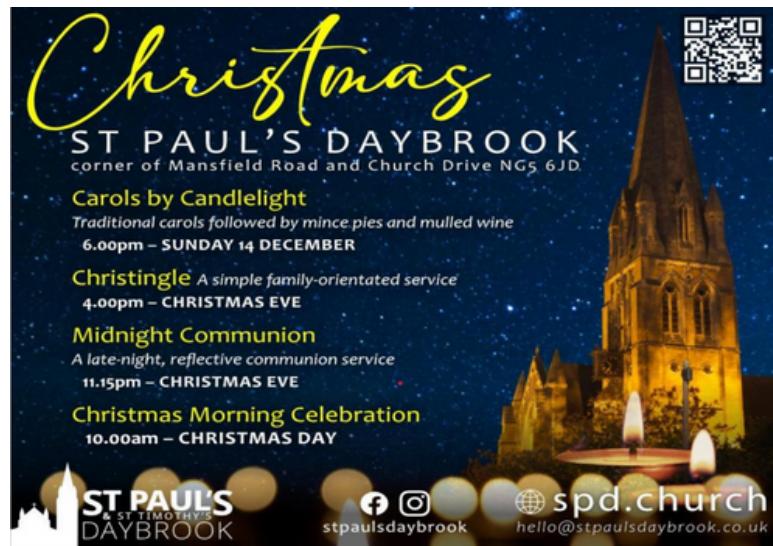


## **St Paul's Daybrook**

Our church are holding various special worships on the run up to Christmas.

Please see the leaflet here to see what is happening. All are welcome whether this is your church or not.

As always, we love spending time with the church community, welcoming in Vicar Liam and Vicar Jack into school and, of course, visiting the church for our services. A huge thank you to all at St Paul's for being an important part of our Burntstump family.



## **Children In Need**

On Friday 14th November, the children had lots of fun dressed up in their 'spotacular' outfits for Children in Need. Thank you for your very kind donations of monies, cakes and purchases at the cake sale. We raised a total of **£121.10** which we know will go on to help many children in need.



## **Royal British Legion**

A huge thank you to you all for helping us to raise money for the poppy appeal. We raised a huge **£177.41**. We held a minute silence in remembrance for all of those who have fought to protect us.

## **School Council**

Congratulations to our new school council members. They held their first meeting and have decided on several events that they wish to hold.

Firstly, they would like to take part in the 'Reverse Calendar' to collect food for the Arnold Food Bank.

They have also decided that **Christmas jumpers can be worn on every Friday in December** - let the festivities begin.

**They have requested that all classes have a Christmas tree - thank goodness we have lots in school!**

Finally, they would like to have a party on the final Friday during 'Break the Rules Day'.

What great ideas they have had! Further information will be sent via text/letter. Well done kids!!!

## **Safeguarding**

A reminder that our safeguarding leads are Mrs Annable, Mrs Ince and Mrs Pink. Please do get in contact if you have any concerns or if you require any information/support.



## Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 10th November, we all came into school in our odd socks to celebrate how we are all different and unique! Lots of learning about anti-bullying and respect took place throughout the week.

To support the children, we have been discussing who our key adults are and who we can talk to. Please encourage your child to voice any worries to a member of staff so that we can help.

A reminder that we have a new mobile phone policy which can be found on our school website, please read this.

## Parent Information:

We will continue to send useful information to parents linked to keeping children safe via email/The Bugle. These flyers/posters can also be found on the website. <https://www.burntstumpchurch.notts.sch.uk/key-info/safeguarding>

Below are three interesting information leaflets for parents. These can also be found on Facebook by following Wake Up Wednesday, on X [wake\\_up\\_weds](https://twitter.com/wake_up_weds) and on [tiktok.com/@wake.up.weds](https://www.tiktok.com/@wake.up.weds)

