



Inspire and Aspire



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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

- **3rd September** - First day of Autumn term in school (Thursday).

SCHOOL NEWS

School App

Please ensure that you download the **Arbor Parent App** as we will no longer be sending SMS messages.

Facebook Page

Burntstump Seely CofE Academy

We continue to share pictures of our learning on Facebook. Please share these posts with your friends and families - help spread the fun that we have!

Stay and Play Sessions

We are holiday stay and play sessions for children wanting to join Reception in Sept 2027. See the dates below. We will be sending a flyer out during the holidays.

Dates: Wednesday 16th September and Tuesday 13th October.

Time: 9:30-10:30

Headteacher's Message

The end of term has arrived so let's have a look at what has been happening this month. The children all had a great time on transition day in their new classes, meeting their new class teacher - the staff had fun too!

Our children and staff have had a wonderful time enjoying their school visits and the Eagles' residential, despite the heat!

Our Summer Fair was a great success and I want to extend my thanks on behalf of the Burntstump community to our wonderful PTA for spending countless days organising this event and the leavers' party too!

We welcome Miss Quin to our school. She will be the new SENDCo and Doves teacher.

We have also had an email from Rahana in Class KG2 at The Kings Village, Ghana. See the Bugle for more information.

It is with great sadness that we say our final goodbye to Mrs Smith who has been with us this year. I know you will join me in thanking her and wishing her the very best in her next adventure.

We also say goodbye and good luck to our fabulous Year 6 children. Just remember that you are always part of our Burntstump family and we are proud of everything you have achieved.

Finally, on behalf of all of the staff here at Burntstump, I want to wish you all a fun and happy summer holiday. Stay safe.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Annable

Headteacher

We encourage everyone to have the strength of character to choose honesty and truth at all times and be accountable for our actions.



"We are taking pains to do what is right not only in the eyes of the Lord, but also in the eyes of man." 2 Corinthians 8:21

'I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest.' John 10:10

Robins

The Robins have had a super busy half term! During our maths sessions, the children have been learning about maps and how to use them. They enjoyed creating their own 3D maps using blocks and then discussing with their partners what each part was. They also created their own maps of the classroom and hid some treasure for their friends to find!

During science, the children have been learning about floating and sinking. It was so much fun to find lots of different objects and make predictions about what they would do in the water.

We were most surprised by an orange as this floated with its skin on but sank to the bottom without its skin!



Doves

The Doves have had a busy few weeks, despite the very hot weather! On a very hot Thursday in July the Doves enjoyed a fantastic day at Creswell Crag, We had a brilliant morning exploring Stone Age art and then in the afternoon we went inside a cave and imagined what life would have been like thousands of years ago.

In science, they have been learning all about life cycles and in English, the children did a fabulous job of writing their own story about a character finding a sea creature on the beach. They have continued learning about the seaside and had great fun making fossils out of clay.

Last week, we took our maths lesson outside and the children were brilliant at giving each other directions to move around a trail.



Kestrels

Kestrels had a fantastic time at Creswell Crags despite the heat. We learnt that we are descended from homosapiens, what animals lived in those times and how they survived. We had a hand at building shelters and hunting some animals and even got to explore part of a cave that would have been lived in.



Eagles' Residential

Day one of residential ... climbing wall and axe throwing were our activities, followed by a disco and then we got to watch the football. Day two of our residential ... crate stacking, laser tagging, climbing Jacob's ladder and cave-mazing! Fireless campfire with songs and an excellent opportunity to stitch up your teacher! The children had such a fabulous time and representing Burntstump brilliantly.



KS2 Performance

On Tuesday 7th and Friday 10th July, Key Stage 2 proudly presented Shakespeare Rocks. The acting and singing were fabulous and we were so proud of our children, especially those who wouldn't normally enjoy being the centre of anyone's attention. On 2 boiling hot days, the Kestrels and Eagles impressed their audience with many songs and some dialogue that only the adults laughed at! Well done KS2, you rocked!



News from Rahana and The Kings Village, Ghana

Dear Burntstump Primary,

Thank you for your continued support of The King's Village through your generous sponsorship of a child's education. Here is a recent photo of Rahana; she is in Class KG2.

It has been an incredibly busy and exciting school year. At The King's School, education is about more than just textbooks. By providing practical skills, creative outlets, and civic opportunities, we are helping our pupils build lifelong confidence and expand their horizons. Here is a look at what they have achieved:

- At Christmas, our pupils performed a super concert filled with joyful singing, dancing, and a delightful Nativity play by our youngest learners. For children in rural communities, stepping onto a stage is a transformative experience. It builds immense self-esteem and public speaking skills while bringing the entire community together in celebration.
- Our Junior High School (JHS) pupils wrapped up last term with a hands-on Craft Day. Using brilliant Design and Technology (D&T) skills, they created a wide range of models, clothing, and unique inventions. Providing access to these practical skills is vital, as it teaches creative engineering and shows students how to turn raw materials into real-world solutions.
- The King's School made history this year! We were incredibly proud to win the 69th Independence Day March for both our Primary and JHS categories. Competing against local schools requires immense teamwork and discipline. This historic double victory has given our pupils a massive sense of pride and proved that hard work leads to excellence.
- Our JHS students have been actively engaged in practical cooking, science, and technology (STEM) lessons. Instead of just reading from a chalkboard, they are measuring ingredients, observing reactions, and using technology first-hand. This practical approach prepares them to be the future innovators and professionals of Ghana.
- We are thrilled to announce that the library at The Tehillah School is now open!

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we are opening doors and inspiring the next generation!



Military Helicopter

What a surprise! The police came to see us to say that there would be a military helicopter landing and, guess what? We actually got to see it! It was very noisy but the children loved watching it circle the field and then land. What an unusual day!



PTA NEWS

A huge thank you to the PTA for all of their hard work and efforts making the events we have had possible. Without their work and your generous contributions, the children would not have had the wonderful time in class or trip experiences they have had this year.

The PTA has struggled this year with help from our community in organising and running events. They always welcome new members, so please do let school know if you would like to join so that we can keep our PTA running.

Safeguarding

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents>

The above address is for the NSPCC website (support for parents section). On here, you can find lots of useful information to support family life - especially about having difficult conversations. Should you need any support and guidance, please speak to our safeguarding leads within school - Mrs Annable, Mrs Pink and Mrs Francis.

Our email address is
safeguarding@burntstump.snmatt.org.uk

Wraparound Care and Afterschool Activities

Clubs Complete run our before and afterschool care.

They also run a 1 hour activity club. The exciting activities which they offer can be found below. You are not signing up for your child to attend the activity club every week unless they want to and attendance does not mean that they have to attend the full 2 hours (inclusive of care package).

Clubs complete will be organising some taster session free of charge once we return and get settled in the new academic year.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mad Labs	Arts & Crafts	Fun & Games	Nature Detectives	Lego

Breakfast Club 7:30-8:45am £6.90
Activity Club 3:30-4:30pm £6.95
Care Package 3.30-5.30pm £13