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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 February

- **19th December** - Last day
- **20th December - 4th January**
- Christmas Holidays
- **5th January** - Return to school
- **8th January** - Skateboarding workshop for all year groups
- PE kits must be worn
- **12th January** - 'Ready, Steady Music' - whole school
- **20th January** - Robins and Doves trip to Perlethorpe
- **6th February** - NSPCC Number Day - Children may come in 'number themed' outfits
- **13th February** - PTA Break the Rules Day
- **Advanced Trip Notice** - Kestrels and Eagles Southwell Minster - 5th March

Headteacher's Message

This has been yet another long term, but the children (and staff) have shown their resilience and made it to the end! The children have demonstrated a great commitment to their learning this term and have produced some excellent work as a result.

This month, we had a fantastic morning enjoying the pantomime. Thank you to the PTA for their support with this and making this experience possible for our children! There are lots more exciting PTA events planned this year, so look out for information about those!

EYFS and Key Stage 1 performances of 'Whoopsie-Daisy Angel' were fantastic; we certainly have great actors in school! A huge well done to the staff and children involved!

Our Carol Service at St Paul's, Daybrook was simply beautiful. The school choir did an amazing job singing their three chosen songs and the children in KS2 were brilliant in telling the story of the first Christmas. Thank you to our Burntstump families for joining us in celebrating the birth of Jesus.

The Christmas holidays is always a busy time seeing family and friends, but I wish you all a wonderful (and hopefully restful) time. Sending you lots of lovely wishes for the New Year! We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 5th January.

Mrs Sarah Annable
Headteacher

We nurture self-esteem and well-being so that all can achieve their potential.



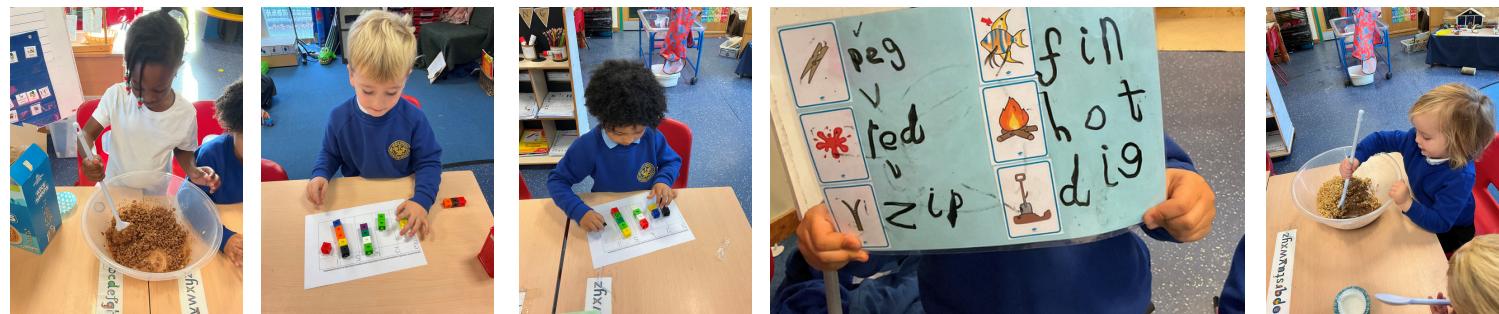
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Robins' Learning

This half term has been a fun one! We have been learning all about celebrations and we have enjoyed celebrating our much-loved puppet Pete the cat's birthday. We had to create invitations, write lists for the things that we needed, make cakes and discuss which songs and games we would have. It was a great party!

We have also been learning all about Christmas. We are so proud of the children for all their hard work performing in the nativity. The children have continued their learning in their busy time and have been so keen to retell the nativity story using the small world area. In our phonics sessions, we have been working so hard to remember our new letter sounds and to be able to write CVC words more confidently. We have had a great half term and all of the children deserve a restful break!



Doves' Learning

The Doves class have had great fun counting down to Christmas! We have been reading lots of Christmas stories in class and the children wrote their own story based on the John Lewis Christmas advert 'The Unexpected Guest'. This week the Doves enjoyed making a Christmas card to give to their family.

We are all really excited for Christmas and spending time with our family and friends!



Kestrels' Learning

This half term in PE we have been learning the skills of basketball. We have learnt how to dribble, pass and work as a team, as well as putting these skills into practice during small basketball games. We continue to share our learning on Facebook so remember to check us out! A fab half-term, Kestrels. Have a wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year!



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Eagles' Learning

As part of our learning about light, the Eagles carried out an investigation into how shadows change. We altered the distance of an object away from a torch and recorded our findings. Whilst most of us initially thought that a smaller shadow was created when a light source is near the object, we discovered the opposite and we noticed that a wider, larger shadow appeared. Super investigating Eagles!



Whoopsie-Daisy Angel EYFS/KS1 performance

A HUGE well done to all the children in Robins and Doves who put on a fantastic performance of 'Whoopsie-Daisy Angel'. They worked their little socks off rehearsing their lines, remembering the words and actions to the songs. Their singing and acting was phenomenal.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the performances! The money raised from ticket sales paid for the licence fee.



Church Carol Service 2025

What a lovely service we had at St. Paul's Daybrook. Thank you for all of those who were able to attend. The choir sang beautifully and the tableaux created by KS1 and EYFS was beautiful. We are so proud of our children!



PTA update

On behalf of the PTA, we would like to say a HUGE thank you for all your support over the Autumn term. This half term we have raised a huge **£569.10**. The range of events held by the PTA (free and for raising money) are vital in helping our small school and providing fun activities for our children. Thank you so much!

The money raised will go towards supporting school and subsidising upcoming school trips, which means your children continue to benefit from some great first hand experiences!

We are also raising money to fund a 'Peace Garden' for our school. More information about how you can get involved will be out in the New Year!

Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day

Our children (and staff) had a wonderful Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day! They enjoyed drawing their own Christmas table cloths, sharing crackers and celebrating good times with their friends.



Giving Back

A huge thank you to our wonderful Burntstump families who have taken part in the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' to donate food and goodies to Arnold Foodbank. You are, as always, super generous with your donations.



Nursery / Reception Child Places

Now is the time that many parents are making important decisions about the education of their child. If you know anyone requiring a Reception school place for September 2025, then please encourage them to arrange a tour of our school. Equally, if you know anyone with a child that is 3 years old, please encourage them to enquire about a nursery place for their child.

Santa came to visit!

We LOVED seeing Father Christmas at school today to join in our party day. He had a great sense of humour and made us all laugh especially with the - dare I say it - **67!**



He even brought us all a present!
The PTA also gave all the children a
selection box as a special gift from them!



Safeguarding:

Please keep checking the school's website for information for parents. A reminder that our safeguarding leads (DSLs) are Mrs Annable, Mrs Francis (formally Ince) and Mrs Pink.

