Mrs Wolfe's Weekly Update

13th November 2026

Autumn Term Dates

wb 16th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week
16th Nov – Odd Socks Day (children are invited to wear Odd Socks for the day to raise awareness for anti-bullying week)
20th Nov. – Eco Champions Switch Off Day
25th Nov – Year 5/6 Football @ Outwood Academy (TBC)
26th Nov – FOBLS Wreath-making for Grown-ups 7:30@School
2nd Dec – Christmas Crafternoon (funded by FOBLS)
4th Dec – Christingle Service @ St Leonards – 9:15am
5th Dec – Church Fayre – Children invited to sing for the community @2pm Village Hall
9th Dec – Owl Class Nativity @ Burton Leonard Village Hall 2pm & 5pm
10th Dec – Christmas Lunch
10th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children
11th Dec – Owl Class Postal Museum Workshop
11th Dec – No swimmming
11th Dec – New Library Opening
12th Dec – KS2 Royal Hall Christmas Concert
14th Dec – Kite Class Christmas Party
15th Dec – Whole-school Theatre Trip to see Peter Pan at Bradford Alhambra @2pm
16th Dec – Merlin Class Christmas Party
17th Dec – Owl Class Christmas Party
18th Dec – End of Term Christmas Service 2pm @ St Leonards Church
18th Dec – School closes for Christmas Break
21st – 1st Jan – Christmas Break

Spring Term Dates

4th Jan – Teacher Training Day
5th Jan – Children return to school
wb 5th Jan – NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Week!
18th Jan – NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshops for Y2 & Y5/6
2nd Feb – Dance @Ashville College (TBC)
8th Feb-12th Feb – Half-Term
18th Mar – Merlin Performance
19th Mar – Easter End of Term Service

Weekly Enrichment

Mondays
After-school Times Table Club with Mr Doohan

Tuesdays
PE with Sporting Influence
After-school Sports Club with Miss M
After-school SATS Club with Mr Doohan

Wednesdays
Lunchtime Library Club with our Reading Ambassadors & Library Grannies
After-school Knitting Club with Granny Lesley

Thursdays
Forest School with Outdoor Adventures
Thursday 5th November– Year 3
Thursday 12th November – Reception
Thursday 19th November – Year 1
Thursday 26th November – Year 2
Thursday 3rd December– Year 4
Thursday 10th December – Year 5
Thursday 17th December – Year 6
Mandarin Club with Mrs Cummings

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

Vision & Values

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
Our Values – Courage, Love, Resilience & Service
Our 3Rs – Be Ready, Be Responsible & Be Respectful
Join us every Friday, 9:15 @ St Leonards Church to hear about how we have been living out our vision and values and to celebrate our learning (parents are welcome to meet for tea & coffee at St Leonards Hall after drop-off)

Attendance & Engagement

Our average whole school attendance so far this year is 97.4%. A reminder that holidays should not be taken during term time, thank you. Please do read our attendance section further down below on why attendance is so important for every child – everyday of the school year.
Well done to Y2, Y3 & Y5 for 100% attendance (6th Nov – 12th Nov)

This Week's News

Remembrance

Throughout the week, children have taken part in a range of activities to mark Remembrance. We gathered together for an Act of Remembrance and spent time learning about the sacrifices made by those who have served their country. Children listened to and reflected upon verses from The Last Post and participated in a moving two-minute silence on Wednesday.

In our collective worships, we explored the theme of peace, discussing how peace is not only about the absence of conflict, but also about the kindness, understanding and respect we show one another every day. We also learned about the important role that animals have played, and continue to play, during times of war. The children were fascinated to discover how horses, dogs, pigeons and many other animals have supported people in difficult circumstances and have themselves shown great courage and loyalty.

Children in Need

The week also brought some excitement as we welcomed BBC Look North to school on Monday as part of the Children in Need celebrations. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting Pudsey Bear and were delighted to see themselves on television! We were proud to support Amy and Lindsey in their fundraising challenge and loved being part of such a special occasion.

Today, our fundraising efforts have continued with pupils and staff wearing non-uniform to support Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who donated £1 and to those who sent in small change for the fundraising activities taking place throughout the day. Your generosity will help make a real difference to children and young people across the country.

FOBLS Readathon

Finally, thank you to all those families supporting the FOBLS Readathon. It has been wonderful to hear children talking so enthusiastically about the books they reading, and we are grateful for all the sponsorship that is helping to promote a lifelong love of reading.

Alongside these important events, wonderful learning has continued across school. We are immensely proud of the enthusiasm, resilience and curiosity our children show every day. As we complete assessment week, we look forward to celebrating all that they have learned and the progress they continue to make.

As we move towards the weekend, we are reminded of the importance of remembering the past, choosing peace in the present and showing compassion towards others in all that we do.

Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Socks Day

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be exploring themes of kindness, respect and inclusion across the school. To show our support, children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday as a celebration of individuality and the things that make us all unique.

FOBLS Tea Towel Orders

Don't forget to order your FOBLS tea-towel that features self-portraits of the children and adults in school! Please see the link sent out by Mrs Drake on Arbor and order no later than the 20th November.

Singers Needed for the Church Fayre

We are delighted to support the Christmas Church Fayre on Saturday 5th December at the Village Hall. Children from Burton Leonard CE Primary School are warmly invited to come along and sing at 2:00pm as part of the festivities.

We would love to see as many children as possible joining us for this special community event. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the afternoon.

As well as enjoying the opportunity to perform, families will be able to browse the variety of stalls on offer and, of course, there may even be the chance to meet a very important Christmas visitor!

If you are interested in running a stall at the fayre, please speak to Granny Lesley, who will be happy to provide further information.

We hope you can join us for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon of festive fun and community spirit.

Looking to the Week Ahead...

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday

- Odd Socks Day - children are invited to wear odd socks to school for the day!

Thursday

- Forest School - Year 1

Friday

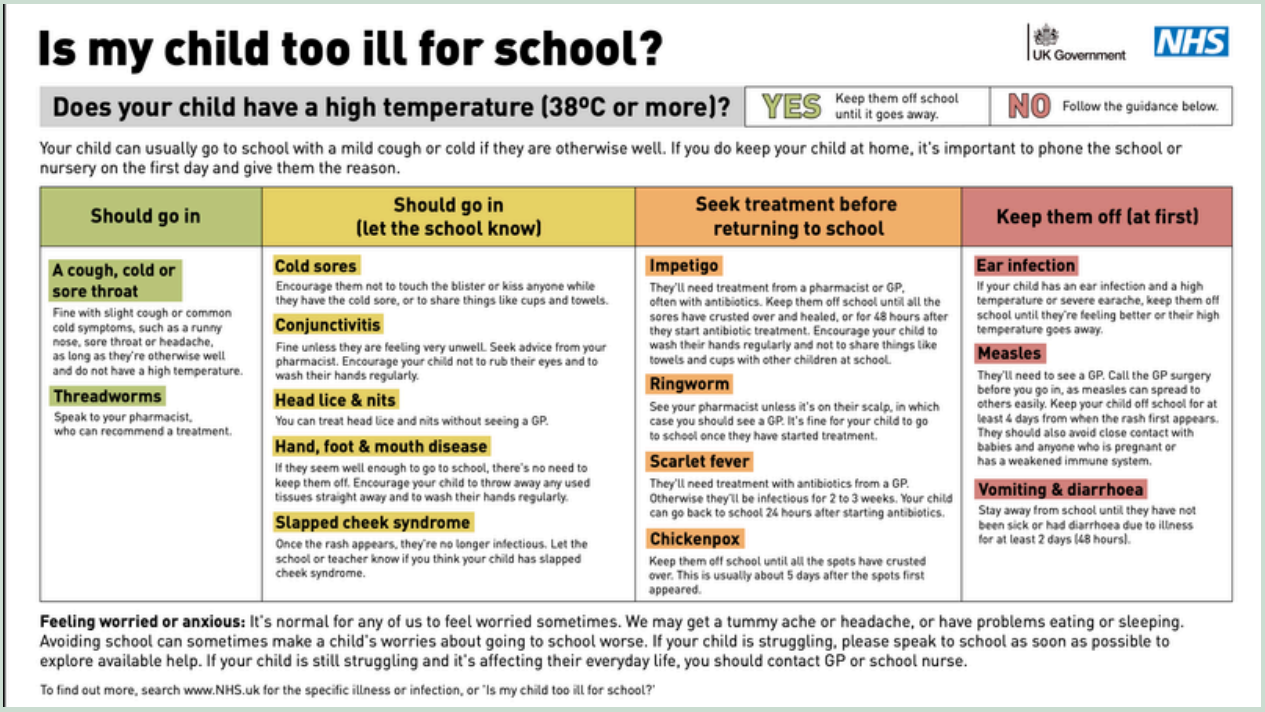
- Eco Champions 'Switch Off' Day - we will be switching off electrical appliances as much as possible in school
- Celebration Service 9:15am @ St Leonards Church
- Swimming @ Ashville will take place for Y2 and selected swimmers until further notice. Please ensure swimming kits are brought into school every Friday.

Attendance, Safeguarding & Health & Safety Updates & Reminders

Winter Illness Reminder (typically October-March in the UK)

As we move into the winter months, we would like to remind families that, in line with NHS guidance, children can usually continue to attend school if they have common cold symptoms such as a sore throat, runny nose or cough. Children should stay at home if they have a high temperature and can return to school once they no longer have a fever and are well enough to take part in normal activities. If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to attend, please check the NHS page here and let us know as soon as possible if your child needs to remain at home. Working together helps us to support both children's learning and wellbeing.

We understand that on occasions medical and other important appointments cannot be avoided during school hours. If you have to request time out of school hours, it's important your child attends school before and after the appointment.



Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

A Prompt Start to the School Day

We encourage all children to make the most of our Early Bird activities, which begin when school opens at 8:45am. Children should arrive and be ready to start learning by 8:55am at the latest.

With Collective Worship now taking place in the afternoon, our mornings begin straight away with important learning opportunities. Arriving on time ensures that children are present for key instructions, lesson introductions and the chance to settle positively into the day alongside their classmates. Thank you for your continued support in helping children arrive promptly, prepared and ready to make the most of every learning opportunity.

Supporting Children with School Drop-Offs

It is not unusual for children to go through periods where they feel worried or upset about coming to school. If your child is finding mornings difficult, try to keep routines calm and consistent, talk positively about the school day ahead, and maintain a confident and reassuring farewell. Although it can be hard, a brief goodbye is often more helpful than a prolonged one. If your child is experiencing ongoing difficulties, please do speak to us. We are here to work in partnership with families and can provide support to help children feel happy, safe and ready to learn.

Attendance Matters

At Burton Leonard, we know that excellent attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children to achieve their very best. Every lesson counts, and regular attendance helps children to build confidence, maintain friendships, develop positive routines and make strong academic progress.

A child who attends school every day has access to the full range of learning experiences, whilst missing just a few days each term can quickly add up and create gaps in learning that can be difficult to bridge. Arriving on time is equally important, ensuring that children begin the day calmly and are ready to learn alongside their peers.

We understand that children will occasionally be unwell and, of course, should remain at home when they are genuinely too poorly to attend school. However, wherever possible, we encourage families to support regular attendance and to book routine appointments and holidays outside of term time.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high attendance across the school. By working together, we can ensure that every child has the best possible opportunity to thrive, achieve and enjoy all that school has to offer.

Every day really does count!

Online Safety Support

This month's theme is Digital Wellbeing. Please click to watch a video providing a quick overview on how to help children build healthier tech habits. October 2026: Digital Wellbeing.

Staying Safe Online

At Burton Leonard, we recognise that technology plays an important role in our children's lives and offers many exciting opportunities for learning, creativity and communication. We also know that helping children to stay safe online is a shared responsibility between school and home.

Throughout the year, children are regularly reminded about how to stay safe online, how to protect their personal information and what to do if they encounter something online that worries them. As new apps, games and technologies continue to emerge, it is important that we all stay informed.

We encourage parents and carers to visit the Online Safety section of our school website, where you will find a wealth of guidance and resources on parental controls, social media, gaming, online communication and keeping children safe in the digital world.

By working together, we can help our children develop the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to enjoy technology safely and responsibly.

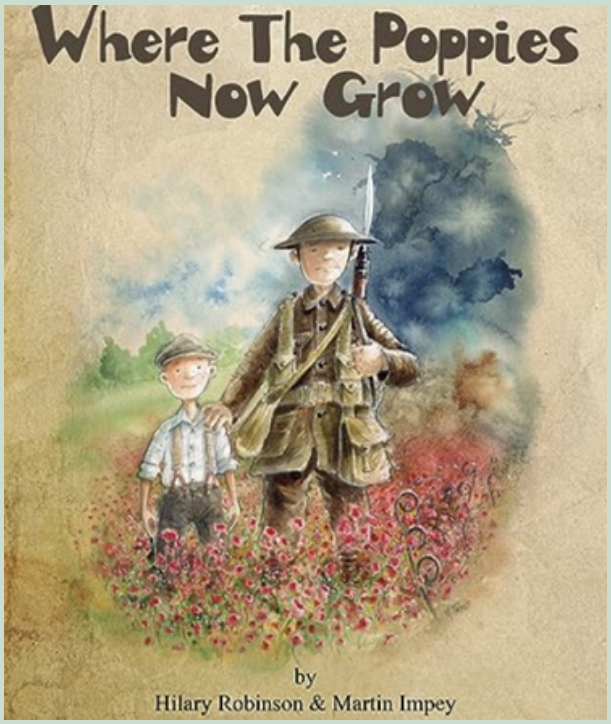
Visit the Online Safety page on our website for the latest advice, support and resources for families.

This Week's Team Cup Winners...

Turing Reds



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



Mrs Wolfe's Recommended Chapter Book Read of the Half Term...



My chapter book recommnedation for this half term is one of my all-time favourites, Wonder, by R J Palacio.This heartwarming story follows August Pullman, a young boy who was born with a facial difference and is starting school for the first time. Through Auggie's journey, readers learn powerful lessons about friendship, courage, acceptance and empathy.

What makes Wonder so special is its simple but important message: always choose kind. The book reminds us that we never truly know what someone else may be going through and that even the smallest acts of kindness can have a lasting impact.

I would highly recommend Wonder to children and adults alike. It is a book that makes you laugh, think and reflect on the way we treat others. Long after you have finished reading, its message stays with you, encouraging everyone to be a little more understanding, compassionate and kind.

As the book famously reminds us:

"When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind."

A truly unforgettable read and one that deserves a place on every bookshelf.



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