



December 2025

## HEAD TEACHERS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As we approach the end of another wonderful year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we have achieved together. This year has been filled with incredible moments, and I am so proud of our pupils who have truly lived our school values every single day. Their enthusiasm for learning, kindness towards one another, and determination to succeed have been nothing short of inspiring.

I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our amazing staff team. Their dedication, creativity, and unwavering commitment to supporting every child have made our school a place where everyone can thrive. It is because of their hard work and passion that we continue to grow stronger as a community.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. Working in partnership with you is what makes our school such a special place.

On behalf of everyone here, I wish you a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back in January for another exciting term.

Warmest wishes,

**MRS WARD**



## Essential Information

### Residential 26

Next December we will return to Standon Bowers for our annual residential. It is my favourite week of the year when I get to spend time with your amazing children – watching them shine.

There will be a presentation for Year 4 and 5 parents in the new year.

### Strider of the term Awards.

If you have been able to attend out celebration assemblies then you will know that each week we draw a name for each class from the stride jar. These names have been collected each week so that at the end of term we can draw again for the whole school. Today prizes were awarded to: Bobby, Jake, Lauren, Seth, Nell and Wilf

### Clubs and Wrap Around Care

Thank you for your support again this term. **Wrap Around care (breakfast club and late stay) will run from the first day of term.**

Food for late stay can be ordered via the office for the whole term. Activity club letters will follow in the first week – these clubs will start w/c 13<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Activity club plans TBC in the new year:

- Monday: Multi skills/ Chess Year 5/6
- Tuesday: Stay and Play, Year 6 Maths by invitation
- Wednesday: Multi skills/Stay and Play
- Thursday: Stay and Play/ Multi skills

### Sports News

Congratulations to those pupils taking part in competitions this term: they were wonderful ambassadors for our school. We are very proud of our 'Spirit of the Games' award.

Events for next term include orienteering, a swimming gala and a basketball competition.

### Swimming

We will once again be swimming with years 3, 4 and 5 during the Spring term. Further details will follow in the new year.

**Back to school: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

# General Information

## Class News:

### Class 1

That wonderful time of year is just around the corner again and what an amazing term Class 1 have had! First of all, a huge round of applause for your effort and lovely singing in last Friday's Nativity. It was unforgettable! This term in English, we have been working hard to begin to write our own stories inspired by the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs'. From the 'Three Green Aliens and the Big Bad Human' to the 'Three Fluffy Cats and the Big Bad Dog', it was wonderful to see the children's imagination and creativity. In Maths, we were introduced to addition and subtraction. We explored using the plus, minus and equal symbols to write number sentences. In RE, we explored the idea that each of us is special and unique and reflected on how we all began life as babies. We had so much fun sharing our baby photos and guessing which picture belonged to who. Our phonics skills have developed immensely this term. Reception children are now beginning to confidently blend and write CVC words, while Year 1's are recognising alternative sounds and applying them in their spellings. I hope you all have an amazing Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

### Class 2


It's been an exciting, busy term for the children in Class 2; they have worked very hard and are ready for their Christmas break! We all thoroughly enjoyed watching the children in their nativity; their determination to learn all of their lines really showed. Well done all of you! The children have been practicing their sewing skills in the last few weeks and have used these to create beautiful decorations for their Christmas trees. In RE we thought about the importance of Christmas to Christians and delved deeper into the Christmas story. We also made our own Christingle decorations to take home. Math's has been all about shape. We have been developing our skills with using a ruler to draw accurate shapes. We will continue to learn about 2D and 3D shapes in the new year. We are also excited to start learning about The Great Fire of London. We hope you all have a wonderful, peaceful Christmastime and a happy New Year!

### Class 3

We have had a great term in Class 3, and we are all ready for Christmas. After such a busy term, we certainly have earned a restful break.

In maths, we started with place value and column addition and subtraction. Now, we have tackled all of our times tables, and the children have absolutely aced it! The children have really enjoyed our writing units this year, from writing our very own alien themed stories to inventing our own Christmas songs, the children's hard work in English has been paying off! In science, we have been exploring animals and their habitats, and in history we have delved into the interesting history of the Ancient Egyptians. Geography has been a highlight for many. In art, the children released their inner caveman, and we created our own caves out of shoe boxes. In ICT, we worked together to make an incredible animation to Paul McCartney's Wonderful Christmastime.

We would like to extend a big thank you to the parents and carers of Class 3 for all of your support this term. We hope you all have a wonderful break, get loads of rest, and we can't wait to see you in 2026 for another great term!



## Scholarship

(Effort, Care and Presentation)

We always bring our best self to school.

## Team work and

Collaboration

Helping a team member is helping ourselves.

## Resilience and

Perseverance

We never give up. We remain positive so that we have the strength to persevere even with the hardest work

## Independence and

Responsibility

We are honest and we own up to our mistakes. We have the courage to do the right thing.

## Diversity and Respect

We are respectful, polite and kind at all times. We value and celebrate difference.

## Enquiry, Creativity

and Curiosity

We want to learn. We want to achieve more. We use our mistakes to improve.

## **Class News continued**

### **Class 4**

Class 4 has achieved so much already this year. I am extremely proud of all of them.

They have proved themselves to be superstars on the residential where they took part in a wide range of physical and mental challenges that required them to utilise all of the STRIDE learning behaviours. They have led on two great whole school assemblies - one where they celebrated Harvest and a second where they helped us remember those who have given their lives in conflicts and wars in the past and up to the present day. They have investigated the Terrible Tudors and drawn conclusions as to whether they were heroes or villains. In art they designed and created Shakespeare sets and in DT they investigated and made marble runs (we are still clearing up now!). They have written for a range of purposes and audiences and developed a wide range of reading skills. They have mastered place value and the four operations and are now conquering fractions! They survived Skellig and are now finding out the fate of Pig Heart Boy.

They have amazed me every day. They are a joy to teach and spend time with and I look forward to seeing them back in the new year all ready for 2026.

## ***STOP PRESS!***

### **Playtimes**

Please make sure that your child has suitable wet and cold weather clothing to be outside at playtime.

A change of shoes is required to be able to use the Wraggy – trainers or wellies. These will be stored under the canopy.

### **Goodbye and Good luck**

Tomorrow we shall say goodbye to Baudouin and his family who joined us from France a year and a half- ago. We wish them all the very best in their next adventure.

### **Thank you to:**

Our PFA team – their hard work and your support of their events, enables us to provide many extras for our children.

Our weekly forest school helper: Mrs E Storer

Mrs Hollingsworth for her help with cross country.

Mrs Wendy Penlington and Mrs Jane Tolton for hearing readers every week.

All the parents and carers who have supported us on trips this term.



## **CHAIR OF GOVERNORS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

It's Christmas 2025 and the ink has only just dried on the message from last year. In no time at all we have packed so much in, fun and games, hard work, trips and the residential which challenged some, energised others but everyone made their mark. The governors have been in and out of school and are incredibly pleased with what we have seen, the work that the children have put in, and the continued effort and commitment from all the school staff. The Autumn term has had it's challenges not least the bout of flu that has wiped out staff and pupils alike over the last couple of weeks, but I would like to thank every one of you for being so incredibly Newton, and keeping things going.

As we look forward to 2026, we will continue to do our very best to keep looking for ways we can continuously improve the school environment; carry on supporting all our pupils and staff; and look for ways that keep Newton Burgoland School pushing forward so that the whole school community can achieve the very best that they can, long into the future.

But before all the hard work starts again in January, it's time for a break. So, whatever you are doing over the Christmas holidays, slow down, relax and enjoy it, and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

**From the Governing Board.**