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Friday 12th December 2025

Weekly Round-up

Term Times

We are tremendously proud to announce that 3 of our pupils have received an email from the BBC 500 Word Story Competition to say that their story entries have got through to the next round of judging!

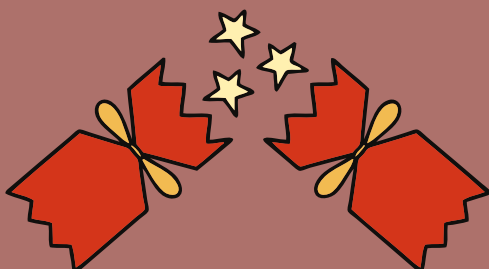
Ruby in Year 4, Mila in Year 5 and Annabel in Year 6 have all received emails to say that their stories have been selected to go through to the second round of judging. The national competition received tens of thousands of entries from children all over the country and only 5000 have been shortlisted. We are incredibly proud of these children and their achievements have been celebrated today in our Collective Worship.

 *Congratulations!* 

Christmas Buffet

Due to a high number of children being off sick on Christmas Dinner Day, Mrs Stewart our kitchen manager has kindly arranged for us to serve a Christmas Buffet on the last day of term.

To book this on Arbor:
Please select the Christmas Buffet option for Friday the 19th first, before completing your Monday–Thursday lunch choices.



A Festive Invitation!

We're so excited to remind you about our Christmas Concert—a wonderful evening of music and festive cheer for parents and carers of Upper school (4,5,6) to enjoy!

 **Date:** Thursday 18th December

 **Time:** 6:00 PM

Location: St Mary's Church

Come along and celebrate the season with us as the children share their hard work and spread Christmas joy. After the concert, why not stay a little longer and enjoy a warming cup of mulled wine and a delicious mince pie?

We'll also be taking a collection in aid of St Mary's Church and Jubilee School in Kenya, supporting two wonderful causes that make a real difference.

We can't wait to see you there—let's make this a magical evening to remember!

Year 2 had a very special visitor on Tuesday!

We were thrilled to welcome a real-life police officer into our classroom. The children had a fantastic opportunity to learn all about what it's like to work in the police force and how officers help keep our communities safe. The session was full of fascinating facts and stories, and the children were absolutely brilliant—listening carefully and asking lots of thoughtful, interesting questions. There were plenty of giggles too when we discovered that a few of our pupils had “committed crimes” (don't worry, only pretend ones!) and were keen to find out what happens when someone breaks the law.

It was an inspiring visit that helped us understand the importance of rules, safety, and teamwork. A huge thank you to our visitor for making the day so memorable!



Did you know we have a Facebook page? Follow us to stay up to date with all the latest news, events, and exciting things happening at Buckden Primary! [👉 Buckden Primary School](#)

Hardwick Dene

Some of our talented singers from Year 2 to Year 6 visited Hardwick Dene this week to spread festive cheer!

The children performed a selection of beautiful Christmas carols for the residents, filling the room with music and joy. It was a heartwarming experience for everyone involved, and the smiles on the residents' faces said it all. A huge well done to all the children for sharing their voices and making the morning so special!



Wow, the PTA elves truly outdid themselves at Elfirdges today! A huge thank you to our amazing PTA team for all their hard work and dedication in making this event so special. The children had an incredible time browsing the stalls and carefully choosing gifts for their loved ones (and sneaking in a little something for themselves too!). It was wonderful to see so many smiles and excitement - the Christmas spirit was definitely alive and shining bright throughout the school. Days like this remind us how lucky we are to have such a supportive community. Thank you again to everyone who helped make today magical!

Can You Help Us? 🌟

We're looking for a few items to make outdoor learning and play even more exciting for our children! If you're able to donate any of the following, we would be so grateful:

- Wellies (all sizes)
- Waterproof jackets and trousers
- Metal pots, pans, plates, and utensils

We'd also love to create a mud kitchen for the children—if anyone fancies taking on this fun project, please let us know!

Finally, if you've recently cut hazel or maple branches (not twigs), we'd be delighted to have them. We plan to saw them into circles and paint them for creative activities.

Your support makes such a difference—thank you for helping us bring these ideas to life!

The Nativity performances this week were absolutely wonderful! Our EYFS children put in so much effort, and it truly showed on stage. Every song, every line, and every smile was a testament to their hard work and enthusiasm. I know all the parents were bursting with pride watching their little superstars shine. Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a magical and memorable event - it was a beautiful way to celebrate the season!



Year 5 Koinonia Day - Join Us! 🌍🌟

We're delighted to invite you to Year 5's Koinonia Day, which will take place on the last day of term - Friday, 19th December, from 2:00 PM to 3:15 PM. This special event is an opportunity for pupils to share their learning and achievements with our school community. The children are always so excited to showcase what they've been working on, and we hope you'll join us to celebrate their hard work!

Parents are welcome to sign pupils out once you've finished enjoying the session, or they can be collected at the usual time.

Supporting Jubilee School in Kenya 🇰🇪

As part of our Global Neighbours project, Year 5 have chosen to raise money to buy textbooks for the Jubilee School in Kenya. Last half term, while learning about education around the world, they had the incredible opportunity to visit a Kenyan school via Zoom. They enjoyed a virtual tour led by the Headteacher and even spoke to some of the students!

When asked what would make the biggest difference, the Headteacher explained that more textbooks are urgently needed. Year 5 were inspired to help—and now they want to say thank you by raising funds to support those pupils' education.

How You Can Help

On Koinonia Day, Year 5 will be selling packs of 5 beautiful lino-printed cards for £5—the cost of one textbook. All proceeds will go directly to Jubilee School in Kenya.

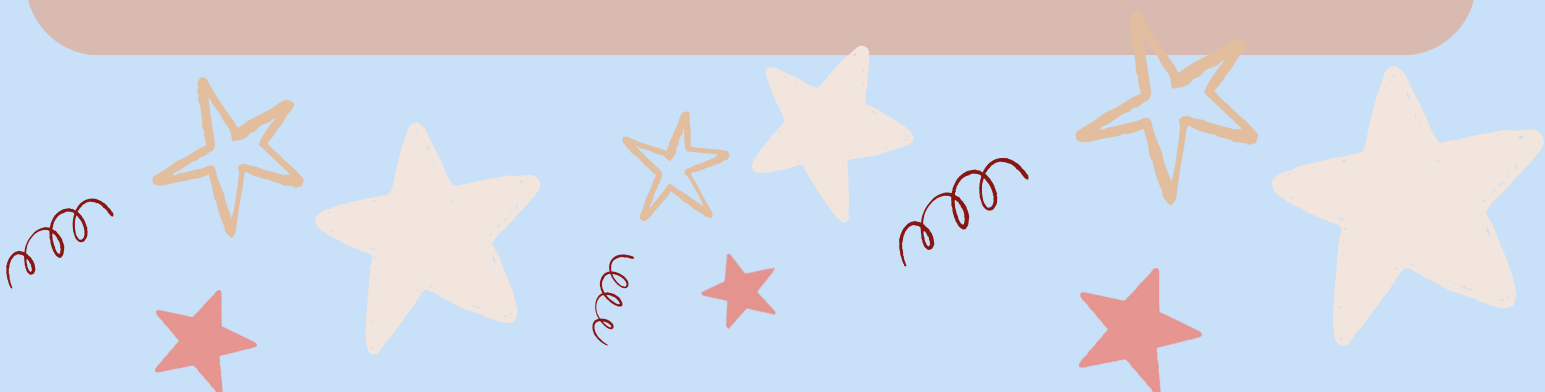
To make sure we have your cards ready, you can pre-order via Arbor under 'School Shop'. Your support will help provide essential learning resources for children who truly need them.

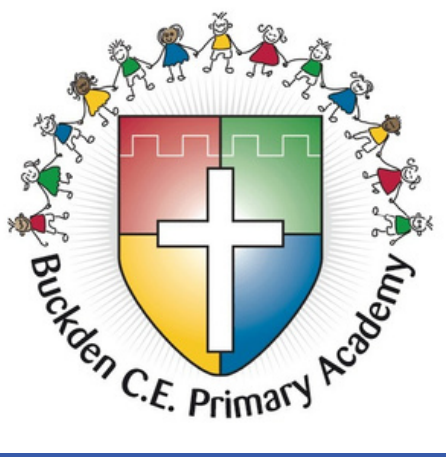
Thank you for helping Year 5 make a global difference! 🌟

Festive Jumper Day - Round Two! 🎄🌟

Due to so many pupils being off poorly during our first Christmas Jumper Day, we're giving everyone another chance to join in the fun on Friday, 19th December!

We want every child to have the opportunity to wear their festive jumper and spread plenty of Christmas cheer. So dig out those sparkly, colorful jumpers and let's make the last day of term extra special!





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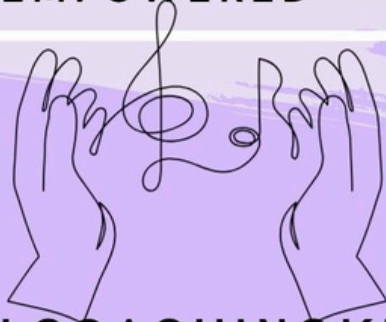
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Live it - Eco Fact

Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth!

Did you know you can save up to 6 liters of water every minute just by turning off the tap? It's an easy way to help the planet every day.



Check out 'Everything Environmental' on the website for plant based recipe. [click here!](#)

Catch Up on Past Newsletters

What's going on locally? click here to find out

Homework

Talk

Linking learning from the classroom to life at home can help to improve language and communication skills. We will continue these discussions in class next week.

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