



The Buckland Bulletin



Issue 5- January 2026 Our school value for this half term is **PERSERVERANCE**

*Let your light shine – on everyone, everywhere, everyday
(Matthew 5:16)*



IN THE NEWS

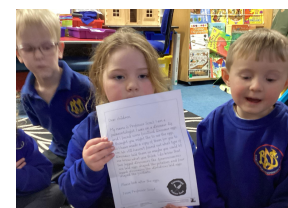
WASSAIL

Earlier in the month, Father Jonathan came in to celebrate Wassail with us. We crept out to the apple tree and made a huge noise with our voices and musical instruments in order to wake it up for another year! The apple tree was blessed with apple juice and we hung toast on it to feed the birds. Then we had apple juice and a special cake, made by Mrs Leather, to celebrate Wassail.



DANGEROUS DINOSAURS IN BEECH!

Beech class have been enjoying their *Dangerous Dinosaurs* Topic in class over the past 2 weeks. They have been looking at the book *Tyrannosaurus Drip* and even had some dinosaur eggs to investigate after a letter to the class from Professor Scout!



FOREST SCHOOL FUN IN OAK!

Oak class has enjoyed being back out in our forest school over the past month. Despite the weather, the children all got outside and made some delicious bird cakes for our birds in school. They were also able to make dens using the Christmas Tree Donations. Thank you to anyone who donated these to our school!



PANTO IN A DAY!

We were all blown away this week (not by the weather) by the incredible performance from our Year 6 pupils and ex Buckland pupils of *Snow White*. This was part of their Panto in a Day experience where they performed to over 100 people in the Village Hall. It really was a performance to be proud of!



ATTENDANCE

We still continue to work hard with our school attendance. Currently our school attendance for the year is at **94.2%** which is still slightly below the national average. I have spoken with lots of you about attendance and also that term time holidays are unauthorised except for extenuating circumstances. Please also remember that if your child is unwell (not sick) in the morning and starts to feel better you are very welcome to bring them back for the afternoon session at 1pm. Thank you for your support with this!

CONGRATULATIONS MRS LAMBERT!

We are delighted to tell you that Mrs Lambert got married over the Christmas holidays. Her new full name is Mrs Addinall-Eames but she will be known to the children as Mrs Eames. Congratulations from everyone to Mrs Eames!



FBNS UPDATE

We made a whopping **£1,500** in the run up to Christmas - the fair and the nativity performances. Thank you so much to everyone that contributed from the donated raffle prizes to those running the stalls, and those helping out at the nativities. And particularly for everyone who was able to come.

Please come and support our FBNS meeting next week on **Monday 26th January, 3:30pm** in the school hall where they will be discussing events for this term and beyond. As always, your help is greatly appreciated

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

We are incredibly proud of all of our pupils of the week at the start of this term.

Well done to the children below who have already been nominated as the pupil of the week!

Date	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9/1/26	Alfie	Ava.K	Clover	Harley	Bella	Sedge	Mia.L
16/1/26	Brodi	Theo	Ella	Herbie	Leah	Noah	Callum, Charlie and Henry

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BUCKLAND NEWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL					
KEY EVENTS - 2025/26					
ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECTS TO CHANGE					
Date	Time	Key Event - Description	Classes Involved	Location	Comments
January 2026					
Monday 5th January 2026	8.35am	All children back to school	All	School	Gates open at 8.35am.
Friday 9th January	PM	Wassail with Canon Still	All	School	Children may bring something noisy to bang/rattle.
	After School	All Clubs start this week	All	School	Clubs end at 4.15pm, please collect your child promptly. Thank you.
Monday 12th January	1-1.30pm	Year 4 Swimming Starts	Year 4	Leweston School	Please ensure your child brings swimming kit to school.
Wednesday 14th January	3.45-5.30pm	Dodgeball Tournament	Selected Children	Gryphon School	Letters to follow.
Monday 19th January	3.15-4.15pm	FBNS Meeting	All	School Hall	Everyone welcome - please come along to support our FBNS.
Tuesday 20th January	All Day	Panto in a Day	Year 6	Village Hall	More information to follow.
	After School	NO DRAMA CLUB TODAY	All in Club	n/a	No Drama as Jo is running Panto in a Day with Year 6.
Wednesday 21st January	3.30-6pm	Girls' Football Festival (rescheduled)	Years 3-6	Gryphon School	Letters to follow.
Wednesday 28th January	4-5.30pm	Basketball Tournament	Selected Children	Gryphon School	Letters to follow.
February 2026					
Wednesday 4th February	3.30-5pm	Indoor Athletics Competition	Selected Children Year 5/6	Gillingham School	Letters to follow.
Thursday 5th February	4-5.30pm	Cross Country Competition	Selected Children	Gryphon School	Letters to follow.
Friday 6th February	3.15pm - 5pm	FBNS Movie Night	All	School Hall	More information to follow.
Mon 16th - Fri 20th February	All Week	HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED	All	-	-
Monday 23rd February	All Day	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	All	-	-
Tuesday 24th February	All Day	Back to school	All	School	Gates open at 8.35am
Tues 24th February - Tues 3rd March	All Day	Scholastic Book Fayre in School	All	School	More information to follow.
March 2026					
Thursday 5th March	All Day	World Book Day	All	School	Children may come dressed up as favourite book character or word.
Monday 9th March	1-1.30pm	Year 5/6 Swimming Starts	Years 5 & 6	Leweston School	Letters to follow.
Thursday 12th March	All Day	Non-Uniform Day for Easter Bingo	All	School	Donations for Easter Bingo would be appreciated.
Friday 13th March	12-4pm	Year 5 Sing-up Concert	Year 5	Gransden Hall, Sherborne	More information to follow.
w/c Monday 16th March	After School	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK (Parents' Meetings)	All		After School Provision will run as usual.
	3.30pm - 6pm	Parents' Meetings	All	Classrooms	Dates TBC - Appointments will be sent home nearer the time.
Thursday 19th March	All Day	Life Education Wessex Visit to School	All	Classrooms	More information to follow.
	All Day	Red Nose Day	All	School	More information to follow.
Friday 20th March	TBC	Primary Gymnastics	Selected Children (all years)	Gillingham	More information to follow.
	5pm - 7pm	FBNS Easter Bingo	All	School Hall	More information to follow.
Monday 23rd March	1.45pm	Easter Service	All	Church of the Holy Road	All welcome.
Weds 25th - Thurs 26th March	All Day	Leeson House Residential Visit	Year 5	Leeson House	More information to follow.
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	All Day	EASTER HOLIDAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED	All	-	-

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- A reminder about parking outside of school. Please do not park on the zig-zag lines and do not leave cars running whilst they are unattended. Thank you
- As the weather continues to be against us, rain is still forecast for the coming weeks. Please make sure children come to school with a coat to keep them warm and dry in this weather.

Have a wonderful end to this half term everyone and thank you for all your support with our school!