



Barnburgh Newsletter

Summer 1 2025

As we step into the summer term, I am reflecting on what has been an unusual half term, marked by numerous bank holidays and a long weekend for Easter Sunday. Despite these interruptions, our school community has remained vibrant and active, ensuring that our children have continued to engage in a variety of enriching events and opportunities throughout each school day. This term, our Year 2 children embarked on a fascinating journey to the National Mining Museum, where they donned hard hats and ventured underground to gain first-hand experience of life as a miner. This visit was particularly meaningful as it connected them to their heritage and the rich history of mining in our region.

Meanwhile, our Year 1 children enjoyed a delightful trip to Canon Hall, immersing themselves in the world of the Victorians. They enjoyed many hands-on experiences, including learning to wash clothes using traditional Victorian methods, and they even prepared their own delicious lunch, which included soup, apple pie, fresh bread, and sugar mice.

Additionally, our Year 5 class had the privilege of visiting Leeds Armouries, where they explored the fascinating history of arms and armour linked to their English and History topics of Ancient Greek myths and Legends.

In addition to our exciting trips and experiences, our school also celebrated and learnt about VE Day. Our whole school community came together for a festive street party, where children enjoyed a vibrant atmosphere filled with the uplifting sounds of 1940s music. This event not only allowed our children to embrace the significance of this important historical moment but also fostered a sense of community and joy as we shared in the festivities together. It was a wonderful way for our children to connect with history while having fun!

Enjoy reading about all the other wonderful things that have been happening in our school and don't forget to refer to our SchoolPing app for more photos and information.

Mrs J Potts - Headteacher



KEY DATES

- 02.06.25 Return to school
- 03.06.25 Year 1/2 Cricket competition
- 06.06.25 Whole Class Photos
- 06.06.25 British Values Day
- 11.06.25 EYFS school trip to The Deep
- 16.06.25 Y1 ASPIRE event 9am
- 17.06.25 Y2 ASPIRE event 9am
- 17.06.25 Year 3/4 cricket competition
- 18.06.25 Y4 ASPIRE event 9am
- 18.06.25 Y3 ASPIRE event 2pm
- 19.06.25 Y6 ASPIRE event 9am
- 19.06.25 Choir at Sing Out
- 20.06.25 Y5 ASPIRE event 9am
- 20.06.25 Soundtrack Brass to perform in school
- 24.06.25 Beyond Academy Aspire Awards
- 25.06.25 Nursery ASPIRE event 08:50
- 25.06.25 Reception ASPIRE event 14:15
- 26.06.25 Musicians end of year performance for parents
- 01.07.25 Y5/6 cricket competition
- 02.07.25 Y5/6 Residential
- 07.07.25 EYFS sports morning 10:15
- 08.07.25 Transition
- 11.07.25 Y1 to 6 sports morning
- 14.07.25 Y6 Leaver's trip
- 17.07.25 Y6 Leaver's concert
- 18.07.25 School closes for the summer

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ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations to Year 2 for being Truly Great at coming to school every day. Year 2 had the best attendance this half term with 98.2%. Our overall attendance for this term is 95.9%. Our target is to hit 96%

HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations to Hawking House who were awarded with the most house points this half term. Our cumulative winners so far this year are Hawking House with an impressive 5946 house points!

ASPIRE WINNERS

It has been a pleasure to present ASPIRE awards to so many children this half term. For photographs and names of children, please refer to our School Ping newsletter items. Thank you to our ASPIRE winners for being Truly Great!

LEGER SPORT COMPETITIONS

COMPETITION	DATE	YEAR GROUPS	POSITION
Athletics	15.04.25	1 & 2	Barnburgh Bounders 8 th
			Barnburgh Baton Passers 3 rd
Athletics	29.04.25	3 & 4	1 st
Athletics	19.05.25	5 & 6	1 st

STEM FESTIVAL 2025

On Thursday 24th April 2025, WORKWISE visited our school for our annual STEMMWISE event. Our children explored a range of science and engineering challenges from companies such as Volker Rail, Clean Power Hydrogen (CPH2), CBE+ and many more! The children designed and built structures like cranes using pneumatics, constructed their own rollercoasters using paper plates, paperclips and magnets, learnt about and created their own working circuits, and even launched various types of rockets. It was a hands-on, minds-on session full of creativity, problem solving and fun!



WELL DONE YEAR 6

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for the remarkable way they approached their SATs tests this year. The dedication and resilience they demonstrated was truly commendable; their focus and maturity throughout the testing period was evident, showcasing that each child put in their very best effort. While we do not place undue emphasis on the test outcomes, we strive to create an environment that allows our children to perform at their highest potential. A special thank you goes to our staff members who generously gave their free time for extra lessons, served breakfast each morning, and showed genuine care for the children during this critical time. The culmination of their hard work was celebrated with a delightful family picnic on the school field, allowing the children to relax and enjoy themselves.

Thank you to all the families who joined us in this celebration!



JIA PURPLE GUNGE CHALLENGE!

One of the charities we proudly support is JIA (Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis), which holds a special place in the heart of one of our Year 6 pupils. This year, in an effort to raise awareness for this important cause, the charity launched a Purple Gunge Challenge, and we were eager to participate! Many of you will be aware of the voting that took place to determine which staff member would be "lucky" enough to get purple gunged, and Mr. Goddard was chosen as the recipient. What an incredible sport he was throughout this challenge! A special thank you goes out to all the staff who volunteered to participate and a HUGE thank you to all the families who donated money to cast their votes. Thanks to your generosity, we raised a remarkable £491, which will go a long way in supporting children affected by JIA.



THANK YOU STEPHEN HEY BUILDING & CONTRACTING

A huge thank you to Stephen Hey Building and Contracting Company for generously sponsoring our team kits! Our Year 5 and 6 athletics team proudly wore these new kits for the first time during their recent competition, and I am thrilled to announce that they came in first place, winning gold medals! The children were beaming with pride as they represented our school in their team attire. We are incredibly grateful for the support of local businesses like Stephen Hey, as their generosity enables us to provide such wonderful opportunities and resources for our children. Thank you for making a difference in our school community!



SPECIAL VISITORS

Our Year 2 children have been actively exploring the topic of significant people in our community. They welcomed Ed Miliband, last half term and this half term they had the privilege of meeting Ben Parkinson, who talked about life in the army and how he has overcome adversity. Additionally, local ex-miners visited the children and spoke passionately about their experiences and the crucial role they played in the mining industry. These visits are incredibly important as they connect our children with real-life role models and historical context, helping them understand the contributions and sacrifices made by individuals in our community. By learning from these distinguished guests, our children gain valuable perspectives on leadership, resilience, and the diverse careers that shape our society.



THANK YOU PTA

A huge thank you goes out to our incredible PTA, Friends of Barnburgh, for their unwavering dedication and hard work in fundraising throughout the year. While we enjoyed a restful two-week Easter break, this amazing team of volunteers devoted their precious family time to enhancing our outdoor learning space, Walt's Wood. They oversaw the construction of a new shelter and a fire pit while also helping to dig, weed, and establish new learning areas for the children. Additionally, they organised and ran an Easter Chick event, ensuring that all our children had a special treat for Easter. Without the commitment of this wonderful team of volunteers, our children would not experience such enriching and exciting opportunities. We cannot thank them enough!

