



Autumn 2 is always the busiest term, and this year has certainly lived up to that tradition! We began with a fantastic Halloween disco, and we are so grateful to our wonderful PTA for organising such a memorable event. Our Year 1 children benefited from an important visit from the school nurse, who delivered the *Safe Touch* sessions. On Monday 10th November, pupils proudly wore their odd socks to launch Anti-Bullying Week, followed by a vibrant Children in Need celebration on 14th November, with rock star outfits and crazy hair brightening up the school! Lots of children have also had their annual flu vaccinations, helping to keep everyone healthy as winter approaches. Every class took part in their Aspire events, which were very well attended. Thank you to all families who joined us. And of course, the excitement continues with our Christmas events, which you can read more about below. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome three new teaching assistants to our team: Miss Tome da Silva, Mrs Cook, and—joining us in January—Miss Walker. We are delighted to have them with us and look forward to the energy and expertise they will bring to our school.

Mrs J Potts - Headteacher

A huge **THANK YOU** to our wonderful **Friends of Barnburgh** who work tirelessly to fundraise for our school. Thank you for ensuring that Santa delivered gifts to our school and for the fun filled fundraising event with the Elves! You are all **AMAZING!** A special note of thanks to Mr and Mrs Hey who donated the beautiful Christmas tree in our school hall. I am sure you will all agree it was another spectacular tree!



For more photos and information linked to any of the articles in this newsletter, please visit our communication platform, School Ping.

If you would like to learn more about our curriculum, please take a look at our website.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact any member of our academy staff.

KEY DATES

- 06.01.25 Return to school
- 14.01.25 KS2 cheerleading festival
- 26.01.25 Year 6 Crucial Crew
- 03.02.25 Year 5 puberty talk with school nurse
- 04.02.25 KS1 cheerleading festival
- 11.02.25 Choir at Young Voices
- 13.02.25 Last day before half term break

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ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Congratulations to **Year 3** for being Truly Great at coming to school every day. Year 4 had the best attendance this half term with **96.3%**

HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations to **Einstein House** who are our cumulative winners so far this year with an impressive **2493** 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 ASPIRE WINNER

Congratulations to Eva N (Year 3) and Miss Watson for winning the Leger ASPIRE award for Ambition this half term.

SPORT FESTIVALS: BASKETBALL

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| 12.11.25 | Years 1 & 2 | NA |
| 24.11.25 | Year 5 | 1 ST & joint 2 nd place out of 4 teams |
| 26.11.25 | Year 3,4,5 & 6 | NA |

AN EVENING WITH OUR TALENTED CHOIR

On the evening of 11th December, our very talented school choir, conducted by Miss Allison, performed a beautiful Christmas carol concert. The event was truly magical, featuring readings about the birth of Jesus alongside a wonderful selection of songs. This is only the second time we have held a concert of this kind and, once again, it surpassed all expectations.

A huge thank you goes to Miss Allison, who never fails to use music to create magic within our school. We are incredibly grateful for the many hours she volunteers, providing our children with exciting opportunities to develop their voices and grow in confidence as performers.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday 9th November representatives from our wonderful School Council attended the Remembrance Service at St Peter's Church in Barnburgh. They shared a poem about the significance of poppies and joined in with various parts of the service. Rev. Jo Twigg prepared some crafts for the children to do during the first part of the service which the School Council really enjoyed. Previous to the service, our School Council had spent the week in school selling merchandise to raise money for the British Royal Legion. To see our children representing our academy at such a poignant time was very moving. They made us so proud. A huge thank you to the families who gave up their Sunday morning to support this special event.

SANTA'S ON STRIKE!

On Monday 9th December, our incredibly talented drama group treated staff and family members to an outstanding performance of *Santa's on Strike*. This lively musical followed the story of Santa losing faith in children and deciding to go on strike after dealing with too many naughty boys and girls. However, his elves soon changed his mind by sharing heart-warming stories of kind and thoughtful children. The show was packed with foot-tapping songs, energetic dance routines and many impressive stand-out performances. Once again, our drama teacher, Ceri from Cre8 Drama Company, went above and beyond to ensure our children experienced theatre at its very best. Anyone who watched the performance could clearly see how Ceri continues to provide our children with a fantastic platform to develop and showcase their creative talents – and what a talented group of young performers we have! A huge thank you to Ceri and to all the children who attend drama club for giving us such a wonderful and memorable evening of entertainment.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM EVERYONE AT BARNBURGH ACADEMY

This year, Christmas in school has been truly magical. The highlight was undoubtedly the fabulous Christmas concerts, where our children showcased their incredible talents and spread joy through their performances.

On the last day of term, we enjoyed a Christmas assembly with Rev Jo, where we celebrated the true meaning of Christmas. We must have been good because Father Christmas paid us all a visit! We have never seen the children so excited when they opened gifts of balls and skipping ropes and many more exciting things to play with during their free time!

The highlight of our last day had to be the delicious Christmas dinner, prepared and served by Kate and her fabulous team of cooks.

