



Baldon Church of  
England Primary School  
and Nursery  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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## Religious News

Last half term, two of our year groups looked at The Creation and discussed how we are the stewards of the world. In our Collective Worship this week, we also looked at this idea and discussed ways in which we could look after the world and resources. This all tied in with the message from the Eco Council about 'Switch Off Fortnight'. As we move towards the season of Advent, which starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, all classes are studying units of work which link to the events of the first Christmas. In hymns, we have also started practising a selection of both traditional and new carols and hymns which will be incorporated into our services and these will take place on the last day of term, 20<sup>th</sup> December. Our EYFS and KS1 service will take place at 9.15am in the school hall to be followed by the KS2 service at 10.15am in Church. All parents are invited to these services.

*I think the world we live in is majestic because it is so huge  
and has so much life*

*We could all take better care of Gods world if we didn't litter  
– no matter how old we are (Riley Y3)*

**ASSORTED - WINTER FAIR** Thank you all for your fantastic donations for the Winter Fair. Members of the PTFA have been busy sorting and ticketing things today and will be working late into the evening setting up the hall and grotto so that everything is ready for tomorrow. Now all we need are customers! We have a wonderful selection of gifts, stalls and activities and hope that you are all able to join us between 12 and 2pm. We are also extremely fortunate that a special visitor in Red has confirmed his availability and children from our school choirs are also organised to entertain you. Guaranteed fun and enjoyment for all!

**READING** - Congratulations to the following children who were awarded prizes following their success in the recent half term Reading Challenges: Ted A-C, Isobel A-C, Henry B, Amelie McG and Eden B-I. Raving Readers today were Ellie D and Eve B – well done!

**JORVIK** -Year 5 had a fantastic time in the ancient city of York last Friday. They visited the Jorvik centre, where they experienced the sights, sounds and smells of Viking life. They also became archaeologists at DIG, uncovering buried historical evidence and learning how to evaluate and sort historical sources, as well as learning about Anglo Saxon medicine. Special thanks to our parent helpers for helping to make the day such a success.

### Achievers Of The Week

**As a school, we continue to place a huge emphasis on resilience as we recognise that this is an important characteristic for all.**

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates this week for demonstrating this characteristic in school:

Nursery: Molly E

FS2 Mylo D, Olivia W

Y1 William A, Emily McC

Y2 Reuben L-O, Oscar T

Y3 Harrison R, Ava H

Y4 Isobel N, Lucas H

Y5 Amelia H, Yousuf M

Y6 Leon A, Summer H

Next week, our certificates will be awarded for creativity.

### DATE CHANGES

Please note changes to the dates which were in the Calendar which was sent out at the beginning of the year. The Reception Bun Sale will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> April and not as advertised. The Dragonboat Weekend is the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June and not as advertised. We are still waiting to see if we have managed to secure places in the races and we will let you know once we have heard.

## ATTENDANCE Week of 11<sup>th</sup> November

FS1am	85.71
FS1pm	96.36%
FS1 (30)	98.33%
FS2Q	93.33%
FS2M	90.67%
Y1S	97.67%
Y1P	99.33%
Y2F	97.33%
Y2D	99.33%
Y3W	98.67%
Y3FH	96%
Y4M	98.62%
Y4AW	97.67%
Y5B	99%
Y5G	99.31%
Y6V	99.33%
Y6B	95.17%

Our whole school attendance was 97.08%. Congratulations to Year 1P and 2D who shared the attendance cup in EY and KS1 and to Year 6V who won the KS2 attendance cup.

### HALE VISIT

Year 6 were visited by Youth and Community Workers from HALE Project in Shipley who delivered a health and well-being session, focusing on how we can be the best versions of ourselves in our community. Children enjoyed creating posters which addressed anti-social behaviours and particularly loved each receiving a gift of a 'positivity bag' to take away with them.

### NURSERY AND RECEPTION INTAKE 2020

If you missed the Open Day and have a child who is due to start Nursery or Reception in 2020, a further information event will be held on **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm**. Please contact [office@baildonce](mailto:office@baildonce) to register your attendance at this event. Following our Nursery feasibility study, we will be offering 5 different options for Nursery in 2020: Mornings, Afternoons, 30 Hours, Monday to Wednesday lunchtime and Wednesday afternoon to Friday afternoon.

### SCHOOL CLOSURES IN BAD WEATHER

We hope that, once more this year, we will be able to keep the school open every day in times of bad weather, but just in case we do need to close, we thought we would re-issue the procedure.

In the event of bad weather, the decision to close school is taken if it is felt that we can't provide a safe environment for the pupils and staff. The decision to close school is ultimately taken by the Chair of Governors in consideration of advice from the Caretaker and Mrs Connor. If the decision to close school is taken, a text will be sent immediately to all parents who are registered with school. In the past, we have found that often the decision to close school mirrors the decision taken by numerous other schools. As a result, the networks used by schools to send the text messages can be very busy, resulting in delayed delivery of messages. A note will also be posted immediately on the school website. Therefore, it is advisable to first check the school website

[www.baildonce.co.uk](http://www.baildonce.co.uk). Now that we are using Twitter, we will also issue notification on this account @Baildonce.

School will also contact Bradford Schools Online to notify of the closure and they organise for the announcements on the radio. Parents are reminded that, in the case of bad weather where we are keeping the school open, the caretaker, Mrs Connor and Mr Holmes will be involved in clearing snow and ice from the premises, so please do not phone school to check if it is open as there will be limited staff around to take your call.

If you have to drive, please drive safely and park on Langley Lane to avoid congestion at the school, taking care not to obstruct driveways. Please note that in times of severe weather, the top gate will remain closed for safety reasons as we find it difficult to find the time to clear safe entrances into KS2 as well as KS1. Please can we ask parents that, in the event of the top gate being closed, to gain access to Key Stage 2 playground please, walk through the Nursery playground rather than using the steps near the tennis courts. We appreciate that it is often difficult to get to school on time so, we leave our registers open later than normal.

### REMINDER

Parents are reminded that, **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November** is a Teacher Training Day which means that the school is closed to pupils on that day. On that day, our Diocesan Adviser, Simon Sloan will be in school delivering training to staff on Mental Health.