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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the final week before we break up for Christmas, the school is buzzing with excitement and festive cheer. It's been a busy and brilliant term, and the children have thrown themselves into every opportunity with energy and enthusiasm. We're looking forward to ending the year on a high as we head into the holiday season. From nativities to carols and classroom celebrations, it's been a joyful run-up to the holidays. We're grateful for the support of our families and community as we wrap up a fantastic term.

The festive season got off to a magical start this week with our EYFS Christmas productions! A huge cheer for the EYFS team for their enchanting Nativity performance - full of joy, song, and sparkle - setting the perfect tone for the celebrations ahead!

KS1 and KS2 have a lot to live up to next week! I am convinced from our practice sessions that they will!

It was wonderful to welcome our grandparents back to share in the festive delights of Christmas for our EYFS dress rehearsals on Wednesday!

A huge thank you must go to our office team for their fantastic efficiency in organising the tickets and making everything run so smoothly, as always. The office staff's preparation, organisation, and behind-the-scenes magic have made our performance events the best they have ever been. We are so grateful for everything you do - the best office staff in Warrington!

And of course, a huge thank you to our caretaker, Mr Grant - the unsung hero of stages, spotlights, and "Where on Earth does this cable go?" moments.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and families for your wonderful attendance and support at our Thursday and Friday EYFS performances. Your presence truly makes these moments special for the children. We still have a limited number of EYFS performance programmes available! If you'd like a lovely keepsake from the EYFS performances—and help support school fundraising - programmes can be purchased from the school office for £1 each.

This Christmas break, we're launching a special KS2 Reading Plus Challenge - and it comes with an amazing prize! The KS2 class that earns the MOST Greens on Reading Plus over the holidays will win a movie afternoon next half term!

I'll be keeping track throughout the holidays, so encourage the children to give themselves a special present from Santa by logging in, completing their reading, and earning those greens! Not only is it fun, but it also helps boost their reading skills, confidence, and future success. Let's make this a holiday full of festive reading and friendly competition.

Early this week, Year 4 and Year 6 went on an adventure to Chester Zoo, diving into the world of wildlife and conservation! They explored the causes of biodiversity loss across the globe and discovered how we can all make a difference in protecting our planet. Huge thanks to the amazing staff and volunteers who gave up their time to make this unforgettable trip possible!

As this is our final newsletter of the year, I would like to take a moment to express my deepest thanks to the entire school community for your support throughout 2025. It has been an absolute pleasure and a true privilege to serve as Head of School at Bruche. This year has brought countless learning opportunities, fulfilling moments, and memorable highlights.

Looking ahead, 2026 promises to be an exciting year, with major planning underway for our new through-school - a milestone that will shape the future of our community for years to come.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful holiday surrounded by family and friends and that your Christmas is filled with joy, warmth, and cheer.

Wishing you a restful break and a very happy New Year.

Mr Gould

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2

~~03.11.2025~~ School opens

~~07.11.2025~~ Wear pink for peace

~~13.11.2025 9.00~~ UKS2 (Y5 and Y6) Coffee morning— parents invited in for a coffee and a chat to share feedback

~~14.11.2025~~ Children in Need— Break the rules day— More information to follow

~~20.11.2025~~ Tempest individual photographs

~~26.11.2025 17.00~~ Reception open evening for September 2026 starters

~~27.11.2025~~ Flu immunisations Nursery— Year 6

~~04.12.2025 9.00~~ SEND Coffee morning— parents invited in for a coffee and a chat to share feedback

~~04.12.2025 PM~~ EYFS The Clumsiest Elf Panto is coming to school in school time

~~05.12.2025~~ Own clothes day— bring a chocolate donation

~~08.12.2025~~ Year 4 & Year 6 Chester Zoo trip

~~10.12.2025 14.00~~ EYFS dress rehearsal

~~11.12.2025 14.00~~ EYFS Performance 1

~~12.12.2025 9.30~~ EYFS Performance 2

~~15.12.2025 9.30~~ KS1 Dress Rehearsal

~~15.12.2025 14.00~~ KS2 Dress Rehearsal

~~16.12.2025 9.30~~ KS1 Performance 1

~~16.12.2025 15.30~~ KS1 Performance 2

~~17.12.2025 9.30~~ KS2 Performance 1

~~17.12.2025 15.30~~ KS2 Performance 2

~~18.12.2025~~ School Christmas Dinner

~~18.12.2025~~ EYFS Pyjama day - bring £2 (to raise money to go towards the EYFS Panto)

~~19.12.2025~~ Toy day/ Party day/ Jumper day

~~19.12.2025 15.30~~ Parent's drop in to children's classrooms

~~19.12.2025~~ School closes for Christmas

Spring Term 1

~~09.01.2026~~ Reception - Year 6 Parr Hall Pantomime Beauty and the Beast (Details to follow)

Parent's attendance

PTA Events

Addition/ changes to the dates

Special Mentions

Nursery - Nella Stewart, Nella listens carefully during whole class input, she is always keen to take part in activities, she gives 100% in everything she does and takes pride in her achievements.
Well Done Nella!

Reception - All the children for being so amazing in our nativity.

Year 1 - Maddison Reid for excellent contributions in lessons! So proud of you well done!

Year 2 - Ada Daniels for her amazing independent work in Maths this week!

Year 3 - Callie Sinclair for her amazing independence, effort and resilience when completing our column addition sums!

Year 4 - Albert Hamilton-Higham for his great work in his English planning

Year 5 - Cherish Siu for always completing her work to an excellent standard!

Year 6 – Stuart Greenfield for excellent preparation for our performance and for a super attitude in class.

PE Star - Maisie Davies for her attitude towards team work in dodgeball.

Early Years News



Early Years Cuddly Toy Day

To avoid any upset over lost parts or left items we are inviting children in Nursery and Reception to bring along their favourite cuddly toy to our Early Years Christmas party on Friday 19th December. We hope that this makes it easier to label with your child's name as well as making it easier to find and return all cuddly friends to their loving owners before bedtime.

Many Thanks
Mrs Wallace

Nursery

We are so proud of all the children in Nursery for taking part in our Christmas Nativity this week. They all demonstrated wonderful maturity and confidence upon the stage and their singing was beautiful.

We have also enjoyed creating our own name elves, which involved the children sequencing the letters in their name to form the body of their elves. We have enjoyed choosing and adding different amounts of magical ingredients to make our own reindeer food and the children have followed step by step instructions to draw their own snowmen using chalk, pens and a range of mark making objects in fake snow.

In maths we have continued to explore using 3D solids to create enclosures and models as the children have built their own stables for Mary and Joseph.

We are all looking forward to the festivities in our last week next week.

Have a lovely, restful weekend.

Well Done Nursery

Mrs Wallace

Reception

WOW! What a week! The excitement of the children for their performances has been lovely to see and they have really made us all so proud. Thank you for all your support with costumes and helping with lines and for being there to cheer us all on. It really has been a wonderful yet tiring week. You may have some tired children this weekend as I know there are definitely some tired teachers now.

This week we have been spending lots of time outside getting some well-deserved fresh air before our performances and we have been making some festive meals in our mud kitchen. We've had pine cone potatoes and leafy soup. We have been building Santa's sleigh with our large scale construction and we have created some amazing water shoots.

We have been starting our festive crafts and this week we have been making our own reindeer wands. We have been choosing different materials to represent the antlers, nose, eyes and learning how to twist ribbon around the straws.

In the playdough area the children have been adding winter clothes to our woodland animals such as a hat, scarf and mittens.

In Maths we have been counting baubles onto a Christmas tree and talking about how we can see numbers within numbers.

In our writing area we have been writing special cards for those that we love and we have been writing lists for Santa.

Next week, will be another festive week working on a few little surprises for our families. But remember sssssh it's a secret.

Well done Reception

Mrs Fairhurst

Key Stage 1 News

Year 1

In Maths, we have continued to learn how to find systematic subtraction facts to 7, 8, 9 and 10. We are now much more confident using these. We also practised number bonds to 4 and 5 and represented them using a part-part-whole model. In addition, we solved some tricky arithmetic problems by adding two numbers together and consolidated our use of number lines.

In Writing, we have been building our confidence with our Read Write Inc. sounds and using them to spell different words. We practised writing words that include special friends and used them in full sentences. Some children even challenged themselves by adding a conjunction to extend their writing!

In Music, we consolidated our understanding of crescendos and know that they are used when music gradually gets louder. We also revisited decrescendos (or diminuendos), which are used when music gradually gets softer. We clapped along to a steady beat and were able to identify when a crescendo appeared in the song.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a whole day of outdoor learning. It was wonderful to spend time exploring the natural environment, and we discovered so much through hands-on activities.

On Thursday afternoon, we had a festive art session. We developed our fine motor skills through cutting and sticking to create beautiful Christmas cards. The children loved making these together! Each day we have also been practising our Christmas play, and we cannot wait to share the final performance with you!

Miss Kerrigan

Year 2

In Maths this week, we have looked at the relationship between number bonds to 10 and number bonds to 20. We identified that if we know our number bonds to 10, then this can help us with our number bonds to 20, 30, 40 and so on!

In History, we have looked at the final significant individual of our topic, Isambard Kingdom Brunel. The children learnt that he was an engineer and designed The Clifton Suspension Bridge, became the Chief engineer of the Great Western Railway and he built the SS Great Britain which is still docked in Bristol.

We have also practiced our play a lot this week too ensuring we are learning our lines and songs ready for next week.

In Spanish, we have looked at the names of sea creatures. After practicing saying them, the children then drew their favourite 2 animals and labelled them.

In Music the children carried on learning about rhythm and beats and worked well with each other to answer Mr Lynch's retrieval questions.

Homework to be completed by Friday 18th December:

English: Sentence types
Maths: Number bonds within 20
Spellings

Mrs Hogan

Key Stage 2 News

Year 3

We have been learning how to use the column method for addition during our Maths learning this week. We started by lining our numbers up into their ones, tens and hundreds, and then adding the ones together, before adding the tens and hundreds. We then moved onto practising addition where we have to make one exchange by moving a ten across into the next column. We have been very impressed with everyone's resilience and effort when tackling these problems!

In RE we heard some more stories about the Prophet Muhammed. We listened to the stories of 'the crying camel' and 'the spider and the cave' and discussed what these stories teach Muslims about Prophet Muhammed and how they should act with him as their role model.

We learnt about soil in our Science lesson this week. We learnt that soil is essential for all life on earth, and is made up of air, water and minerals. We discovered that soil consists of different layers, which are slightly different from each other. We labelled a diagram with the different layers of organic matter, topsoil, subsoil, parent material and bedrock, and matched up their definitions.

We have also been very busy practising our Christmas performance, and can't wait to show it to you next week!

Homework – To be completed by next Friday:

1 x Reading Plus

2 x Learning by Questions

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Johnson

Year 4

This week in Year, in English we have been planning our last big write of 2025. We have written our plans step by step for our five paragraphs and have started our outsider narrative.

In Maths, we have been perfecting our addition using column addition, we have now been able to do multiple exchanges and Mrs Shone has been really impressed with us and how well we have picked it up. We have done lots of practise and have been using our knowledge on reasoning, problem-solving and word problems.

In Science, we have been making our own digestive systems using tights, orange juice, crackers and bananas and we were able to observe how the body churns food into smaller pieces and how nutrients and water are extracted in the small and large intestine before the waste is excrete through the rectum and anus.

We have also began our investigation into what liquids cause the most damage to teeth. We have set up some eggs to replicate teeth as their shells are similar to enamel. We have used the same amount of liquid in each glass of water, fresh orange, coke, vinegar and black coffee. We made predictions about which liquid we thought was the most damaging to teeth and why. We have then been observing the eggs each day and recording what changes we can see each day.

In Monday, we had a brilliant trip to Chester Zoo. We were incredibly lucky with the weather as the sun shined all day until the trip home. We began our day going to visit our class animal the Komodo dragons. We were so fortunate as the keeper was there along with a volunteer who told us lots of information about our animal. He was so pleased we had chosen the Komodo as only 1500 are now left and have recently been placed on the endangered list and so many people only show interest in fluffy animals. We then visited the snow leopard hoping to get a glimpse of the baby but we only managed a tail. We then were very lucky to see the sloths being very active and having a climb and a feed. The penguins were giddy and were putting on a fantastic fun display with their diving, zooming and splashing. We then made it to the monkeys on the way back and they were having great fun playing.

Mrs Shone

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been using the column method to subtract. We had to be careful to make sure we were carrying correctly!

In writing, we wrote a letter from the perspective of a father to his son. We had to use modal verbs, commas/brackets for parenthesis and verb prefixes. We also used formal vocabulary to make our letter sound extra posh and to fit with the era that the letter was supposed to have come from.

For our history topic, we looked at the hierarchy of the Vikings. We learnt that there were three tiers of classes: the Jarls, Karls and Thralls and that the Jarls could be overthrown as the leaders if they were deemed to be not honourable.

In Spanish, we recapped our knowledge of the places that we have learnt in the city. We had to use our listening skills to listen to a Spanish conversation and pick out the places that were mentioned.

Finally, in reading, we have been focussing on poems and picking out some key vocabulary. We have made inferences to answer questions about the poems.

Miss Ratcliffe

Year 6

Mr Gould

Year 6 have been bringing history to life by writing diary entries from the perspective of a soldier in a World War I trench. They analysed a soldier's daily timetable to understand life on the front line and studied the poem Dulce et Decorum Est to explore figurative language. Using this knowledge, they crafted vivid paragraphs full of sensory detail, allowing readers to step into the shoes of those who lived through this pivotal moment in history.

In History, the children explored sources about the Christmas Truce. They studied The Christmas Truce by Carol Ann Duffy and watched the short animated film War Games, analysing the characters' emotions and how they evolved throughout the story. This helped them understand how initial enthusiasm for war gradually gave way to the harsh realities of life on the front line.

Year 6 have been getting into the festive spirit this week with Mrs Blackledge, creating a wonderful array of Christmas crafts. Pupils designed their own Christmas cards and made beautiful stained-glass-effect tree ornaments, showing off their creativity and attention to detail. The classroom has been full of sparkle, colour, and Christmas cheer!

Year 6 have had an exciting week at Chester Zoo, where they brought their Geography and Science learning to life in the most engaging way! Alongside Year 4 earlier in the week, they embarked on a wildlife adventure, exploring the wonders of the natural world and gaining a deeper understanding of global biodiversity.

Pupils investigated the causes of biodiversity loss around the planet and learned how small actions can make a big difference in protecting our environment. It was a truly inspiring experience for all involved.

A huge thank you to the fantastic staff and volunteers who gave up their time and energy to make this unforgettable trip possible. Your support helps create memories and learning moments that last a lifetime!

Looking forward to seeing you all next week for our Carol Pop Extravaganza!

Homework:

Reading Plus

LBQ

Spellings

PE News

In our final week of PE we have been looking at intra school competitions, this has included football, dodgeball and netball. All children across KS2 have accessed a intra competition and worked on their team work and ability to develop sporting values in a competitive environment.

Mr Cooney

Lunch Menu w/c 15.12.2025

Week 1

SCHOOL MEALS

Available daily as an alternative - Filled jacket potatoes served with vegetables, a dessert and drink. An alternative dessert from a selection of seasonal fresh fruit, yoghurt, soren and cheese & biscuits
Available daily - Unlimited fresh salad and wholemeal bread, drinking water or fresh milk.




Week One	Week Two	Week Three
<p>Meat Free Monday</p> <p>Vegetarian Sausage Roll Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans</p> <p>Vanilla Ice Cream</p> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>V Pork Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding Creamed Potatoes, served with Carrots and Peas</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Segments or Yoghurt</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>V Beef Burger in a Bun served with Herby Diced Potato and Fresh Side Salad</p> <p>Vegetables Fajitas served with Savoury Rice and Sweetcorn.</p> <p>V Orange Jelly and Fruit</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>V BBQ Chicken served with Baked Wedged Potatoes, and Sweetcorn</p> <p>Homemade Blueberry Cake/Muffin</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>Crumb Coated Chicken served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas, or Baked Beans</p> <p>Oven Baked Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Peas, or Baked Beans</p> <p>Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit</p>	<p>Meat Free Monday</p> <p>Margarita Pizza Rounds Served with Baked Jacket Wedges and Sweetcorn</p> <p>Doughnut</p> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>V Roast Turkey with Creamed Potato, Roast Potato, Carrot and Broccoli</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>V Spaghetti Bolognese Served with Garden Peas</p> <p>Garlic and Herb Chicken Pitta served with Vegetable Rice and Broccoli.</p> <p>Arctic or Chocolate Ice Cream</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>V Brunch Lunch (Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette)</p> <p>V Raspberry Jelly and Fruit</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>Crumb Coated Chicken Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Peas or Baked Beans</p> <p>Oven baked Battered Salmon served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Peas or Baked Beans</p> <p>Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit</p>	<p>Meat Free Monday</p> <p>Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta Bake Served with Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Strawberry Ice Cream</p> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>V Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Segments or Yoghurt</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>V Selection of Pizza (pepperoni/cheese) Served with Jacket Wedges, Salad</p> <p>Sweet and Sour Chicken/Quorn Served with Rice/Noodle</p> <p>V Jelly and Fruit</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>V Pork Meatballs in Tomato and Basil Sauce Served with Pasta and Garden Peas</p> <p>Vanilla and Chocolate Marble Cake</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>Oven Baked Chicken Poppers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans</p> <p>Oven Baked Fish Stars Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas, or Baked Beans</p> <p>Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit</p>

Menu Cycle Week One: 17th June, 8th July, 2nd Sept, 23rd Sept, 14th Oct, 4th Nov, 25th Nov

Menu Cycle Week Two: 24th June, 15th July, 9th Sept, 30th Sept, 21st Oct, 11th Nov, 2nd Dec

Menu Cycle Week Three: 1st July, 22nd July, 16th Sept, 7th Oct, 28th Oct, 18th Nov, 9th Dec

Menu: 2024

 = Vegetarian  = Vegetarian substitute available
Lunch will be served with fresh milk or drinking water.
All homemade dishes contain additional vegetables.

For allergen and dietary help please contact school meals helpdesk on 01925.443082 or visit our website www.warrington.gov.uk/schoolmeals



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Term Dates 2025-2026

	Closing Date	Opening Date
Autumn		03.09.25
Autumn Half Term	17.10.25	03.11.25
Christmas	19.12.25	05.01.26
Spring Half Term	13.02.26	23.02.26
Easter	02.04.26	13.04.26
Bank Holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday)	03.04.26 and 06.04.26	
Bank Holiday (May Day)	04.05.26	
Summer Half Term	22.05.26	01.06.26
Summer	17.07.26	(TBC)

INSET (Training days for staff – children not in school)

INSET 1	01.09.25
INSET 2	02.09.25
INSET 3	03.07.26
INSET 4	20.07.26
INSET 5	21.07.26

Holiday Dates	
October Half Term	20.10.25 - 31.10.25
Christmas Holiday	22.12.25 – 02.01.26
February Half Term	16.02.26 – 20.02.26
Easter Holiday	03.04.26 – 10.04.26
May Half Term (Whit)	25.05.26 – 29.05.26
Summer Holiday	20.07.26 - TBC

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Term Dates 2026-2027

	Closing Date	Opening Date
Autumn 2026		02.09.2026
Autumn Half Term	16.10.2026	02.11.2026
Christmas 2026	18.12.2026	04.01.2027
Spring Half Term 2026	12.02.2027	22.02.2027
Easter	25.03.2027	05.04.2027
Bank Holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday)	26.03.2027 / 29.03.2027	
Bank Holiday (May Day)	03.05.2027	
Summer Half Term	28.05.2027	07.06.2027
Summer 2027	16.07.2027	(TBC)

INSET (Training days for staff – children not in school)

INSET 1	01.09.2026
INSET 2	02.07.2027
INSET 3	19.07.2027
INSET 4	20.07.2027
INSET 5	21.07.2027

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October Half Term	19.10.2026 – 30.10.2026
Christmas Holiday	21.12.2026 – 01.01.2027
February Half Term	15.02.2026 – 19.02.2027
Easter Holiday	26.03.2027 – 02.04.2027
May Half Term (Whit)	31.05.2027 – 04.06.2027
Summer Holiday	19.07.2027- TBC

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...



111 online

Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7

[Nhs.uk/mental-health](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health)

PAPYRUS

Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org 24/7

[Papyrus-uk.org](https://www.papyrus-uk.org)

SAMARITANS

Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours

[Samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)



Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday on 0300 102 1234

[Mind.org.uk](https://www.mind.org.uk)

shout
85258

Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19

[Giveusashout.org](https://www.giveusashout.org)



Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Watsapp 0800 585858

[Thecalmzone.net](https://www.thecalmzone.net)

[ChristmasCountdown.uk](https://www.ChristmasCountdown.uk)

Tuesday Continued:

Warrington Carers Hub: 10am to 4pm
One-on-one support for unpaid carers.



One Stop-shop website

Connecting people, communities and services across Warrington



Thursday focus: Ageing Well and Falls

Age UK Mid Mersey: 18th December - 9.30am to 11:00am
Digital Offer
(3rd Thursday of the month)

Warrington Disability Partnership: 9am to 12.30pm
Support for the disabled and those living with long-term conditions.

Livewire Healthy Lifestyles: 10am to 12pm
Health checks and fitness advice.

Living Well Hub Coffee Morning: 10am to 11:30am

A collaborative coffee morning with aging well partners. Quizzes, Bingo, Chair exercises and general coffee and chat.
11th Dec - Generations Together: Christmas Cheer with Little Voices – pre school and ageing wel

Macmillan Cancer Support: 4th and 18th December - 9.30am to 12pm
Support for anyone affected by cancer

Warrington Visually Impaired People: 4th December - 9.30am – 12pm
support people, along with their families & friends, come to terms with sight loss.

Warrington Voluntary Action: 4th December - 9am to 12.30pm
Help to reduce loneliness and connect people

Please note we close at 1pm on Thursdays



Healthy Lifestyle & Ageing Well

Weekly drop-in services at the hub



Connecting people, places and resources to support people to live well in Warrington.



December

Please ask for our leaflet dedicated to families and children on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Please note timetable subject to change at short notice



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