



Newsletter 22nd May 2026

"rooted and grounded in love..." Ephesians 3:17

Friday 22nd May 2026

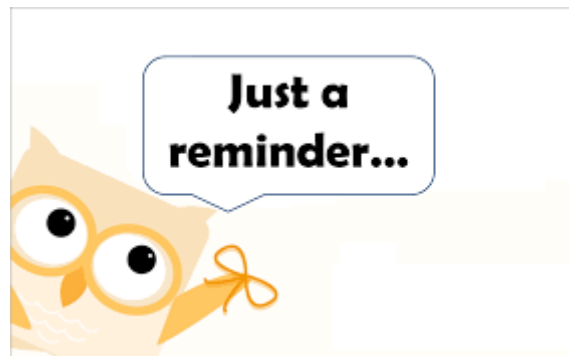
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Dates and reminders



Monday 1st June - Sports Day 1:10pm - Hopefully the weather will be kind!

Monday 22nd June - Y6 Leavers service at Blackburn Cathedral

Tuesday 14th July - Summer production of **THE WIZARD OF OZ** - 1:30 and 6:00pm

Wednesday 15th July - Y6 leavers treat afternoon

Friday 17th July - End of term. **School finishes at 1:30pm**



1 - Mrs Draycott's Weekly Words

Unbelievably, we have come to the end of another half term and it has been a significant week for our school family as we said Goodbye to Mrs Gow. It was lovely on Tuesday afternoon to see all of the children enjoying ice lollies she had brought in for them and

playing games together. It really was an example of the Balderstone community as lots of parents and past pupils came to express their gratitude for all the things Mrs Gow has done over the years and the way she has touched so many lives. The legacy Mrs Gow leaves will live on for years to come and we know our school is a richer place because of the imprint she leaves on it. We send her to new adventures with our love, prayers and thanks.

Year 5 and 6 had a lovely time visiting the new mosque on Preston New Road on Thursday. We were made to feel very welcome and could not help but be in awe of the amazing building. A huge thank you to them for providing us with transport and taking the time to give us a tour. We are hoping other classes will be able to visit soon. Foxes class have been finding out about teeth this week and have investigated which drinks are healthier for our teeth. I think they were surprised by some of the findings. I had the privilege of spending time with Reception earlier in the week and was very impressed by their writing. It was lovely welcoming parents in to school on Wednesday for Parent lunch and sharing that time together. Year 1 and 2 have made their own globe to show off their knowledge of the continents and oceans. We have crammed so much in to four days!

We are really hoping the good weather will continue until our Sports Day which will be the first Monday back - 1st June. Arrangements will be as previously sent out. Children will need to come to school in their PE kits and bring a coloured t-shirt to represent their house team. We will let you know as soon as possible if we need to cancel it due to the weather.

Have a lovely half term break. The final half term of the year is always action packed and we are looking forward to trips, the production and all the lovely events that mark the end of the year.



Church and Community Corner



Save the date!

The next Forest Church is Sunday 28th June at 4pm.





Year 5's last Forest School session was a bit of a surprise as Sports Day was cancelled but Forest School continues rain or shine! And it did rain!

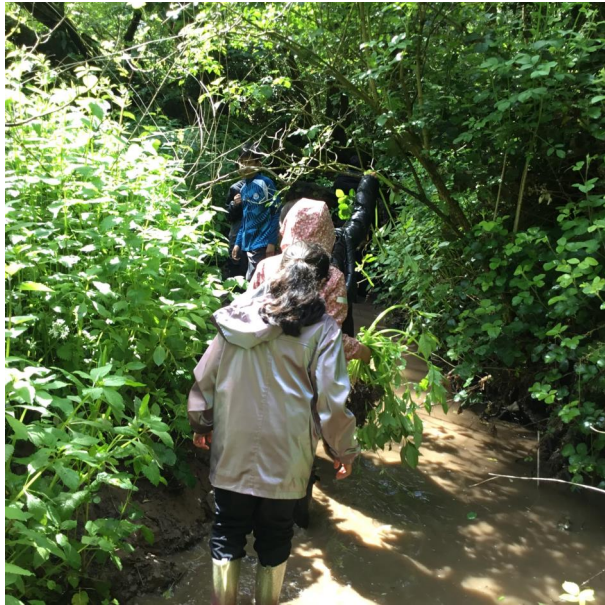
We started by looking for bugs and mini beast on the field, identifying them and thinking about their habitats.

We helped Mrs Burton put together some planters as a gift for Mrs Gow, including some soil from our molehills so she always has a little bit of Balderstone with her wherever she goes!

Then we headed down to the brook. The children were asking about the Himalayan balsam, an invasive species that takes over our woodland and erodes the banks of the brook. After a quick lesson in balsam bashing, they set to work! It was wonderful to see how much they cleared and the fun they had as they worked! Thank you Year 5, although there's always more to clear, you will have made a big difference!

Next half term it is Year 6's turn to take part in Forest School. Watch out for a letter on Parentmail reminding you of what you need to bring to school. Please bring in your Forest School kit on the first Monday back.








Upcoming F.O.B.S events




Save the Dates – Upcoming FOBS Events

Come in your oldest clothes and get ready to be covered in a rainbow of colour – it's going to be fun, bright and full of laughter!

 **Bloke Brekkie** – Friday 19th June. Join us to celebrate the special men in your life.

A lovely opportunity to spend time together and start the day with a smile.

 **Summer Fun Day (FOBS)** – Saturday 4th July 2026 -More details to follow, but expect a fantastic day of fun for everyone!

We look forward to seeing you at these events. Further details, including volunteer sign-up opportunities, will be shared closer to each date.

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