



Building tomorrow together

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PROJECT 25

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NEWSLETTER 4 – Thursday 22nd October 2026

Dear Parents,

I have attached the latest Ofsted report for the school, it is nice to see that the Inspectors recognised the work taking place with regards to the new developments in the curriculum areas of Maths and Writing, even if it was too early in the term to see the latest published data and progress in the children's books. It was also wonderful to read what it is like to be a pupil at the school and the nurturing and caring ethos the whole school community has, including yourselves as parents, so thank you very much. It was lovely to read comments such as:

That "Positive relationships between pupils and staff are at the heart of this school's caring ethos."

And that "Parents and carers greatly value the support and encouragement their children receive."

I would also say thank you for all the positive comments at our recent Parent/Teacher meetings. It was lovely to hear and shows the collaboration we have between school and families.

Congratulations to the school's football teams, the mixed team who won through to the County Finals after winning the High Peak regional event undefeated supported by the new Buxworth mascot!



The Girls' Team has qualified through a strong field of 14 teams to compete at The Cliff (Manchester United Training Centre) in the new year. The girls have also been crowned local champions and will now go on to the Regional Finals, also in the new year.



And well done to our High Peak Kids Councillors who had a team building exercise with all the other representatives of the High Peak.



Thank you for all that attended the Harvest Festival, both in person or virtually and for all the donations of food that will be given to the local Whaley Bridge foodbank, your compassion is very much appreciated.



I have also had a local Highways message to pass on the information below:

New speed cameras to improve safety along A5004 come into force from Monday, 26 October

Two new safety cameras will be switched on next week on Monday, 26 October along the A5004 between Whaley Bridge and Buxton to reduce collisions along the route.

The two new average speed safety cameras are at the following locations between Buxton and Fernilee:

- *The former Village Hall at the southern end of Fernilee at the start of the 40mph zone*
- *By The Shady Oak pub car park at the northern end of Fernilee at the end of the 40mph zone.*

The cameras will register a vehicle entering and leaving each speed zone and compare the average speed against the speed limit in that particular area.

I will also remind any of our parents of our Year 6 children to make sure they have put in an application for secondary school for their child by October 31st.

The Grandparents' meal is now live on Parent Pay, please feel free to book on as our way of a little thank you to all those unsung heroes/babysitters out there!

Speaking of Heroes, Poppies (and other bits and pieces) are now available in school for the Royal British Legion's Poppy appeal, this is also live on Parent Pay. The Remembrance Service will be held at St James Church on November the 11th and will begin at 10:30am, all members of the community are of course welcome.



And just finally just to give you a flavour what the children have been up to, both in and out of school.





I hope you all have a lovely half term, and I will see you in a week or so. The children come back to school on Monday, November the 2nd.

Best Wishes

Mr Bertram

Autumn Term Dates-

October

23rd Inset Day

26th Half Term week

November

2nd Theme- STEM

9th Theme- Thankfulness

11th Remembrance Service 10:30am at St James Church Buxworth

16th Theme- Entrepreneurial Spirit

18th Grandparent Meal KS1 and siblings

19th Grandparent Meal KS2

20th Sycamore Egyptian Day

23rd Theme- Friendship

26th Buxworth's Big Vote- Democracy Week

30th Theme- Journeys

December

4th Christmas Lights Switch at School at school- 5:30pm

7th Theme- Compassion

7th Whole School Trip to the Pantomime

10th Christmas Jumper Day

10th EYFS Nativity 9:30am

10th Year 1/2 Nativity 1:30pm

14th Theme- Keeping Safe

15th Christmas Dinner Day

15th Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St James Church Buxworth- 6pm

18th Last Day of Term for children

January

4th Children back in school

This is not an exhaustive list and is subject to change.

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I thought I would remind everyone of the school's core values in developing our children to where they are going to be at the age of 25:

Resilience

Compassion

Trust

Entrepreneurial spirit

Environmentally aware

Keeping Safe

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Respect

Thankfulness

Friendship

If when speaking to your children you could mention these key phrases and what they mean I would greatly appreciate it. This will reinforce the work we are doing at school and I think now more than ever we need to emphasis these are vital attributes for our children for the years to come.

SAFEGUARDING is very important to us as a school. The Designated Lead at the School is Mr Bertram if you have any concerns about a child in our area please don't hesitate to contact him for advice. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

I have also located a useful one stop shop of mental health support sights if anyone should require the need. [Mental health resources for children, students, parents, carers and school/college staff - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

