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Newsletter 15th November 2024

Thank you for another fantastic week in school. We've been extremely busy and lots of excellent learning has been taking place.

In worship, we reflected on Armistice Day on Monday and held a 2-minute silence in the hall as a whole school.

Today, we have taken part in 'Children in Need' day – keep an eye on Facebook for photos of this.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs White

Welcome to Reverend Karen

Last week, we learned that we have a new vicar for our parish. We are delighted to welcome Reverend Karen Herschell to our community. John Cowking shared the following with the parish:

"We are pleased to announce that the Revd Karen Herschell has been appointed as the next Rector of the Hodder Valley and Diocesan Rural Renewal Officer, subject to the usual safer recruitment checks. Karen is currently vicar of Balderstone, Mellor and Samesbury in the Whalley Deanery. Please do pray for Karen and her husband Stuart as they prepare to move house and as Karen prepares to take up her new post. The Bishop of Blackburn will institute and the Archdeacon of Blackburn will induct Karen on Sunday 9th February 2025 at 3.00 pm at Slaidburn Parish Church."

This announcement has been received with great joy and we look forward to working with Karen as our new Rector.

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Remembrance

Thank you to everyone who came to school wearing one of their uniforms from Brownies, cubs etc for Remembrance. In worship on Monday, we came together to learn about Armistice Day, D-Day and took part in the 2-minute silence.



Christmas Card Competition

Mrs White is holding a Christmas Card competition to design a Christmas Card that school sends out to different people/places in our local community.

If your child would like to submit a design, please can they be sent into school on a plain piece of A4 paper by Friday 22nd November.

We are looking forward to seeing all the different designs 😊



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School Closures

Last year, we had numerous days of school closure due to unpredictable and extreme weather. This isn't ideal for anyone and not what school ever wants to do.

This year, the governors have agreed that if Brennan's needs to close for any reason, the pupils will be offered the opportunity to attend the school day at Waddington and West Bradford, if parents would like to access this. Mrs White will be at Waddington and other staff members who live in Clitheroe and struggle to get to Slaidburn will be directed to work at Waddington during school closures. We appreciate that this won't suit everyone due to locations, but the offer is there as a helpful measure.

School closures will always try and be announced with as much notice as possible, but as you can appreciate, this can be difficult when Slaidburn is very remote and changeable in weather.

A text message and email will be sent by school but also please keep an eye on the school whatsapp group.

Thank you.

Please can everyone check that they have their own school uniform at home!!!

Lots of sweatshirts appear to be missing but have the children's names in them and they aren't in school

Please help!!!

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Holiday Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

Starts: Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Half term: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025

Ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Starts: Monday 5th January 2026

Half Term: Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026

Ends: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Starts: Monday 13th April 2026

May Day: Monday 4th May 2026

Half Term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026

Ends: Friday 17th July 2026

STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Monday 1st September 2025

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 20th July 2026

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New SENCO



From January 2025, we will be welcoming Mrs Kate Taylor to the team as our new Special Educational Needs Coordinator.

Mrs Taylor will be working at our school 1 day a fortnight and will be coordinating support for children with additional needs, completing referrals, writing Individual Education Plans with staff, supporting with EHCPs and external agencies.

Mrs Taylor will be available to meet parents on the day she is in school and all SEND communication will go through a new email address: senco@brennands.lancs.sch.uk – this email address will be working from January 2025.

The dates that Mrs Taylor will be available will be shared nearer to the new term.

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Dates for Diaries

Please find below a list of dates for this term:

Wed 20 th Nov	KS2 Swimming
Thurs 21 st Nov	Managing emotions workshop for Year 3/4 1.15pm
Wed 27 th Nov	KS2 Swimming
Wed 4 th Dec	KS2 Swimming
Wed 11 th Dec	KS2 Swimming
Wed 11 th Dec	Panto at the Grand
Thurs 12 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 13 th Dec	Last Merit Assembly
Tues 17 th Dec	Christmas Nativity 2pm and 6pm
Wed 18 th Dec	9am – Christmas Service with Rev. Wood in church Christmas lunch
Thurs 19 th Dec	Christmas Party afternoon (party clothes) Santa visiting
Fri 20 th Dec	Finish for Christmas at 3.30pm

FOSS

FOSS would like to remind everyone that the Prize Draw will be taking place at the evening production of the nativity.

If you haven't already done so numbers can be purchased for £1 each at the office

FOSS would also appreciate donations of raffle prizes nearer the time for both productions

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**Brennand's Endowed
Primary School**

**Come along to
our Forest School
sessions!**



**Every Wednesday
9.30am-10.30am**

**Open to Pre-School age children onwards
£4 per child**

**Come along to:
Brennand's Endowed Primary School
Church Street
Slaidburn
BB6 3ER**



New faces always welcome to our onsite Forest School!

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SLAIDBURN VILLAGE HALL

Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December 2024

From 4pm until 8pm

**Food is being served along with
mulled wine, tea, coffee, mince
pies and the bar will be open**

Tables £15

**To apply email info@slaidburnvillagehall.com
or pick up a form from The Village Shop.**

Any queries please contact Sarah Johnson: 07794 366465

All proceeds to go to the upkeep of the village hall.

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Attendance

Week commencing 11th November 2024

We are aiming for every child/class to have at least 96% attendance

Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception and KS1	96.43%
KS2	100%

Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Leads for School are:

Mrs White

Mrs Taylor

Mrs Burcher

Mrs Mason

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns at all about children's welfare.

CONTACT US

Please always request to speak to your child's class teacher as first point of contact if you have a query or concern. If it cannot be resolved with the teacher, please see Mrs Taylor. If Mrs Taylor is unable to resolve your query then Mrs White will aim to make herself available to you as soon as possible.

School contact details: 01200 446664 or bursar@brennands.lancs.sch.uk

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