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Dear parent/ carer,

Festive Wishes 2024

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2025. As this year draws to a close, I would like to thank all our families and friends for their ongoing support of the life and work of the school.

2024 has been a busy and eventful year for Burnside Primary, full of changes- not least with Mrs. McGarvey retiring, and with the appointment of myself as your new Head Teacher. I have felt most welcomed by the children, staff, families and partners, and embraced as a new member of the Burnside community.

Some Burnside highlights from 2024 have included the introduction of our House system, the many fayres, discos and events organised by our wonderful Parent Council, several author visits, fantastic school shows, exciting school trips, the school library, working in partnership with the Nature Rangers to improve our playground and celebrating the success of our sports teams throughout the year. Thank you to all our parents and carers who volunteer and help us with everything, all year round.

We know that 2025 will be every bit as fantastic, and we can't wait!

Dates for the diary for 2025

Please find below a list of dates for 2025, which we hope you will find useful. We will add to these dates, as and when we know more.

Monday 6th January	School reopens at 9am
Friday 24th January	Sportshall athletics competition (P7 pupils)
Last Friday of the month (where	Buddy lunches
possible)	- Friday 31 January
	- Friday 28 th February
	- Friday 28 th March
	- Friday 25 th April
	- Friday 30 th May
	- Friday 20 th June
Wednesday 5 th	Parent Council @ 7:10
February	
Thursday 13 th	Discos- times TBC (Parent Council)

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February	
17 th and 18 th	Holiday- school closed
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19 th February	In-service day
Friday 7 th March	World Book Day
Monday 10 th March	Parent Council @ 7:10
Tuesday 11 th March	P5 swimming starts (until June- letter to follow in the new year)
Tuesday 18th March	P7 'Cracking the Easter Code' event (Chaplaincy Team)
	P1 and P7 dental inspections
Thursday 27 th March	Parents' Evenings
Friday 4 th April	Close for the holidays at 2:30
	Reopen on Monday 21st April at 9am
Thursday 1st May	In-service day
Monday 5 th May	Holiday- school closed
Tuesday 6 th May	P7 residential- Lockerbie Manor
Wednesday 7 th May	Parent Council @ 7:10
Tuesday 20th May	P7 transition session- Chaplaincy Team
23 rd and 26 th May	Holiday- school closed
Monday 9th June	Parent Council @ 7:10
11 th and 12 th June	Stonelaw new S1 induction days
Friday 13 th June	Reports issued to parents
Tuesday 24th June	End of term service (church)
Wednesday 25 th	Close for summer holidays @ 1pm
June	

We close today at 2:30 for the festive break and reopen on Monday 6th January 2025 at 9am. I wish you all a restful, relaxing, fun and safe break, and I look forward to welcoming 2025 together with all of you.

Warmest wishes,

Ms. Gayle McDonald Head Teacher