



# Brent Knoll Primary School Newsletter



## Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers: **This term's Christian Value is Compassion**, and this week many of the staff have spent several extra hours after school updating their first aid skills in order to be compassionate to those who are injured or unwell. Their willingness to do this is much appreciated. Kind regards, Chris Burman

PS Please don't forget to order the children's photos. A discount applies with early orders made before 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.



With the aid of a small grant from the Help My Friend Project, **a new bench has been purchased for the playground**, a perfect place for children to talk to their friends or to read a book. Thank you to Quinn who spent his break-times this week putting the flat-pack kit together.



**Our wassail at West Croft Farm on Saturday evening attracted over 200 people (photos above).** The children who took part did really well as this was the first year the school has organised the event. As usual there was a procession and ceremony in the orchard and we were very appreciative of the help of the 'Green Man' who explained the history of this ancient tradition. The firing of the guns was a much anticipated element of proceedings! Many thanks to Mr John Harris, the farm owner, for letting us take charge, and to Tim Dean and Lorraine Clarke for providing the live music and drumming. Thanks also go to all the other volunteers along with Burnham on Sea.com for their terrific photos and for supporting the event beforehand. <https://www.burnham-on-sea.com/news/photos-over-200-people-attend-brent-knolls-traditional-wassailing-ceremony/>

**Congratulations to all our cross-country runners (photos below) who went over to King Alfred's during the week**, especially as the weather hasn't been that nice. There were races in four year groups and every runner scored points that went towards the school's final position in the Sedgemoor league. Well done to all for participating and representing the school, and well done to the Y6 girls who won the school prize for the most runners from a single year group. Thank you to the parents who braved the cold!

Current school attendance is a **very good 95.1%**.

