



Bury C.E. Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to our Star of the Week winners from each class. The class teacher chooses one child each week who has demonstrated one or more of our core values of: courage, humility, wisdom, compassion and perseverance. Last week the winners were:

Little Owl	Elliot
Kestrel	James
Sparrowhawk	Imogen
Buzzard	Isobel

Medicines in School – Lip Balm

With the particularly cold weather we have had recently, we have had an increase in requests for children to bring in lip balms. We have sought further guidance on this this morning to ensure we have the latest available advice. Lip balm is classed as a medication and therefore falls under our managing medicines policy. If it has been prescribed by a doctor and is required to be used greater than 3x per day then we can support with this. If this is not the case, children are not permitted to bring them into school.

In addition to applying Lip Balm before coming to school, the NHS also recommends: 1) cover your lips with a scarf when you're outside in cold weather 2) drink plenty of water to avoid becoming dehydrated.

Should the above guidance change, we will of course inform you.

Buzzard Class residential to Hindleap Warren (September 2025)

The deadline for deposits for the Buzzard Class (25/26 academic year) residential is this Wednesday. Thank you for those of you who have already paid.

Applications for Reception places in September 2025

The application process closes on January 15th. Please ensure you have submitted your application on time.

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Everybody Read – returns tomorrow

Everybody Read for Little Owls and Kestrels will move to a Tuesday **morning** from January, with the first session being the second week back – **Tuesday 14th January**.

PE and Bury Rangers

Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies or outdoor boots that can be worn just for the Bury Rangers session – they will need another pair of shoes for the rest of the day.

A reminder of what children should be wearing for PE Kit:

PE Kit:

Green Bury T-shirt, black shorts (tracksuits may be worn for outside lessons), plimsolls or trainers. Plus shin pads and mouth-guards for Sparrowhawks and Buzzards

Children to attend school in PE kit or Bury Rangers clothes for the relevant days* as follows:

	Bury Rangers	PE
Monday	Buzzards (for this half term only)	
Tuesday	Little Owls, Kestrels	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Everyone
Thursday		
Friday	Buzzards (from Feb half term)	

*There will of course be times when these days need to change and we will give as much notice as possible

Diary Dates

I will try to give you as much notice as possible about forthcoming events at school. We will try not to change dates and times, but sometimes we do need to due to circumstances beyond our control.

Please keep checking these dates and times as I will update them every week.

Tuesday Jan 14 th	Start of Everybody Read at 8:50
Thursday January 16 th	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday Jan 16 th	Bury Wassail – see separate letter
Wednesday Jan 29 th	SPLASH assembly

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Monday Feb 24 th	Parents' Evening
Tuesday Feb 25 th	Author visit for KS2
Wednesday Feb 26 th	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 20 th	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday April 2 nd	SPLASH Easter assembly – all welcome
Thursday May 8 th	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday May 14 th	SPLASH assembly
Wednesday May 21 st	Sports Morning
Monday June 2 nd	School Photos
Week beginning Monday June 2 nd	Bikeability for Buzzard Class
Friday June 13 th	Sussex Day
Tuesday June 17 th	New Starters Morning for new Little Owls
Wednesday July 2 nd	Transition Day
Friday 4 th July	KS2 Camp – more to follow
Tuesday 8 th July	14:00 KS2 production to parents (children welcome)
Wednesday 9 th July	18:00 KS2 production to parents (Sparrowhawk Parents)
Thursday 10 th July	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 10 th July	18:00 KS2 Production to Parents (Buzzard Parents)
Friday July 11 th	Diversity Day
Tuesday July 15 th	FOBS Lego Day
Tuesday July 15 th	Reports out
Thursday July 17 th	Leavers' Assembly (Yr 6 parents welcome)
Friday July 18 th	School Walk
Monday 21 st July	INSET 4
Tuesday 22 nd July	INSET 5

Birthdays

Children can wear their own clothes for the day (or a day either side of the holiday) when it is their birthday. Please do not send the children in with cakes or sweets to share. In its place, we thought that instead of sweets it would be a good idea to buy a book for the school/class. The children then present the book to the school in assembly before placing it in our school library (although most ask for it to be shared in their class first). Please do inscribe a message in the book so that it keeps reminding the child of their birthday every time either they, or a friend, borrow the book. The link below is an Amazon wish list where the staff and children have selected some books that they would like for school.

[Birthday Book wish list](#)

Please do not feel constrained by the list, nor feel you have to get them through Amazon –locally we have great bookshops in Arundel and Petworth both of which have a very good selection of children's books. It is also great to receive a book chosen by your child because it is something they are particularly interested in.

Please do add your views to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. It is incredibly helpful to us for you to share the positives of what is going on at Bury CE Primary; if you have the time and would like to share the good work we are doing then please do add your feedback.

Excerpt below taken from ParentView website.

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Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

We will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when.

Click 'Give your views' to register and complete a survey to help your child's school improve.

It is parents' responsibility to inform the school of any changes to consent to administer medicine.

It is parents' responsibility to keep us informed of changes to your personal data and where the school process personal data solely on the basis that you have consented to the processing, you have the right to withdraw that consent.

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
Headteacher