



# 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	Maeve
Kestrel	Amos
Sparrowhawk	Arthur
Buzzard	Otto

## Welcome Back

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. Thank you from all of the staff for the many wonderful gifts and messages in cards – these are always greatly appreciated.

## Building Work

Work is moving along nicely on the new building. Foundations are now in and work started yesterday on a new soakaway.



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## End of last term

We so often forget to stop, to simply take in and enjoy the moment. Our school is something special, and it is so very easy for us all to miss that, because for us it is the norm. The vicar at Christingle made a point of coming to speak to me after the service – he again mentioned how impressive the singing was (anyone who was there cannot fail to have heard how good it was!), but more than that, he wanted to express how taken he was with just how happy everyone was. He described us as a very happy school. In itself that is great feedback from someone who doesn't know us and is seeing us afresh. I returned to school, uploaded some images from Christingle and checked my emails. One was from a parent commenting on how happy her child was including how much they had enjoyed the last week in particular and another from Fr John, firstly expressing his gratitude for his cards but then going on to say, "Bury is a lovely school, with a happy and relaxed atmosphere". Three references to happy in less than an hour – being happy is worth far more than any Ofsted grading or the like.

Whilst I am not naïve enough to think that the above is the case all of the time for every single person – we all have times that are harder than others, we all make mistakes. I would hope that these are in the minority and that when we do make them, that we are able to work with you to resolve them.

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – INSET

Yesterday, the teaching team attended the inaugural Great Big Small Schools INSET. We took part in a variety of sessions including sessions focussed on: Climate Change Education, Diversity, Curriculum Review, and SEND in small schools.

What jumped out was that there was nothing ground-breaking that was being shared. For example, in a session around excellent geography in small schools, the speaker was proudly discussing how they had spent time making their curriculum relevant to their local area and how important this was. As many of you will be aware, this is something we have been doing for many years now and is an area that we continue to work on to improve.

What was good about there being no big surprises to something we are missing, is that it allowed us to focus on the tweaks that we can make. The Climate Education session was one such area. Whilst we are strong on teaching about the environment around us, we could be more explicit about teaching the language around climate that the children will undoubtedly encounter. This is something that we will be working on as part of our ongoing curriculum development.

## Applications for Reception places in September 2025

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



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Everybody Read – returns next week

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Monday</b>	Buzzards (for this half term only)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Little Owls, Kestrels	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sparrowhawks	Everyone
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	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.

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET 3
Tuesday Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Everybody Read at 8:50
Thursday January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bury Wassail – see separate letter

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Wednesday Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	SPLASH assembly
Monday Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Tuesday Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Author visit for KS2
Wednesday Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SPLASH Easter assembly – all welcome
Thursday May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday May 14 <sup>th</sup>	SPLASH assembly
Wednesday May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sports Morning
Monday June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School Photos
Week beginning Monday June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bikeability for Buzzard Class
Friday June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sussex Day
Tuesday June 17 <sup>th</sup>	New Starters Morning for new Little Owls
Wednesday July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Transition Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Camp – more to follow
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	14:00 KS2 production to parents (children welcome)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	18:00 KS2 production to parents (Sparrowhawk Parents)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	18:00 KS2 Production to Parents (Buzzard Parents)
Friday July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Diversity Day
Tuesday July 15 <sup>th</sup>	FOBS Lego Day
Tuesday July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Reports out
Thursday July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Assembly (Yr 6 parents welcome)
Friday July 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Walk
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET 4
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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.

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Excerpt below taken from ParentView website.

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