



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 (a slight delay whilst we clear the hall):

Little Owl	Ludo and Eleanor
Kestrel	Savannah and Harper
Sparrowhawk	Gabriel and Charlie
Buzzard	Belle and Esmae

Welcome Back

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter and made the most of the excellent weather.

We welcome Adam into Sparrowhawk Class. One of his first jobs was to help his new class relocate into their new classroom. With the old Sparrowhawk room empty, it means we can work closely with the Diocese to move forward with our decarbonisation work. As is ever the case at Bury, when an opportunity like this is presented, we are very quick to move forward and make the very best of it for the school. As was shared in the last newsletter, we are pushing to get a significant amount of glazing (primarily in Sparrowhawks) and solar installed as part of the project. This will free up our own funding to further enhance the classrooms.

New Starters

Despite the national decline in pupil numbers in primary schools, we are in the position of being over-subscribed for Reception in 2025. 13 places have been offered and we have a waiting list. Whilst always aware that circumstances change for people and numbers (especially in small schools) do fluctuate, it is testament to everyone's efforts that we continue to be full in Reception – thank you all for your continued support of the school.

Staffing Update

Mrs Braun continues to rehabilitate following her eye operation and is not yet ready to return. Mrs Barnes will continue in her absence. At present, I do not anticipate Mrs Braun will return before Yr 6 undertake their National Assessments (SATs). Mrs Barnes and I will be with the children for this process.

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We are pleased that Mrs Gammon is due to return this Friday. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming her back to Kestrel Class.

Water Bottles

As the weather continues to warm up, the importance of the children having their water bottle in school each day increases.

Please note that the children are not allowed glass water bottles. They present a greater risk of breakage and potential injury.

Funding – left from last newsletter due to future decarbonisation work

Hopefully, you will all have read the letter from our chair of governors referring to voluntary contributions. This is particularly pertinent with the Diocese trying to support us with our decarbonisation aims. If all goes to plan, the Diocese will be providing circa £300k towards the work. As a Voluntary Aided School, there is a required governor contribution of 10% towards these works. Fortunately, the Diocese have successfully accessed funds that mean the full 10% will not be required for all of these works. The total cost of the contribution will be unknown until the full extent of solar panels and window replacements are known – we are currently being advised that it will be between £5k and £9k required.

To be clear, a governor contribution is not a contribution by the governors themselves, they are simply responsible for finding the funding. In most Voluntary Aided Schools this is raised through voluntary contributions by parents. It could also be achieved through donations from local businesses. If you are in any way able to help us achieve our contribution figure, or know of a business who could help us to do so – please let us know. For more information about governor funds, see [here](#)

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
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Monday		
Tuesday	Little Owls, Kestrels	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Everyone
Thursday		
Friday	Buzzards	

*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.

Thursday May 8 th	Full Governing Body meeting
Monday May 12 th	National Assessment Week for Yr 6 (SATs)
Wednesday May 14 th	SPLASH assembly
Friday May 16 th	Three Musketeers – Theatre Performance
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 June 25 th	Yr 6 Leavers at Chichester Cathedral
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 11th	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 21st July	INSET 4
Tuesday 22nd 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

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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.

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