



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	Imogen
Kestrel	Maggie
Sparrowhawk	Theo
Buzzard	Logan

Multiplication Check

At a meeting last week I was presented with locality and West Sussex comparative data on National Assessments. Our own data is always incredibly hard to identify patterns etc due to the cohort sizes being statistically insignificant. However, patterns over time become more useful. The National data for 23/24 has just been released:

Headline facts and figures - 2023/24

Average attainment score

20.6

An increase of 0.5 since 2023

▶ [National average score](#)

Percentage of eligible pupils scored 25 marks

34%

This is the most common mark (full marks)

These statistics cover the national attainment of pupils who took the multiplication tables check in summer 2024.

- **Average attainment score of those who took the check increased 0.5 points (based on unrounded figures) for all pupils since 2023, from 20.2 to 20.6.**
- **34% of eligible pupils scored 25 (full marks) in the multiplication tables check**, an increase of 4 percentage points compared to 2023 (based on unrounded figures) from 29%. This was the most common score achieved.
- Disadvantaged pupils performed less well in the multiplication tables check than other pupils. The average attainment score of pupils who took the check increased for disadvantaged pupils from 18.3 to 18.9, and for non-disadvantaged pupils from 20.9 to 21.3.
- **London is the highest performing region**, with an average score of 21.5; the South East and South West are the lowest performing regions with 20.3. Outside of London, the highest regional average score was 20.9 in the West Midlands and North East.

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Our own data for 23/24 is:

Average attainment score 21.6

Percentage of children achieving full marks 58%

Whilst I will always throw in the caveat of specific cohorts etc, it is worth noting that for the past two years our results have been above National and local comparisons. This is down to the hard work of the teaching staff and the support of parents who work with their children on the areas to improve that are shared at parents' evenings (TTRockstars heat maps).

Christmas Lunch

Please get your orders in for Christmas Lunch which is taking place on Monday 16th December. The **deadline for ordering** is 5th December. All bookings and payments to be made through Parentpay in the usual way.

Star Dome in School – ~~12th~~ 25th November – Today

Following the closing of the A27 on our previous date, the star dome has been rescheduled for 25th November.

All being well, there will still be a slot for parents as described previously:

We have also managed to secure a slot for parents to get involved. At 14:45, we will have an opening for a small group of parents to enjoy the dome. There will be limited spaces of 25 offered on a first come first served basis. Please queue at the hall doors if you would like to learn more about the night sky.

Building work – running notes (sort of FAQs). These will be updated as needs/questions arise.

Car Parking from 9th December – additional space courtesy of Charlie's Farm Shop in the mornings.

Start and end of day routines – to be provided next week

Duration of works – due to complete just after February half term

Building deliveries – informed to not take place around the starts and end of the school day

Disruption to school routines – a small section of the playground will be fenced off as a new soak-away is installed. School staff to monitor impact on playtimes and alter systems as required

What happens in the event of a fire – children's usual entrance/exit point will be unavailable.

Practise fire alarm to take place week commencing 2nd December to undertake new escape routes

A positive addition to the work is that we have been approved additional funding to get the whole playground resurfaced (due to take place in the February half term). It would therefore be

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fantastic if we could work with FOBS to get new markings on the new playground.

Buzzard Class Residential to Hindleap (22nd to 26th September 2025)

For our current Year 5 and Year 4 parents you will see an additional payment in MCAS for next year’s Hindleap Residential. We have made this available now so that you are able to spread the cost over as long a period as possible. We have also put back the deposit until the new year due to the strains on finances at this time of year. To give you an idea of what Hindleap is like, please have a look at the following link [Hindleap Warren e-brochure](#)

We have been attending Hindleap biannually since 2017. It has a smaller accommodation than a lot of the larger providers such as PGL, which means there are normally only 2 or 3 other schools on the site with us. It also means the children get to know their instructors well which really helps for building children’s confidence throughout the week.

We will have a meeting closer to the date to share more and provide key information, but wanted to get this information out now in order to give you as much time as possible to plan.

Covid Guidance

Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn. The exception can be found on the NHS website [here](#).

PE and Bury Rangers – changes from October half term 2024

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		





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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.

Tuesday Nov 12 th -Monday Nov 25 th	Star Dome in school
Wednesday Nov 27 th	SPLASH assembly
Friday Nov 29 th	FOBS Lego Day – parents welcome. Timings to follow
Monday Dec 9th	Building work starts
Thursday Dec 12 th (Now Dec 5 th)	Nativity 9am and 2pm
Monday Dec 16 th	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday Dec 17 th	Singing to the village – children collected from Bury Village Hall
Friday Dec 20 th	14:30 Christingle at Bury Church – children collected from church
Monday 6th Jan	INSET 3
Thursday January 16 th	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday Jan 16 th	Bury Wassail – more to follow
Wednesday Jan 29 th	SPLASH assembly
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 11th	Diversity Day
Tuesday July 15 th	FOBS Lego Day

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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.

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.

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