



# 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's winners were:

Little Owl	Amelie
Kestrel	Bertie
Sparrowhawk	Arabella
Buzzard	Tristan

## New Starter in Buzzards

A welcome to Marni who joined Buzzard Class last week. Marni has quickly settled in to life at Bury and been made to feel very welcome by her classmates.

## Wildflowers of Bury

As part of the children's work during their Brilliant Bury topic, they created wildflowers from clay. These can now be viewed at the front of school. Please do have a look at the flowers, but due to their fragility, we ask you not to touch them. Thank you.



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## Wassail

An amazing school Wassail took place on Thursday, with the children leading lots of different elements ably supported by Mr Gatrell and Mr Mott. Do have a look at our Facebook page to see some photos of the event. Highlights included: a lantern procession by Sparrowhawks as a culmination to their recent Design and Technology work; a play performed by some of Buzzard Class; the whole of Buzzards performing a song they had created. The event finished with the introduction of the Bury Wassail goblet. Traditionally, this would be shared by all at the event, but to avoid the risk of spreading illness the children were all provided with their own mug of Mr Gatrell's special spiced apple punch (warm apple juice with spices).







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## Mrs Gammon's Maternity Cover

Mrs Gammon's last day with us before she starts her maternity leave will be February 5<sup>th</sup>. We are incredibly pleased to be able to share that Mrs Barnes will be covering Mrs Gammon. Mrs Barnes was with us initially as part of her teacher training a few years ago and has been working with us across school over the past few months.

## FOBS

### FOBS UPDATE

We are thrilled to announce that our ever-popular Pub Quiz last week raised an amazing £540 after cost! We'd like to say a huge thank you to Nick and the team at The Squire and Horse for hosting this event again, and a big thank you to Liz Leggett for running an amazing quiz again. The next date will be in February - watch this space!

We have our FOBS disco coming up very soon - Saturday the 3rd February! We'd really appreciate you booking your tickets now so that we know how many to plan for at the event ahead of time. Please note it requires a supervising adult. It is simple to sign up using this link - <https://forms.gle/SHQuN7gQuf3UivKz6>

If you could volunteer your time whilst at the event please let Jess Youngs know.

Thank you for your continued support with the cake raffle and after school snacks this term.

FOBS team

## Requests For Absence

A reminder that any request for absence needs completing on the absence request form and returned to school two weeks in advance.

## Covid Guidance

Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn. The exception can be found on the NHS website [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:

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## 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>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Little Owls	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sparrowhawks	Everyone
<b>Thursday</b>	Kestrels	
<b>Friday</b>	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.

<del>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024</del> Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	FOBS Lego Workshop
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	FGB
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	SPLASH
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Jeanne Willis author visit
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	FGB
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	SPLASH
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	FOBS Lego Workshop
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	FGB
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SPLASH
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Sports Morning
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Photos
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sussex Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	FGB
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET 4
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</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

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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.

Thomas Moore,  
Headteacher