



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	Edina
Kestrel	Gabriel
Sparrowhawk	Erin
Buzzard	Mia

Sport Morning

Our thanks once again to 1:1 Coaching for organising a brilliant Sports Day. The Reds (St Giles) are still beaming from their success. Thanks as ever to FOBS for providing refreshments. Thanks also to all of our family members who managed to make the rearranged day - it was a brilliant turn out and really added to the atmosphere for the children.



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Sussex Day

Now in its fourth year, Bury CE Primary's Sussex Day celebrations took on an underwater theme to celebrate the vibrant diversity of the wildlife just off the Sussex coast. We were visited by Pete Boniface of Sussex Underwater, who shared his amazing footage of the local sea life and the amazing conservation work they are doing. Alongside visitors from Slindon CE Primary, the children also learnt sea shanties, were taught dances by the wonderful Sompting Village Morris, were told watery Sussex stories by storyteller Michael O'Leary and created beautiful underwater-themed artwork. What a perfect way to celebrate Sussex in the sunshine! Our thanks to the incredible Mr Mott for organising such a great day for everyone.



Staffing for 25/26

There are going to be some staffing changes as we move into 25/26. Mrs Seymour will be moving out of class as she supports some other local small schools with their Special Educational Needs, initially until June 2026. Mrs Seymour will be on site with us on Thursdays and Fridays. The only way we could facilitate this was by securing an excellent class teacher to join our teaching team. I am therefore delighted to say that Mrs Barnes will be joining us on a formal basis from September.

The classes and their teachers will be as follows:

Little Owls

Miss Webb

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Kestrels	Miss Willett (Mon – Thurs) and Mrs Gammon (Fri)
Sparrowhawks	Mrs Barnes
Buzzards	Mrs Braun

The children will meet their new teachers on July 2nd as part of the common transition day (when Yr 6 visit their secondary schools).

Everybody Read – leaving from last week due to the significant potential impact

It was great to welcome Little Owls and Kestrel parents back to Everybody Read last week. What is particularly pleasing is seeing just how excited the children get at having the opportunity to read with their parents. We do appreciate that not everyone can make the end of day timeslot, but if you can, please do join us.

Reading aloud to your child will have a huge effect on your child's reading age. 'Just Reading' research from the University of Sussex has found that regular reading of a challenging text (beyond the child's reading age) to children has significant gains in the child's reading comprehension. The research found 8.5months progress, with a surprising 16months progress for pupils identified as 'poorer' readers.

Message from FOBS

We are looking to put together some amazing hampers for our Summer Raffle.

Please send your child with a prize to go in one of our hampers on the 23rd June - they get to wear home clothes for the day!

Popular suggestions:

Biscuits/ crackers

Chocolates

Unused toiletries

Bottles

Crisps

Crafts

Anything you would like to win in a hamper!

Tickets will be sold each morning on the 8th 9th & 10th July, and at the production performances of KS2.

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If you would like to purchase tickets but are not able to attend these days please see Jo McCulloch (Leo's Mum) at drop off or pick up.

Many Thanks for continuing support

Friends of Bury School.

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		
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 June 17 th	New Starters Morning for new Little Owls
Wednesday June 25 th	Yr 6 Leavers at Chichester Cathedral, 10.30am
Friday June 27 th 5-7pm	FOBS Kestrels and Little Owls Movie Night
Wednesday July 2 nd	Transition Day
Friday 4 th July	KS2 Camp
Tuesday 8 th July	14:00 KS2 production to parents (children welcome)

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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 Monday 14 th July	Diversity Day (including 14:30 pianist performance)
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
Wednesday 3 rd September	INSET 1 (25/26)
Thursday 4 th September	Children return to school
Monday 3 rd November	INSET 2 (25/26)
Monday 5 th January	INSET 3 (25/26)
(TBC) Monday 29 th June	INSET 4 (25/26)
Wednesday 22 nd July	INSET 5 (25/26)

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.

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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