



Bury C.E. Primary School



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Dear parents and 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	Barney
Kestrel	Josiah
Sparrowhawk	Tobias
Buzzard	Rosie
Mrs Seymour	Emily
Bonus	Mr Cox (his excellent 'rough' woodwork skills)

Staffing News

Some exciting news to start the week. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Miss Webb who is expecting her first child towards the end of 2026. We are delighted for her and wish Miss Webb all the best for this exciting next stage in life.

In order to support Miss Webb and our new Reception children throughout the autumn term we have increased the time that Mr Mott will be with us, specifically supporting in Little Owls. This will then continue throughout Miss Webb's maternity leave, which ensures the children will continue with a familiarity of teaching staff. Mrs Seymour will also be spending additional time with Little Owls working closely with Miss Webb to ensure strong continuity throughout the autumn term. We will be advertising for a maternity cover in the autumn term who will work with Mr Mott for the rest of the maternity leave.

Whilst we will of course miss Miss Webb in school during this time, I am delighted that the children will benefit from increased time with Mr Mott.

Following a change to Mr Mott's working week, it means he will be with us for Mondays and Tuesdays from September, with Music Club moving from Thursday to Tuesday after school.

SIAMS

Thank you to the many parents who spoke with the inspector on Monday. Whilst we received some very positive feedback, we have to wait until we receive the report to share the content of this with you. Due to the timeframes involved, it is likely that we will not receive this until the start of the new

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term.

Buildings

I promised the staff that we would have less building work taking place this year after the amount that happened in 2025. With 'just' the canopy installation and playground markings, I believe we have managed to keep disruption to a minimum. However, we are now heading into the summer and rather than resting on our laurels, we are hoping to move forward with some more significant projects:

1. We are just in the final stages of a bid for Solar to be installed on the hall roof
2. We are moving forward with upgrading our IT infrastructure to move cloud-based
3. Just this week we have received confirmation of an award of funding to upgrade our fire safety systems and to upgrade our roof at the entrance of school

1 and 2 we hope to move forward with over the summer break and 3 will take place once we have been out to tender etc for the works.

Whilst Buzzard Classroom has been brilliant throughout the recent heatwaves, we are also in discussions with the diocese about what else we can do to work toward climate resilience. The diocese would like to work with a pilot school and this is something that we are very keen to support them with.

So lots of exciting projects and my huge thanks to the governing board with their recent Silent Auction (and of course anyone who bid). For any of these projects to take place, as a Voluntary Aided School, the diocese can only provide 90% of the costs with the governors required to find the additional 10%. The more the governors have in their fund, the more that we can achieve with the enhancements of the school site, which ultimately provides a better learning experience for the children.

Annual Parent Survey – Thank you to the parents who have already completed this, especially for the detail provided in the final question. If you have not had a chance to do so, please follow the link below. It will remain open until Friday 17th.

It is the time of year when I ask you to complete a short parent survey. Please use the link below to provide your feedback. Whilst of course we would like to know the areas you feel we can improve, it is also very helpful to know where you feel we are strongest so that we can build upon this.

As a direct response to last year's feedback, we increased admin time in order to support improved communication and increased outside sport participation in local competitions. Whilst I believe we can still do more in both areas, it is important to note that these are a direct response to your requests - all of your comments are read and matter.

Please complete the form here: [Parent Survey 2026 – Fill in form](#)

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Links to Individual Class Pages

[Little Owls](#)

[Kestrels](#)

[Sparrowhawks](#)

[Buzzards](#)

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	Sparrowhawks	
Tuesday	Kestrels, Little Owls	
Wednesday		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.

Friday 26 th June-September 11 th	KS2 Camp
Monday 29 th June	INSET 4 (25/26)
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Day
Thursday 2 nd July	Little Owls and Kestrels Film Night (16:30 – 18:30)
Monday 6 th July	KS2 inter-school Rounders afternoon
Tuesday 7 th July	8:40 – New Kestrel Class (26/27) parents meeting

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Wednesday 8 th July	8:40 – New Sparrowhawk Class (26/27) parents meeting
Thursday 9 th July	FGB
Friday 10 th July	8:40 – New Buzzard Class (26/27) parents meeting
Monday 13 th July	KS2 inter-school Football afternoon
Tuesday 14 th and Thursday 16 th July	KS2 Play 9:15 Tuesday 14 th – performance to parents 18:00 Wednesday 15 th – performance to Buzzard parents 18:00 Thursday 16 th – performance to Sparrowhawk parents
Tuesday 14 th July	14:30 – Keyboard and Piano performance to parents and school
Wednesday 15 th – 18 th July	Young Arts Exhibition at Fittleworth Hall featuring children’s art work
Friday 17 th July	Diversity Day Children’s Reports emailed through
Monday 20 th July	14:00 – Yr 6 Leavers Assembly (open to Year 6 parents)
Wednesday 22 nd July	INSET 5 (25/26)
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET 1 (26/27)
Wednesday 2 nd September	All return to school – please note this is a PE day
Thursday 10 th September	FGB
Wednesday 16 th September	SPLASH
Tuesday 6 th October	Phonics Workshop for parents
Friday 23 rd October	INSET
Wednesday 19 th November	SPLASH
Monday 4 th January 2027	INSET
Thursday 14 th January	SPLASH
Wednesday 20 th January	SPLASH
Wednesday 17 th March	SPLASH
Thursday 25 th March	FGB
Week Beginning 12 th April	Bikeability for Buzzards
Thursday 6 th May	FGB
Friday 28 th May 2027	INSET
Thursday 8 th July	FGB
Wednesday 21 st July 2027	INSET

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

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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. James at The Crow Road Books in Arundel will give you 10% discount if you show him this letter. If you are looking for something that is tricky to find, please email James in advance and he will do his best to help you

james@thecrowroadbooks.co.uk

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