



# 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  | Toby      |
| Kestrel     | Johnny    |
| Sparrowhawk | Keira     |
| Buzzard     | Charlotte |
| Mrs Seymour | Ophelia   |

## Writers of the Week

Each week, one child from each class will be chosen for displaying an element of excellent writing. Their work will be displayed in school for all to see.

Last week's winners were:

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| Little Owl  | Sebby    |
| Kestrel     | Imogen   |
| Sparrowhawk | Isabella |
| Buzzard     | Mia      |

## Mr Moore

I will be working off-site for several days over the final couple of weeks of term following a family emergency. I will be contactable via email as usual, but please bear with me if my response is slower than usual. Thank you for your understanding.

## Christmas

On Friday, we received a special visit from our MP, Andrew Griffith. He came to let Emily (Buzzard Class) know that she was one of his winners of his Christmas card competition. Emily chose to create a picture of Christmas trees (very similar to the ones available from Charlie's Farm Shop) in the rolling hills of the South Downs. Andrew confessed that Emily's was actually his favourite of the

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winning pictures. Emily's picture will now sit in pride of place on both the Prime Minister and King's mantle pieces.

Not only did Emily receive a certificate and copy of the card, she also received a large selection of colouring pencils. It seemed only fitting to ask Emily to draw Friday's cake raffle, where in front of the whole school she successfully picked her own name! If Charlie and Sarah don't already, now might be the time to purchase a lottery ticket and ask Emily to choose the numbers!

We will share a picture of Emily with her winning picture once Andrew Griffith has shared his with his constituents.

## Upcoming Christmas dates and a very exciting Christmas Update from FOBS (see the red)

11<sup>th</sup> December – Mufti Day in exchange for donations to FOBS' Christmas Raffle

16<sup>th</sup> December – Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers for the day. We will have Christmas lunch before heading to the village hall to sing for the villagers' annual Christmas Lunch. Pick up on this day will be from the village hall back room door from 3pm. At 15:15 we will walk club children back to school for usual pick up from the school hall.

18<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle 14.30 at the church – all are welcome. In a change to our usual last day of term, this year we will be having our Christingle on the penultimate day of term. We are hopeful that Dorset House will let parents park in their carpark again and will confirm this soon. Collection at 15.15 from the church. We will walk club children back to school for collection as normal.

## FOBS Christmas Update

### Friends of Bury School Christmas Grand Prize Draw – NOW LIVE!

Friends of Bury School is running a special online festive prize draw, open to everyone. All funds raised will support our small village school at a time when small schools are under real financial pressure. We are delighted to offer some exceptional donated prizes, including:

- A luxury one-night stay with food at The Goodwood Hotel
- An extended flying lesson at Goodwood Aerodrome
- A stunning diamond, sapphire and gold earring set
- A set of signed Robbie Williams goodies
- An 80 minute leadership coaching session

You can enter the draw here:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/friendsofburychristmas2025>

The online draw closes on 18th December at 2pm.

Please note: This is separate from the traditional Christmas Raffle, which will be drawn at the

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**Bury Village Lunch on 16th December. Physical raffle tickets are available through the school and at the lunch itself.**

**Thank you so much for supporting Bury School – every ticket truly makes a difference to our children.**

**Team FOBS**

## Birthday Books

James from The Crow Road Books in Arundel has been in contact in support of our Birthday Books initiative. If you show James a link to our Wishlist he will give you a 10% discount on your purchase. Whilst James doesn't have all of the texts in stock, if you email him in advance [james@thecrowroadbooks.co.uk](mailto:james@thecrowroadbooks.co.uk), he will order the book in for you. Of course, your child does not need to pick a book from the list. If they have a favourite book that they would like to share with their friends, please pick it instead – it is all about encouraging a love of reading.

## 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 | Buzzards (Autumn 2) |

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| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Kestrels, Little Owls |          |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |                       | Everyone |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |                       |          |
| <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.

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|--|---|
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December             | Little Owls and Kestrels Nativity (9:30 and 14:00)  |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December               | 14:30 – Pianists and Keyboardists' performance to parents                                     |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December              | Singing to the village and Christmas Lunch (pick up from the village hall from 15:00 – 15:15) |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December             | Christingle at St John's (pick up from the church at 15:15)                                   |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January                 | INSET 3 (25/26)   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January               | KS2 Children's Concert at Chichester  |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January              | FGB   |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January             | SPLASH Assembly   |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March               | SPLASH Assembly   |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March                | FGB   |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April                | FGB   |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May | KS2 National Assessments  |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May                 | SPLASH Assembly   |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May                 | Sports Morning  |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June                    | School Photos   |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Sussex Day (more to follow)   |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Provisional KS2 Camp  |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June                   | INSET 4 (25/26)   |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July                 | Transition Day  |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July                  | FGB   |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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,

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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. 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](mailto: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