



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	Sebby
Kestrel	Betty
Sparrowhawk	Maisy
Buzzard	Otto
Mrs Seymour	Charlie

National Assessments

The Year 6 children have been completely unfazed by their assessments this week. Their focus has been superb, but as soon as the tests are complete, they have quickly got on with lessons as normal. You may question why we don't make a huge thing of the tests – no special breakfasts or big finale. The reason for this is simple, they are just part of the week and we do not want the children to get worried about them. We therefore do not make a big thing about them, which includes a big celebration of their conclusion.

As we return from half term, Yr 4 will have their Multiplication Check and Yr 1 will complete their Phonics Check.

We will also be trialling our new paper-based assessments across the school. As these are new assessments to us, there may be some variance in scores from our previous system. Ultimately we are hoping they are going to provide an even more robust analysis of what the children do and don't know across the core subjects of English and Maths. This will then help us to provide even tighter support at both class and individual levels for your children.

Please check your child's individual class pages for more information.

School Walk

A reminder that on Friday the children need to be dropped off at Bignor Roman Villa (RH20 1PH) and not school (for both Before School Club and the normal start of day). The weather forecast keeps changing, but at present it will be cold and dry. The children will need a coat, trousers and appropriate footwear.

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For more information, please see the previous letter.

Message from the Parish Council

Bury residents - Your council needs you!

Bury Parish Council is an active, dynamic and collaborative team with loads of plans and ambitions to make our community more vibrant, welcoming and inclusive.

But we need some more members to reflect the talent and diversity in our community and help us fulfil these aims. We'd especially love to hear from you if you have some basic IT skills.

Being a parish councillor is a really rewarding way to contribute to our community and get to know other locals.

Get in touch for an informal chat or to find out more. We're very flexible, so please consider joining us with a friend, family member or neighbour if that feels easier.

Looking forward to hearing from you...

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Subject Focus

Over the next few weeks, we will share a little about all of the subjects taught at Bury. Following on from Art and Humanities, this week we have music.

Music at Bury – by subject lead, Jonny Mott

A visit to Bury during our end of day worship or our Wassail or Sussex Day celebrations will quickly make it apparent why we are so proud of our musical tradition here. Any opportunity our children have to raise the rafters with their voices and they will rise to the occasion with gusto. From the moment the children come to us in reception they are singing about the world around them, from harvest songs, through Christmas performances, then ditties about tadpoles all the way to songs celebrating summer in all its glory, the children learn that music is a wonderful way to celebrate our world.

The purpose of this is not performance, (though they do know how to put on a good show!) so much as unlocking a new way for our children to express themselves.

A recent project with Sparrowhawks has seen the children creating compositions based on Hans

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Zimmer's "Earth"; a piece specially commissioned by the BBC for this purpose. Some children are playing the piano, using skills learnt from our peripatetic piano teacher, some are playing ukulele, using techniques from our whole class ukulele lessons, and many are using a variety of creative responses using their voices and untuned percussion with a freedom and fearlessness which has been carefully honed and encouraged since they began school. The results are impressive; with groups evoking sounds of waterfalls, animals and man made phenomena with charming accuracy and painstaking care. Needless to say, we are very proud of all of our young musicians here at Bury!



Breakfast Clubs

Many of you will be aware that the government is pushing forward with plans for all primary schools to offer free Breakfast Clubs to all families. Since the government has been in power, they have so far had 750 schools join as early adopters and another 500 have just been enrolled. Whilst we had put ourselves forward to be in the original trial group of schools, we were not selected. Since then we have continued to monitor the situation carefully.

Today, Mrs Clark and I met with the Department for Education to explain the barriers to schools like ours joining the scheme. The main barriers for us are around staffing and funding. Unfortunately, the DfE were unable to provide answers to us about our concerns. Therefore, we will continue to watch how the guidance and associated funding evolves.

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Sports Morning – Change of Date. **New date confirmed – morning of 3rd June.**

Please note this is a change from the previously advertised 20th May. To support you with organising your day – the event normally runs from 9am until approximately 11am. This is of course subject to change based on weather, speed of the children in the races, length of clapping and whooping between races etc.

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

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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.

Monday 11 th – 14 th May	KS2 National Assessments
Friday 15 th May	School Walk
Wednesday 13 th May	SPLASH Assembly
Wednesday 20th May Wednesday 3rd June	Sports Morning
Monday 1 st June	School Photos
Monday 1 st June	Artist with Buzzards for the day
Friday 12 th June	Parent Workshop (details to follow)
Tuesday 16 th June	Transition morning for new Yr R
Tuesday 16 th June	SPLASH working with Yr 6 – Transition to secondary support
Monday 22 nd June	Yr 6 Leavers' Service
Monday 15th June Thursday 18 th June	Sussex Day (more to follow)
Friday 26 th June	Provisional KS2 Camp
Monday 29th June	INSET 4 (25/26)
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Day
Monday 6 th July	KS2 inter-school Rounders afternoon (more to follow)
Thursday 9 th July	FGB
Monday 13 th July	KS2 inter-school Football afternoon (more to follow)
Tuesday 14 th and Thursday 16 th July	KS2 Play – timings to be confirmed
Wednesday 15 th – 18 th July	Young Arts Exhibition at Fittleworth Hall featuring children's work
Wednesday 22nd July	INSET 5 (25/26)
Tuesday 1st September	INSET 1 (26/27)
Friday 23rd October	INSET
Monday 4th January 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 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

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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