



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	Sonny
Kestrel	Jack A
Sparrowhawk	Harley
Buzzard	Isobel
Mrs Seymour	Bodhi

SIAMS

Despite the inspectors concerns around time to turnaround the report, we have now received it and are sharing it with you today. Whilst of course it provides areas to develop, it also recognises a number of strengths of the school, which we are pleased were identified by the inspectors. A particular well done needs to go to Mrs Braun who leads on RE and has been instrumental in keeping our strong links with the church in an extended period of interregnum (no vicar being in post).

Whatever your own beliefs, please do read the report so that you can share in the large number of strengths of the school that were recognised by someone who had no connection to our school.

Some of my personal highlights:

‘Staff show genuine care and interest in the pupils and mutual respect is evident throughout.’

‘Pupils are thoughtful, kind and considerate to one another and know the importance of tolerance, self-respect and dignity.’

‘Pupils enthusiastically take action to preserve the surroundings in which they live.’

‘The culture of the school is one of hope, joy, enthusiasm and inclusivity.’

‘Governors know the school exceptionally well.’

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Reports

On Friday, you will receive multiple reports via email.

All of you will receive an attendance report and an end of year report. The rest of the reports are dependent on your child's year group:

Y6 – SATs outcomes

Y4 – Multiplication Check outcome

Y1 – Phonics Check outcome

EYFS - Early Learning Goals with descriptions

For the general reports (children in Year 3 and above) there is likely to be a drop in standardised scores for this report compared to your child's previous end of year report – particularly in Reading. This is a result of the way in which the new assessments we have used are standardised. The previous iPad based assessments were age standardised. This meant that two children in the same year group could get the same number of questions correct as each other, but based on their date of birth they would get different age standardised scores. Whilst this is very useful for seeing how a child is working based on their age, this is not how the children are assessed at the end of their time in primary school. For end of key stage assessments, the children are assessed at a point in time and all of the scores across the country are used to create a scale. This means that a child born in August needs to score the same as another born in September to achieve the same scaled score.

As you are aware, this year, we have moved from adaptive STAR assessments on iPads to paper-based tests that more closely reflect the style of the National Assessments undertaken in Year 6 (often referred to as SATs). In addition to the way these assessments are standardised (by Year Group, not by age), the format is new and unfamiliar to the children and therefore some summer assessment scores may appear lower than previous results. This is an expected part of the transition and should not be a cause for concern at this stage. The new assessments provide more detailed information to help us identify next steps and support your child's continued progress. If there are specific concerns regarding your own child's attainment level, this will be noted within the content of the report.

I would expect all scores to start increasing as the children become familiar with the style of assessment.

Of course, if you have any concerns at all, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

The attainment for Reading and Maths will look similar to this: **100 (50%)**. The first number is the scaled score with 100 being the National expectation (with a confidence range of +/- 5). The percentage in brackets is the percentile rank for your child in this assessment. The higher your child has scored, the higher their percentile rank will be.

Art Exhibition – Fittleworth Hall

For the rest of this week, there is a special Arts Society exhibition of children's work being held at

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Fittleworth Village Hall. If you get a chance, do pop along to see the range of artwork on display, which includes a selection from the children at Bury.

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](#)

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	

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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.

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
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

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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

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