



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	Quentin
Kestrel	Amelie
Sparrowhawk	Jack T
Buzzard	Emily
Mrs Seymour	Jessie

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	Tommy
Kestrel	Josiah
Sparrowhawk	Matilda
Buzzard	Rosie

Parents' Evenings

Please note that all appointments will take place in the school hall. Please enter school through the double hall doors and wait in the waiting area. After school club will take place in Little Owls classroom on Wednesday. Please collect your child from the classroom door by coming in through the early years garden. If you have a parents evening appointment before or after collecting your child please move between the hall and classroom by going outside and around. There will be no internal access.

Mr Moore update

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Unfortunately, I have had a slight setback in my recovery from my recent rib injury and following a visit to A&E yesterday have been advised to rest. To do this I will be onsite for mornings only for the rest of this week. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend our Harvest celebrations but leave you in the team's capable hands, led by Mrs Braun. Hopefully this will then see me return to full fitness after half term.

Shakespeare in Buzzards

As part of our continuing work to improve the quality of writing across school, we applied to be part of a project led by the Royal Shakespeare Company. We have just been informed that we have been selected to be part of this project and as a result, Buzzard Class will be experiencing the Rehearsal Room Writing Programme over the course of this year. The project also involves Mrs Braun receiving specialist training which she can then share with the rest of the teaching team.

Canopy Project

Our new canopy linking Buzzard Class to the main school building and providing additional sheltered space for break and lunch times commences this Friday immediately after drop-off. The bulk of the work will take place during half term with the work due to complete on Thursday 6th November. With the children not at school due to INSET on Monday 3rd November, we hope this causes as little disruption as possible and provides a much needed shelter as soon as was possible to do so.

Harvest

Our harvest service this year will be at the St. John's Church in Bury on **24th October at 2.15pm**. Children will need collecting from the Church at the usual end of the school day. Please let us know if someone else is collecting your child/ren.

We are still collecting donations of the following:

- tinned foods
- pasta
- cereals
- chocolate

No fresh produce please

Messages from FOBS – please see below for some exciting news from FOBS

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Harvest Fair – Friday 24th October, 3.15–5.00pm at Bury Village Hall

We're delighted to confirm that the Harvest Fair is happening thanks to our wonderful volunteers – and everyone from outside the school is welcome to join the fun too! 🍁

Expect tombolas, games, crafts, snacks, pumpkin painting and more – a brilliant afternoon for all the family. Entry is free; just bring cash or card to buy stall tokens.

Harvest Art Competition

Children can start creating their masterpieces now! Make an autumn collage on A4 paper or card using only natural materials on top. Bring your entry along on the day to be judged – there will be prizes for each age group!

Wreath-Making Evening – Friday 28th November 7-9pm

Join us for a relaxed, creative evening at the Village Hall making beautiful festive wreaths. It's always a lovely social event and a fantastic fundraiser for the school.

Booking early helps us source the best materials at the best prices – so don't wait! Book here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc020DLq2Tm1QND_971-bd7NVbhEdz1WisHInW7unBCmtZfw/viewform

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

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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.

Monday 20 th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parent's Evening
Friday 24 th October	Harvest – 14:15 at St John's Church, Bury
Monday 3 rd November	INSET 2 (25/26)
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance – school and local parishioners (due to space)
Friday 14 th November	Open Day for prospective parents
Tuesday 18 th November	Lego Day – Brilliant Bury Houses (in Lego)
Thursday 20 th November	Full Governing Board (FGB) meeting
Friday 21 st November	Christmas Carol Theatre Performance to school
Wednesday 26 th November	SPLASH Assembly
Thursday 11 th December	Little Owls and Kestrels Nativity (9:30 and 14:00)
Tuesday 16 th December	Singing to the village and Christmas Lunch
Monday 5 th January	INSET 3 (25/26)
Tuesday 13 th January	KS2 Children's Concert at Chichester
Thursday 15 th January	FGB
Wednesday 21 st January	SPLASH Assembly
Wednesday 11 th March	SPLASH Assembly
Thursday 26 th March	FGB
Thursday 30 th April	FGB
Monday 11 th – 14 th May	KS2 National Assessments
Wednesday 13 th May	SPLASH Assembly
Wednesday 20 th May	Sports Morning
Monday 1 st June	School Photos
Monday 15 th June	Sussex Day (more to follow)
Friday 26 th June	Provisional KS2 Camp
(TBC) Monday 29 th June	INSET 4 (25/26)
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Day
Thursday 6 th July	FGB
Wednesday 22 nd July	INSET 5 (25/26)

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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.

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