



# 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	Oscar
Sparrowhawk	Isabella
Buzzard	Erin
Mrs Seymour	Theo

## Updates

Please see the updates from Mrs Gammon (PE) and Mrs Seymour (Wellbeing) below. Alongside the newsletter this week, there is also a poster from FOBS highlighting key diary dates and what you can do to help. There is also a poster from the governors sharing their upcoming silent auction as part of the Sussex Day after-school celebrations.

## Downscape – Buzzard Singers and Poetry Presentations

Three of Buzzard Class, Arthur R, Adam and Otto, were part of a special choir last week. They performed in front of parents and special guests at Champs Hill. Mrs Braun fed back how there was not a dry eye in the house after hearing them perform.

Yesterday, Oscar, Rosie and Isobel performed their Downscape Poems to a packed audience as part of a wider Arts Society Arts' exhibition of dance, artwork, poetry and film. Mrs Braun commented, "They read their incredibly atmospheric poems which were written as a response to our walk along the Coffin Trail. Their work on Shakespeare prior to this really helped create dark and mysterious work which the children performed with skill and their usual dramatic flair."

Our thanks to the Arts Society West Sussex Young Arts for providing these amazing experiences and opportunities for our school. It was also great to see Erin's artwork used for the front cover of the event.

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View of the Downs by Erin Cox Bury C of E Primary School

## DOWNSCAPE

A celebration of children's  
creativity, art, music, poetry &  
dance, inspired by the famous  
South Downs

Tuesday 9th June 2026

4.30pm

### Sport Funding

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, the government announced a £1bn boost to PE and school sport. Unfortunately, within this release it was announced that the funding which comes directly to schools (and has done since 2013) was ending. For small schools, this is a particularly large portion of our funding, circa £17k since 2017. Our own funding has been used well to provide specialist coaches for the children and to provide experts and training to support the outdoor and adventurous elements of Bury Rangers. These are both strengths of the school and we are working to ensure that these continue despite the withdrawal of funding. Please see the message below from Mrs Gammon for an example of this impact.

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## Sports Mark

Please see the message below from PE lead, Mrs Gammon

### School Games Gold Mark Award 2025/26

We are delighted to announce that our school has achieved the **School Games Gold Mark Award** for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme, launched in 2012 and facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust. The award recognises schools for their commitment to developing sporting opportunities, competition, and participation both within school and across the wider community. We are thrilled that our efforts have been recognised with this prestigious award.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils for their enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment to school sport. As part of the application process, schools are assessed across a range of areas, including participation, competition, leadership, workforce development, and extra-curricular clubs. We are pleased that the hard work and commitment of our pupils and staff have been rewarded.

Throughout the year, many of our children have represented the school in sporting competitions against other schools, as well as taking part in a variety of competitive intra-school events. We are especially proud of our Buzzards, who planned and delivered excellent sports sessions for Little Owls and Kestrel Class, demonstrating fantastic leadership and teamwork skills.

This achievement reflects the positive sporting culture within our school, and we would like to thank everyone who has contributed to making it possible.

We look forward to building on this success and applying again in 2027!

## Wellbeing

Please see the message below from Mrs Seymour

### Trainee Play Therapist

Throughout this year, I have worked collaboratively with colleagues across the Rother Valley to ensure the continued delivery of high-quality support and to further strengthen the provision at Bury CE Primary. I am delighted to share that I have successfully commissioned Anna-Simone Drias, a trainee play therapist, to work with our pupils.

Therapeutic play, like play therapy, is a non-directive approach that enables children to explore and engage with toys and resources freely, following their own interests and needs. This provides a safe and supportive environment in which children can express themselves, develop emotional resilience, and enhance their overall wellbeing.

Anna and I will work together to identify and assess which children at Bury CE Primary may benefit most from therapeutic play sessions. Once suitable pupils have been identified, I will contact parents/carers to discuss the provision and seek consent for the sessions to proceed.

As a trainee play therapist, Anna is required to follow a number of professional protocols and

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procedures. Should your child be considered suitable for this support, these requirements will be fully explained to you before any sessions begin.

Please see Anna's introductory leaflet for more information.

Mrs Rachel Seymour

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## Benedict's Law

Many of you will be aware that from September 2027, Benedict's Law means that the government will provide mandatory, statutory allergy guidance for schools. We already have a whole-school allergy policy based on the model policy created by Allergy UK and Anaphylaxis UK, but will review this once the statutory guidance is released. Whilst we await this guidance, all staff are updating their allergy awareness training, including emergency response.

## Message from FOBS

To support preparations for the Sussex Day after-school fayre, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June in exchange for a donation for the fair.

We would particularly welcome:

- Good quality teddies for the Teddy Tombola
- Raffle basket donations or unopened gifts
- Small glass jars filled with crafts, sweets, toys or other small treats for prizes on the day

Thank you for your continued support!

FOBS

**Sports Morning – Change of Date due to weather. New date confirmed – morning of 17<sup>th</sup> June.**

To support you with organising your day – the event normally runs from 9am until approximately 11am.

## Links to Individual Class Pages

[Little Owls](#)

[Kestrels](#)

[Sparrowhawks](#)

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## 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
<b>Monday</b>	Sparrowhawks	
<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.

<del>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</del> <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Sports Morning Postponed due to weather – new date below
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Workshop for Buzzard Parents (separate letter sent)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	FOBS Non – uniform day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition morning for new Yr R
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	SPLASH working with Yr 6 – Transition to secondary support
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sports Morning</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sussex Day (more to follow)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	FOBS' Sussex Day After-School Fayre
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Yr 6 Leavers' Service
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Lego Day (incorrect times on previous newsletter) Kestrels 9-10 Little Owls and Buzzards 10.45-11.45 Sparrowhawks 13:45-14:45
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

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Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 inter-school Rounders afternoon (more to follow)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	FGB
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 inter-school Football afternoon (more to follow)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Play – timings to be confirmed
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Young Arts Exhibition at Fittleworth Hall featuring children’s work
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET 5 (25/26)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET 1 (26/27)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	FGB
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	SPLASH
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Phonics Workshop for parents
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	INSET
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	SPLASH
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	INSET
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	SPLASH
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	SPLASH
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	SPLASH
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	FGB
Week Beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Bikeability for Buzzards
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	FGB
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027	INSET
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	FGB
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 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

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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