



14th November 2025

**I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.  
Luke 21:15**

### **Pupil Premium/Free School meals**

Once again, we are asking FOR ALL parents to look to see if they are eligible for Free School Meals (even if your children are in Reception/Year 1 or Year 2). If you are eligible and apply, then this brings much needed funding into the school to help us help all of the children achieve their best. Please see the information below:

If your child is in a Key Stage 1 year group and you get one of the qualifying incomes shown below it will help the school if you make a claim for free school meals, as they can get extra funding.

From Year 3 onward free school meals are only available if you get one of the following:

- Universal Credit - and your earned income is less than £7,400 a year, after tax and not including any benefits
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, providing you are do not get Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income is less than £16,190
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you get Working Tax Credits you will not be eligible unless you are receiving the four week 'run on' payment after stopping work.

Free school meals are available for pupils at local authority maintained primary and secondary schools, including academies. They are not available for children at private or independent schools.

They are also available for eligible households with:

- children at local authority-maintained nurseries, providing they receive education before and after lunch
- students aged between 16 and 19 who go to Elms Bank Specialist Arts College sixth form
- students who receive Income Support or Income-based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right

Applications can be made on the Bury council website [www.bury.gov.uk](http://www.bury.gov.uk) (type in Free school meals). If you need any support, please ask at the school office.

### **Golden Ticket Reading Challenge**

The Golden ticket challenge continues this half term. The winners will be invited a special Christmas Grotto experience in school during our last week of term.

Thank you for all of your continued support in hearing your children this term in hearing your children read!

### **School Uniform**

It has been great to see all of the children looking smart in full school uniform. Thank you for this. Please do ensure that all uniform is labelled (especially jumpers which have a habit of getting lost!) and that children bring a coat to school, even if the weather is sunny- just in case. A polite reminder that school shoes must be worn for school and not black trainers (except in Nursery/Reception where black trainers are permitted)

Please make sure that your child has their full PE kit in school. PE consists of white T-shirt and black shorts. Pumps must be worn inside and trainers are allowed for outside only. Plain black jogging bottoms or plain black leggings can be worn for outside lessons.

### **Support and Help**

It is really important to us at school to know that if any parents/families are struggling for whatever reason then we are here to help as much as we can. Please do speak to the class teachers or directly to me if you need any support in any way. Sometimes we can direct you to other professionals for support or we may be able to help ourselves. We are here to help.

### **Parents Evening**

Our Parents Evening will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> November and apologies for the confusion as the Arbor App was glitching for bookings. This has now been sorted and all bookings made via the email link have been transferred onto Arbor. As there are only several parents who haven't as yet booked an appointment these can be made via the office to avoid any further confusion.

### **Reception Admission**

The online portal for applications for children to attend Reception in September 2026 is now open. This can be accessed via [www.bury.gov.uk/primaryschool/admissions](http://www.bury.gov.uk/primaryschool/admissions). The deadline for this is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Dates for your Diary**

|                                                               |                   |                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November                             | 3.15 pm           | Sacramental Programme meeting                          |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November | All day           | Year 6 Bikeability Course                              |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November                           | 3.30 pm – 7.00 pm | Parents Evening                                        |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November                            | 2.00 pm           | Year 5 & 6 Mass                                        |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December                             | 9.00 am           | Year 4 Class Assembly                                  |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December                               | TBC               | Mini Christmas Fair                                    |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                              | 1.30 pm           | EYFS Christmas Production – details to follow on Arbor |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December                           | 9.30 am           | EYFS Christmas Production – details to follow on Arbor |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                            | 9.00 am           | Christmas Panto for the whole school                   |
|                                                               | 6.30 pm           | KS1 Christmas Production – details to follow on Arbor  |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December                              | 1.30 pm           | KS1 Christmas Production – details to follow on Arbor  |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December                              | TBC               | EYFS Craft Morning                                     |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December                             | 2.00 pm           | Advent Mass in Church                                  |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                            | 9.00 am           | Year 5 Stay & Pray                                     |
|                                                               | 3.05 pm           | School closes for the Christmas holidays               |

### **Attendance Matters**

As a school, we have always had really good attendance compared to other schools in the local authority. Good attendance is everyone's responsibility and we must maintain this and continue to improve. There is currently a renewed drive from the Department of Education and schools must be seen to promote excellent attendance. Whilst we appreciate there are times that children cannot come into school and individual children that we know about have medical conditions that impact on their health, we still need to do everything as a school to promote and celebrate excellent attendance.

Class attendances for this week.

| <b>Year Group</b> | <b>Attendance %</b> |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Reception         | 96.3%               |
| Year One          | 98.5%               |
| Year Two          | 96.7%               |
| Year Three        | 99.3%               |
| Year Four         | 98.6%               |
| Year Five         | 95.8%               |
| Year Six          | 96.2%               |

Well done to Year 3 for having the best attendance this week!

The class with the best attendance will receive an extra playtime each week.

## **Celebration Assembly**

Our weekly celebration assemblies will take place at **2.30pm** on a Friday afternoon. Parents are welcome to attend, especially if your child has been awarded a certificate. If your child has been awarded a certificate, you will be sent a message the day before to invite you to the assembly, should you wish/be able to attend.

This week we congratulate the following children:

|                  |                                            |                                                                                                            |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Nursery</b>   | <b>Lilly Kedzior</b>                       | <b>For always being a kind and caring member of our class</b>                                              |
| <b>Reception</b> | <b>Mohammad Mustafa Yamin</b>              | <b>For FABULOUS Phonics work</b>                                                                           |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | <b>Rameen Mahmood</b>                      | <b>For trying her best in her writing!</b>                                                                 |
| <b>Year 2</b>    | <b>Zunaira Alam</b>                        | <b>For having a fantastic attitude towards her assessments this week</b>                                   |
| <b>Year 3</b>    | <b>Nilofar Sohqeel</b>                     | <b>For confidence blooming in lessons! Keep this up – you’ve really impressed me!</b>                      |
| <b>Year 4</b>    | <b>Noah Crossley<br/>Elizabeth Smillie</b> | <b>For a huge improvement in handwriting and presentation! Keep up the hard work!</b>                      |
| <b>Year 5</b>    | <b>Ronnie Prue</b>                         | <b>For SUPERB dancing during our dance lesson this week! Keep it up Ronnie – you’ve got all the moves!</b> |
| <b>Year 6</b>    | <b>Ellie Hollstein</b>                     | <b>For wonderful determination in all subjects this week</b>                                               |
| <b>Mr McRae</b>  | <b>Karba Ishak</b>                         | <b>For being an all around superstar in school</b>                                                         |

*Where a child’s name has not appeared on the table above, it is because permission has not been given to include names on newsletters etc. Please contact the school office to amend this if needed for the future*

## **A Final Note**

This week we marked Remembrance Day and held our two minute silence in school (the children were so amazing!) Whilst visiting classes, I have seen some wonderful poppy themed activities taking place around school to help the children understand the importance of remembering. During this month of November, we remember all those who have died - the Holy Souls and we offer up our prayers for them. The week ended this morning with a beautiful, reflective Stay and Pray led by our Year Six children on the theme of Remembrance.

Wishing you all a lovely week.

God bless,

**Mr McRae**  
**Head Teacher**



**Artsmark  
Silver Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England