



24th October 2025

**Jesus told His disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.
Luke 18:1**

Harvest Festival

This morning we had our wonderful Harvest Festival. Thank you to all those parents and families who were able to attend to enjoy the show and the Coffee morning, helping us to raise valuable funds for Cafod and Islamic Aid. Thank you for all of your donations of food and toiletries which will help local people in need.

Golden Ticket Reading Challenge

Our Golden ticket challenge grand draw took place yesterday. Congratulations to the winners who all received a book from the vending machine, a special certificate and a chocolate bar.

The Golden ticket challenge will continue after half term and the winners will be invited a special Christmas Grotto experience in school during our last week of term.

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

Emmanuel Quintero and Adam Wojciechowski Year 6

Milan Kola and Giorgio Arackal Year 5

Oliver Wrosz and Gabriel Kedzerski Year 4

Izzah Jawad, Muhammad Waqas and Salaar Minhas Year 3

Jakub Kwiatowski and Ian Ideozu Year 2

Ismaeel Ghyas and Maya Piron Year 1

Naomi Green and Alfie Campbell Reception

Hattie's Pink Day

On Wednesday 5th November, our Year 3 children are raising money for Hattie's House, a therapy and respite centre at the Good Life Orphanage in Kenya. There will be a special coffee morning and everyone is asked to come into school wearing pink (or something pink) for a £1 donation. Please help us raise money for this important cause.

Year 5 trip to Chester

On Thursday 6th November, the Year 5 children will be visiting Chester as part of their History work. A letter has previously been sent out with all of the details and a reminder will be going out on the Arbor App.

Parent - Teacher contact

Many of you use the seesaw app to send messages directly to your child's class teachers on occasions when you don't see them face to face at drop off/pick up times. I have reminded staff that they are only to respond during working hours and if messages are sent after 5.30pm then they will be responded to the next day at the earliest. Thank you for your support on this matter.

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.

Arbor App

An email has been sent out to all parents regarding downloading the Arbor App – there are still several parents who have not downloaded this app. Can we please ask you to do this as soon as possible as we will be moving over to this App fully hopefully from January 2026 and ParentHub will then no longer be used. Our Parents Evening booking system will be done through the Arbor App and emails will be sent out nearer the time through Arbor regarding this.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 31 st October		Deadline for High School Applications
Monday 3 rd November		Reception online applications open – www.bury.gov.uk
Thursday 6 th November	9.00 am - 3.05 pm	Year 5 trip to Chester
Friday 14 th November	9.00 am	Year 6 Stay & Pray
Tuesday 18 th November	3.15 pm	Sacramental Programme meeting
Monday 24 th to Thursday 27 th November	All day	Year 6 Bikeability Course
Wednesday 26 th November	3.30 pm – 7.00 pm	Parents Evening
Thursday 27 th November	2.00 pm	Year 5 & 6 Mass
Thursday 4 th December	9.00 am	Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 5 th December	TBC	Mini Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9 th December	1.30 pm	EYFS Christmas Production – details to follow on Arbor
Wednesday 10 th December	9.30 am	EYFS Christmas Production – details to follow on Arbor
Thursday 11 th December	9.00 am	Christmas Panto for the whole school
	6.30 pm	KS1 Christmas Production – details to follow on Arbor
Friday 12 th December	1.30 pm	KS1 Christmas Production – details to follow on Arbor
Monday 15 th December	TBC	EYFS Craft Morning
Tuesday 16 th December	2.00 pm	Advent Mass in Church
Thursday 18 th 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.

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	67.4%
Year One	84.4%
Year Two	90.7%
Year Three	93.4%
Year Four	85.4%
Year Five	92%
Year Six	94.8%

Well done to Year 6 for having the best attendance this week!

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

A Final Note

In this week's assembly we were reminded of the importance of perseverance. It is a theme we often highlight during Friday's celebration assemblies when we celebrate the children who are determined and don't give up!

We listened to the Gospel story of the Widow being determined to have her voice heard even though the judge kept ignoring her. Eventually the judge got so fed up that he granted her wishes. Jesus reminded us to keep praying to God, even if we don't always get an immediate response - keep going and God will listen and answer our prayers in the way He deems fit.

Thank you for all of your continued support this half term - it has been very much appreciated.

School closes today for half term and reopens on Monday 3rd November.

Wishing you all a lovely week.

God bless,

Mr McRae
Head Teacher



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