



7th November 2025

But He was speaking about the temple of His body. When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

John 2:21-22

Hattie's House

On Wednesday we held our special Year 3 fundraiser for Hattie's House. Lots of the children came into school wearing pink and our coffee morning was well attended - thank you to those parents who could join us. Hattie's House is a therapy centre based at the Good Life Orphanage in Kenya that was set up in memory of Hattie Dixon, a pupil at St Gabriel's who died suddenly aged 15 in 2021. Her parents set up the centre in her memory. We were honoured that Hattie's mum and sister were able to join us for the coffee morning and they also spoke to the Year 3 children about the work of Hattie's house.

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.

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 we are now using the Arbor App for all communications/newsletters etc.

Parents Evening

Our Parents Evening will be held on 26th November and the booking system for all appointments, which will be accessed through the Arbor App, will be open from Monday 10th November until Friday 21st in order for parents to select their time slot.

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. The deadline for this is Thursday 15th January.

Dates for your Diary

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	94.8%
Year One	100%
Year Two	93.3%
Year Three	95.8%
Year Four	99%
Year Five	95.1%
Year Six	96.2%

Well done to Year 1 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:

Nursery	Erin Orr	For excellent storytelling
Reception	Affam Sohqeel	For being so enthusiastic about Diwali

Year 1	Rumaysa Zahid	For being an always child!
Year 2	Nehan Rebbani	For trying really hard in all of her work
Year 3	Mohammad Nehan	For putting in 100% effort! Keep it up!
Year 4	Joel Fermo	For super improvement with his spellings! Keep up the hard work
Year 5	Haris Pervez	For showing amazing enthusiasm and knowledge on our school trip!
Year 6	Fatima Ali	For fantastic progress in Maths
Mr McRae	Benedict Nwakamma	For working really hard in assembly this week

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

All the children have settled back into school after the half term break. In this week's assembly we reminded the children that the month of November is dedicated to the Holy Saints and Souls. We discussed the lives of different saints and talked about which saints were important to us. The saints were described as 'Heavenly Cheerleaders' because through our prayers, they help to guide us and make the right decisions. The children will be completing lots of work this month on the saints and learning about the lives that they lived on earth.

Wishing you all a lovely week.

God bless,

Mr McRae
Head Teacher



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