



9th January 2026

**And when Jesus was baptised, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice from Heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
Matthew 3:16-17**

Happy New Year!

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year! I hope that you all managed to have a lovely Christmas holiday. Once again, on behalf of the staff, thank you for kindness and generosity if the giving of cards and gifts before Christmas. We do really appreciate them.

Important Upcoming Dates

Year 6 Visiting the Fusiliers Museum, Bury

On Tuesday 13th January, the Year 6 children will be visiting the Fusiliers Museum as part of their History topic. Information has been sent out via the Arbor app.

Year 4 Stay and Pray

On Friday 23rd January our Year 4 children will lead us in a stay and pray at 8.50 am in the main hall. All are welcome to attend.

Year 2 Class Assembly

The Year 2 Class assembly will take place on Thursday 29th January at 9.00 am in the main hall. We hope that as many parents will be able to attend

Key Stage Two Library

Mrs McGrath will be opening up the KS2 library (Y3/4/5/6) on Monday lunchtimes for children to change their library books and also straight after school on a Monday, if any parents wish to come into the library to change their child's library book.

Year 4 Trip to Bury Art Gallery

Year 4 will be visiting the Bury Art Gallery on Wednesday 21st January – all details and consents are now live on the Arbor App. Any queries please contact Mrs Barber in the office.

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.

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	95.9%
Year One	96.3%
Year Two	95.6%
Year Three	97.9%
Year Four	98.6%

Year Five	96.9%
Year Six	98.3%

Well done to Year 4 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	-	-
Reception	Amber-Rae Chadfield	For being a kind and caring friend for everyone
Year 1	Teddy Barrett	For being a Phonics superstar!
Year 2	-	-
Year 3	Karba Ishak	For her progress reading this first week back! An always superstar! Keep up your hard work Karba!
Year 4	Fatima Zahra	For trying so hard in everything and making so much progress! We're so proud of you!
Year 5	Ismail Ali	For ABSOLUTELY astounding maths work this week – a long multiplication whizz! Keep it up Ismail!
Year 6	AJ Cummings	For brilliant work in Maths solving complex percentages
Mr McRae	Charlotte Stringer	For having wonderful manners
Reader of the Week	Harriet Walker	For fantastic reading skills

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

It has certainly been a cold and frosty start to the new year. It has been lovely to see everyone again and the children have settled back into their routines well. I am sure they were glad to see their friends and teachers again. On Tuesday, we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany: the visit of the three wise men to the baby Jesus. They left their home countries, travelling many miles to praise and give thanks to this new born king. What a shock they must have got to find that he was born in a humble stable! The visit of the Wise men reminds us that Christ was born for everyone in the world.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Mr McRae
Head Teacher



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