

Bury C of E Primary School

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***This week's Collective Worship theme is Heroes of the Bible: Joseph -
"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good." Genesis 50:20***

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome everyone back for the start of a new school year and hope that all our families enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. I, personally, am thrilled to return to Bury Primary School on a full time basis, having been in and out last year covering maternity leave at another school in the Trust. I look forward to seeing you all and welcoming our new school families.

As we begin the term, we would like to let parents and carers know that we are currently updating sections of the school website. During this process, some information may be temporarily out of date or unavailable. Please bear with us while these updates are completed and do contact the school office if you are unable to find the information you need.

It has been a pleasure to see our new Reception children settling into school life. They have made a fantastic start, exploring their new learning environment, getting to know their classmates and beginning to settle into school routines. We have been very proud of how confidently they have embraced these first few days, with support from staff and some of our older pupils.

This morning, Mrs Case delivered a presentation for Reception parents and carers about reading and how we support early literacy development in school. Thank you to everyone who attended. We hope you found the session informative and appreciated the opportunity to share lunchtime with your children. A copy of the presentation will be uploaded to the school website shortly.

Reception pupils will join the rest of the school for Celebration Worship from Friday 2nd October. We are always keen to celebrate children's achievements both in and out of school, so if your child has received a certificate, badge, medal or award from an activity outside school, please encourage them to bring it in on a Friday morning. Children are invited to share their achievements during Celebration Worship, and families are very welcome to attend.

Across the school, it has been wonderful to see pupils returning with such enthusiasm and positivity. The children have quickly settled back into their routines and are already demonstrating a great attitude towards their learning. We have certainly noticed how much many of them have grown over the summer holidays!

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an exciting and memorable residential visit to Grafham this week. The children took part in a range of challenging activities and approached every opportunity with energy and determination. We would like to extend our thanks to the staff who accompanied the trip and helped make it such a success. Photos will be shared with parents/carers next week (subject to consents received - see below).

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As always, there is plenty of information to share, so we encourage all parents and carers to read the weekly newsletter carefully. This remains our primary method of communication. Next week's newsletter will include dates for a number of upcoming events. While some dates may be subject to change, we aim to provide as much advance notice as possible to help families plan ahead.

And finally, we are sad to have said goodbye to Mrs Diggle who left us this week, but would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Mitchell, our new TA. You may still see Mrs Diggle in Ramsey as she has joined the Farmers cafe team - do pop in and say hello to her, she'd love to see you!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Donnelly - Headteacher

11th September 2026

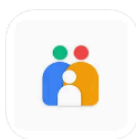
Weekly Attendance	
Whole School: 98.2%	Year Three: 100%
Reception: 98%	Year Four: 97.3%
Year One: 99%	Year Five: 97.7%
Year Two: 98.7%	Year Six: 96.1%
Whole School Year to Date: 97.8%	

Parking:



We would like to remind all parents and carers to park safely, sensibly and respectfully when dropping off and collecting children from school. Please be mindful of our neighbours by avoiding blocking driveways, parking on pavements or grass verges, and stopping in locations that may obstruct visibility for pedestrians or other road users. A little extra care and consideration helps to keep everyone safe and maintains the positive relationships we value with our local community. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Parental consents:



Following the email sent yesterday, please remember to review and update your parental consent preferences on the My Child At School (MCAS) app. All parental consents must be completed by Wednesday 16th September at the latest.

If consent preferences are not updated by this date, we will be unable to assume that permission has been granted. As a result, we may not be able to take or use photographs or videos of your child, and your child may be unable to take part in certain activities, including food tasting, school-day visits, viewing PG-rated films, or receiving intimate care where appropriate. We would therefore encourage all parents and carers to check and update their consent settings as soon as possible to ensure that we have the correct information on record.

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Spellings:



Spellings (Years 1 to 6) are available on the school website under Curriculum. Hard copies have also been sent home with the children.

Logins:



Year 1 will receive login details for Numbots next week. If any children in other year groups do not have their login details for Numbots/TT Rockstars/Complete Maths, these will be shared with them again next week.

Nut-free school:



A reminder that we are a nut-free school. Please do not send in any packed lunch/snack items with any nuts in (e.g. Kinder Bueno, Nutella etc.).

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) scheme - wellies:



The children will be going outside in all weathers and accessing more of the playground as part of our OPAL scheme. Please therefore send your child in with a named pair of wellies to keep on their class welly racks (if you haven't done so already). You may also choose to send in waterproof clothing for your child to wear outside (this is optional) – these items must be named and sent in a named bag to keep on their pegs. If you have any spare wellies to donate, these can be sent in via the office.

Secondary School applications (2027-2028):



Applications are now open for all Year 6 pupils moving to secondary school in September 2027. The deadline to submit applications is Saturday 31st October 2026. All applications received on time will be allocated a school place on National Offer Day – 1st March 2027.

Dates for secondary school open evenings across Cambridgeshire are now available on the Cambridgeshire County Council website ([Secondary School Admissions](#)). Each school should also have more details on their own website.

Lines of Communication:



As we have new members of staff and parents joining our Bury family, we would like to remind you of the procedures for contacting school. If you have any queries or concerns about your child, in the first instance please contact their class teacher via the office email (all emails are forwarded promptly to the relevant member of staff). Following this, if you require further assistance, please contact Miss Jones. If you reach this stage and are not satisfied that your queries have been resolved, please contact Mrs Donnelly (via the office email). You may prefer to put your query in a Word document, rather than in the body of the email.

Please contact Mrs Coulston for queries relating to special educational needs or family support - again, these should go to the office email and will be redirected as requested. Please note, her working days are Tuesday and Wednesday.

We will endeavour to respond to emails within 2 working days.

All communication about school matters will come directly from school. Please also contact the school directly if you have any queries (**not** other parents – they may not always have the most up to date information and information may be conflicting). We are here to help and will deal with all queries in the strictest of confidence.

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Urgent messages:



Due to the high volume of emails we receive each day, please call the school office (01487 813784) if your message is urgent. Answerphone messages will be checked through the school day.

Going home:



If your child is going home with a different person (not on our Authorised Adults list), please let us know by **2.30pm** in order for messages to be passed on before children leave the classroom.

Please ensure your child knows where you will be picking them up from and that they know which gate to leave from (front or back) – you do not need to let school know, as long as your child is aware!

Wraparound care:



Please book your Wraparound Care sessions via MCAS in advance. Payment for each session is required in advance but you do not have to pay for all of your booked sessions in one go. Please note, timings are: Breakfast Club 7.35am - 8.35am every day. After-School Club Monday to Thursday 3.15pm - 6pm and Friday 3.15pm - 5.15pm.

Please email office@bur.graceschools.org.uk if you have any queries regarding booking/payment. We do accept tax free childcare vouchers (provider name Bury CofE Primary School – postcode PE26 2NJ).

Dinner monies:



For children in KS2 (Years 3-6) please remember that school meals are charged at £2.93 per meal and are payable in advance. We are not allowed to hold debt as a school. Payment should be made via your MCAS account.

Smartlog:



We use an online system called Smartlog which records any injuries incurred by your child whilst at school. Your child's priority 1 contact will receive an email to inform them of the injury and any treatment given. Please contact the office if you require this contact to change to an alternative parent/carer.

Medication:



If your child requires medication to be kept in school permanently (e.g. inhaler/antihistamine), please could you ensure that you keep a note of its expiry date before handing it into school and replace it when necessary. Long-term medication to be held in school must be accompanied by a completed medication form (available from the office) and handed in, in the first instance, to the office. Ad-hoc medication (e.g. antibiotics) may be handed in and collected from the office daily and school staff can administer this to your child. We will ask you to complete a form on the first day the medication is required.

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Ear piercing:



A reminder of our policy regarding pierced ears – earrings are permitted but must be one small stud per ear. Earrings should **not** be worn on PE days. If they are worn to school, they must be removed for PE. If your child is not able to remove their earrings for any reason, they will be asked to take part in lower risk, simplified PE activities on their own (stretching/jogging on the spot/star jumps etc.) but will not be allowed to take part in the full PE lesson with the rest of the class. Children will not be allowed to tape earrings in order to take part in PE.

Attendance Policy – unauthorised term time leave (includes holiday):



We would like to remind you that term time holidays are not authorised and if permission for leave is not granted but the child is absent, or no authorisation is sought, this may result in a Penalty Notice. **Absence from school is detrimental to your child's education and we strongly discourage term time holidays.**

Music lessons in school:



For those children who have music lessons during school time (see the school website for details of lesson providers), a reminder that it is the parents/carers' responsibility to advise the music tutor if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason (illness/school trip/sporting activity) on the day of their lesson.

Bury Church News:



You, your family and friends are very welcome to attend any of our services. Every person; young and wise; each and every time. So please do make your way up the hill to see us.

Services:

Sunday 13th September - the 15th Sunday after Trinity
11.15am - Sunday Praise

Sunday 20th September
11.15am - All-in Service and Holy Communion

Sunday 27th September
11.15am - Sunday Praise

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TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026/2027

Autumn Term opens	Thursday 3 rd September 2026
HALF TERM	26th October – 30th October 2026
School re-opens	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Autumn Term closes	Friday 18 th December 2026
Spring Term opens	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
HALF TERM	15th February – 19th February 2027
School re-opens	Monday 22 nd February 2027
Spring Term closes	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Summer Term opens	Monday 12 th April 2027
May Day (school closed)	Monday 3 rd May 2027
HALF TERM	31st May – 4th June 2027
School re-opens	Monday 7 th June 2027
Summer Term closes	Tuesday 20 th July 2027
Professional Days (school closed): Tuesday 1 st September 2026 Wednesday 2 nd September 2026 Friday 23 rd October 2026 Monday 4 th January 2027 Wednesday 21 st July 2027	