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This week's Collective Worship theme is Courage
"Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." – Joshua 1:9

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy half term, it has been wonderful to see our children enjoying a wide range of opportunities both in and out of the classroom. This week, our Year 6 pupils took part in Bikeability, developing their confidence and road safety skills, while some of our Year 6 children also represented the school in a football match against William de Yaxley. Although the result did not go our way, the children showed great teamwork and sportsmanship and, most importantly, had lots of fun.

We were also delighted to see so many children 'Shine Green' yesterday to help raise awareness of and funds for Phelan-McDermid Syndrome. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised an amazing £210 so far. The link is still open if you would like to donate: Just Giving

Our recent parent/carer workshops were very well attended, and we hope those who joined us found them useful and informative. The presentation slides have been shared with parents/carers by email.

You should have received your child's school photograph proof this week. Please remember to place any orders by 6th November to take advantage of the free back-to-school delivery service.

Please take a moment to read the recent emails regarding school meals, including the revised menu for the first day back after half term and details of the themed menus coming up.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Parent Book Look on Thursday 5th November.

We hope you all enjoy a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Donnelly - Headteacher
23rd October 2026

Weekly Attendance	
Whole School: 95%	Year Three: 99.2%
Reception: 95.1%	Year Four: 95.6%
Year One: 97.6%	Year Five: 93.5%
Year Two: 90.3%	Year Six: 94.3%
Whole School Year to Date: 97%	

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Wet play:



A huge thank you to FoBS for providing waterproof trousers for all of our children. This fantastic addition will help us make the most of our OPAL play facilities, even on rainy days, ensuring that children can continue to enjoy outdoor play and exploration throughout the year. To support this, please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day. Wellies should already be in school and readily available for use (if you are not sure if your child has wellies in school that fit, feel free to check them when you come into school for our Book Look on Thursday 5th November). As part of our commitment to outdoor play, we will be going outside in all weathers, so having the correct clothing in school is essential. We are extremely grateful to FoBS for helping us make wet-weather play possible for all children.

Bike/scooter helmets:



Please encourage your child to wear a suitable helmet if they are travelling to school by bike or scooter. This is for their own safety. As you will be aware, the children take part in Bikeability courses during their time at school and it's really important that we continue to follow the safety advice to wear a helmet whilst riding a bike or scooter.

Spellings (Y1-Y6):



Spellings are available on the school website under About Us - Curriculum – Year Group. Hard copies were sent home yesterday. Spellings are tested weekly on a Friday.

School meal ordering:

New menus for the next half term have been sent out by email today and are available on the school website.



As per the email sent out today, due to refrigeration issues, the kitchen will be changing the following menu option on the first day back:

Monday 2nd November – Menu Option 1 - Beetroot and Lentil Burger will be replaced by Rainbow Pizza with salad and Menu Option 2 - Soya Mince Lasagne will be replaced by Tomato and Vegetable pasta bake.

All other menu options will still be available.

PE days and uniform:

PE days after half term are remain the same:



YR – Friday

Y1 – Monday

Y2 – Tuesday

Y3 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Y4 – Wednesday and Thursday

Y5 – Thursday and Friday

Y6 – Monday and Friday

Children are required to come into school in PE uniform on their allocated PE days. Please remember that no variations to the PE uniform are allowed. Please see the school website for uniform requirements.

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Poppy Appeal:



A range of items (poppies (donations), reflector poppies (£1), wrist bands (£1), snap bands (£1.50)) will all be sold, during school time, from Monday to Friday after half term on behalf of the Poppy Appeal. If you wish your child to purchase any of these, please send money in with them.

Grafham residential trip (current Y5):



Please remember to enrol your child to this trip via MCAS by midday on Friday 30th October.

Secondary School applications (2027-2028):



A reminder that applications for all Year 6 pupils moving to secondary school in September 2027 should be completed by Saturday 31st October 2026. All applications received on time will be allocated a school place on National Offer Day – 1st March 2027.

Parent/Carer 'Book Look' –Thursday 5th November (8.45am):



A reminder that all parents/carers are invited into school on Thursday 5th November for a 'book look'. You will be able to go into your child/ren's classroom(s) to have a look through their books and see what work they have been doing this year – please note that your child should go into school at 8.35am as usual, so that registration can take place. Parents/carers can then wait outside the office to be let through. You should also leave through the office by 9.15am.

The class teacher will be in the room and will be happy to chat with you, however, could we ask that if there is something more specific that is concerning you, you wait to discuss this at parent consultations which will be taking place the following week. You will receive more feedback on your child's progress then.

Young Voices payment:

A reminder to families that Young Voices payments are due by Friday 6th November. If your child is taking part, please ensure that payment is made by this date to secure their place in the event. If you have any questions regarding payment or participation, please contact the school office.

Parent Teacher Consultations - 9th/10th November:



Parent Teacher Consultations are open for bookings on MCAS. These appointments will take place in the school hall, after school, on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November. Bookings will close at 12pm on Thursday 5th November. Please contact the office if you are having any trouble booking an appointment or using MCAS.

Please note, if you have already booked an SSP appointment for your child, please do not also book a Parent Teacher Consultation.

Children in Need - Friday 13th November:



We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13th November to raise money for Children in Need. Please use the following link to donate: Children in Need. Just £1 per child could help us to exceed our £200 target.

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Odd Socks Day – Monday 16th November:

We are asking children to wear odd socks (along with their normal school or PE uniform) on Monday 16th November, for Odd Socks Day which marks the start of Anti-Bullying week. The children will join together in a special assembly to talk about breaking the silence - encouraging children, young people and adults to talk openly about bullying, listen and take action. Children may bring in a donation of £1 (cash) to go towards resources.

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 10th December:



We will be joining in with fundraising for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day (Thursday 10th December). Children are welcome to wear Christmas themed clothes if they wish, however there is no requirement to buy anything special for this and children are equally welcome to come in normal non-uniform if they prefer. A link for donations to Save the Children will be sent out nearer the time.

Upcoming events (details for all events will be sent out closer to the time):



26th - 30th October - Half Term

5th November - Parent/Carer 'Book Look' (8.45am-9.15am)
5th November - Bonfire lunch
9th - 13th November - National School Meals Week (special menus)
9th/10th November – Parent/Teacher Consultations
10th November - Flu vaccinations
11th November - FoBS events meeting (7.30pm - The White Lion, Bury)
13th November - Children in Need (non-uniform)
16th November - Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
27th November - FoBS Christmas Fayre (CANCELLED)
27th November - Bury Lights Switch-on

10th December - Christmas Jumper Day
14th December - Y1/Y2 Christmas performance (2pm)
15th December - Y1/Y2 Christmas performance (9.30am)
16th December - YR Nativity (2.15pm)
16th December - Christmas lunch
18th December - Last day of term

***Please note, times and dates are subject to change**

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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 25th October
11.15am - Sunday Praise & Holy Communion