



NEWSLETTER

25th September 2026 Issue 3

Class Welcome letters on Webpage: Please make sure you have seen the class welcome letters on the Class Pages on the website. In future we will send the letters via a link for parents as well.

Also on the class pages you will see Curriculum Map for this half term. Also there is a September update on the left side menu to see what your children have been up to.

Homework- Reading and Times Tables: The main homework we ask the children to complete at home is reading and times tables

Reading - We ask the children to read with an adult as regularly at home as possible and also record it in the Home Reading Record. For the older children it is important to discuss what they have read to check their level of comprehension and understanding.

Times Tables – we ask children to engage with TTRS Times Tables Rock Stars – to help with their instant recall of times tables – as this helps throughout all of their maths work.

Inter-Trust Rounders Competition: Well done to the Year 6 Rounders Team who came third in the Trust competition on Wednesday. This was postponed from the summer when it was rained off. Well done to them all.

School Councillors: They had their first meeting with Miss White this week. The Games session with the residents of Hollybank is now scheduled for Tuesday 6th October.

The School Council Conference is being arranged with the Trust at Bury Town Hall on 21st October

We look forward to marking Remembrance Day at Hollybank making poppy wreaths with the residents on Thursday 5th November.

Congratulations!

Golden Book Award: YR: Amber Y1: Harry Y2: Hugo

Y3: Jensen Y4: Reuben Y5: Lily G Y6: Isabella

Lunchtime awards: Elliot Y1 Loai Y6

Attendance Awards: REC & Y1 99% Y5 99.7%

School Dinner Taster Day: Thursday, 1st October – Please ensure you have booked your child's dinner on this day via SchoolGrid. Reception Year 1 & Year 2 will all be given a dinner on this day to try. You can also send a packed lunch if you think your child may not eat the dinner provided.



School Trips: We are starting to book trips for the upcoming year. Being mindful of the costs of trips we will get letters sent out to parents early and the trips set up on ARBOR so payments can be spread over a longer period.

Friends of Cams Lane (FCL) Meeting: Unfortunately this meeting was postponed. We will send a new date out next week.

Maths Workshop - Wednesday 4th November 2pm: These are maths workshops for KS1/Reception parents to come and work with their children in a maths workshop with staff.

Pupil Voice – Year 4:

“I like the after school clubs because they are really fun!”
 “I like it when sir reads a book to us at home time.”



Parents That Lunch: We are again hosting parents that lunch. Here are 2 dates for your diary
 Year 5, Tuesday, 13th October and Year 3, Friday, 13th November. Details of how to book nearer the time.

Diary Dates

Monday 5th October	Individual Photos John Hunt Photography
Monday 12th October	Reception Stay & Play 9am – 10am
Tuesday 13th October	Year 5 Parents that Lunch
Thursday 22nd October	Harvest Assemblies Parents/carers welcome to attend Times TBC
Thursday 22nd October	School Closes for Half Term At 3.15pm
Monday 2nd November	School Re-opens

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%

How do **YOU** measure up?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons



The poster above shows what percentage attendance means to your child in terms of *lost learning*.
Excellent attendance at school is linked to better academic progress and attainment by ensuring your child has access to a broad, balanced and knowledge-rich curriculum. It also ensures that your child can benefit from the extra-curricular activities on offer at school that promote good social and emotional development.
80% attendance over 5 years = 1 whole year of education lost.

Just a couple of minutes late each day = Lost Learning

Minutes late each day	Lost learning time each year
5 minutes	3 days
10 minutes	6.5 days
15 minutes	2 weeks

Please note: Article 28 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states: **“Every child has a right to an education.”**

The NSPCC has also cited, **‘failure to ensure regular school attendance which prevents the child reaching their full potential academically’** as one of their six forms of neglect.



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WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.

Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.

The fine is £160 but if you pay it within 21 days it will be reduced to £80

£160



2

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution

1 day = 2 sessions

A PENALTY FOR EACH CHILD



+£160

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4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

4

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+£160

+£160

+£160

+£160

4 children &
2 parents =
£1,280

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5

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

SECOND TIME

2 parents and

1 child = £320

2 children = £640

3 children = £960

4 children = £1,280

No discount for early payment



THIRD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given.

Instead your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000