



NEWSLETTER

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WINNERS!!!!!!

Congratulations to the football team
on winning the
Collective Community Trust Football Trophy!

Cams Lane footballers beat off all competition to take the trophy!



The tournament took place at Redbank playing fields and comprised teams from all seven schools in the Trust. Well done to Alex, Benjamin, Buddy, Cato, Charlie, Isabella, Hanna, Lola and Stanley the goalie who didn't concede any goals! And to Mr. Driscoll & Mr Euston for coaching the team. We are super proud of you all!

Congratulations!

Golden Book Award: YR: George Y1: Isabella Y2: Minahil

Y3: Isla Y4: Ella Y5: Rory Y6: Benjamin

Lunchtime awards: Ginny Y1 Ella Y4

Attendance Awards: REC & Y1 99% Y5 99.7%

Strong Foundations in the First Years of School (Ofsted and DfE Guidance)

Encouragement to use cutlery correctly: This report examines how schools secure the foundational knowledge and skills that every child needs by the end of key stage 1 to give them the best chance of educational success.

Building fluency in foundational knowledge allows children to succeed and therefore grow in confidence. Examples of foundational knowledge can be the following:

- how to compose simple sentences orally
- how to hold a pencil correctly and form letters and numbers
- how to spell
- how to become a fluent reader

Along with holding a pencil correctly, we are encouraging children to develop their fine motor skills to hold their cutlery at dinner times correctly. This enables them to cut up their own food and become more independent.

We understand this is tricky for some individuals, but on the whole, we are trying to ask children across school to practice holding their cutlery correctly. We understand that this may be difficult and children will NOT get into trouble for this. We are just encouraging this as a whole school. Thank you for your support.

PE Coach/Teacher: We have now moved our provider for our Sports Coach/Teacher for PE lessons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We are now working even more closely with Radcliffe Borough FC. Dylan Euston who has supported school with the football team, after school clubs and dinner time sports, will now be our Sports Coach/Teacher for PE lessons when teachers are on their PPA sessions. We welcome Dylan to the team as he will now work full time with us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Reminders:

Earrings: Please remember for safety purposes and in line with our Uniform policy – **we do NOT allow dangling or hoop earrings**. Only stud earrings are allowed. For PE lessons, earrings need to be removed or covered with micropore tape.

Red bands for Head Injuries: For some individuals with sensory issues – we also have “ouch head bump” badges to alert to head injuries.

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.

ARBOR: Please ensure you have allowed push notifications on the Arbor app so you don't miss any important information.

27/28 School Dates Calendar: Please note that these dates have slightly altered and have been reposted on the website. We have altered the September start dates in line with Government guidelines to improve attendance. It has been proven that broken weeks of 2-3 days in September often encourages families to take extra days holiday instead of attending school. All the schools in our Trust are now following this pattern.



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.

Pupil Voice – Year 3:

“I really like maths lesson because think it’s fun and I enjoy the lessons”

“Cams Lane school is amazing – it helps our brains grow stronger and bigger!”



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 2026.

A letter has been sent out via Arbor to Y5 with how to sign up and pay.

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 2026

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

5th November – we have a Remembrance workshop with Hollybank making poppy wreaths

Mental Health Workshops: The Young People’s Mental Health Support Team working with Cams Lane Primary School will be running a morning of mental health and wellbeing workshops for all year groups on **Friday 9th October 2026**. A letter has been sent out via ARBOR & is on the website. Please email school if you **DO NOT CONSENT** to your child taking part.

The workshops will be delivered to celebrate World Mental Health Day which takes place on Saturday 10th October 2026.

Diary Dates

Monday 5th October	Individual Photos John Hunt Photography
Friday 9th October	Mental Health Workshops
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 Reception & KS1 2.15 pm KS2 2.45 pm
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.



ATTENDANCE

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

3



+£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

Reduced to £640 if paid
within 21 days

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