NEWSLETTER

6th November 2026 Issue 8

We hope you had a fantastic half term – we have heard some great stories of epic trick or treat events happening last weekend in the local Cams Lane area!

Parents Evening Monday 9th November 2pm -3pm and 3.30pm - 7pm: Please ensure you have signed up through Arbor for a Parents Evening appointment**.** These are 5 minute appointments for you to chat to your child's class teacher to see how they are settling in.
Children's attendance will also be discussed.

Remembrance Day: We will be marking this with 2 minutes silence on the 11th of November in school.
Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion and buying poppies in school.

Children in Need Day: **Friday 13th November "**Challenge yourself inspired by the number 26, for example, complete 26 star jumps, complete 26 maths questions, read 26 pages of your book
Non-Uniform with Pudsey accessories – if wish to donate then pay via Arbor – no obligation to pay to wear non uniform.



Author Visit: The author Sean Perkins will be visiting school again on Tuesday 17th Nov in the afternoon doing story workshops with the younger classes.
At the end of school parents and children can have the opportunity to purchase his new books.

"I'm thrilled to announce the release of my new book entitled Oscar and Ben: The Picnic, the fourth instalment in the popular Oscar and Ben series.
To promote this new title, over the coming months, I'll be visiting schools and libraries as part of a book tour entitled The Oscar and Ben Road Show, and it promises to be a basket full of fun"

Sean

Congratulations!

Golden Book Award: **YR:** Minnie-Annie **Y1:** Olivia F **Y2:** Ayush

Y3: Pennie **Y4:** Olivia **Y5:** Ava **Y6:** Bobby

Lunchtime Awards: Khattab **Y2** Sofia **Y5**

Attendance Awards: **Y2** 97.3% **Y4** 97.6%

Friends of Cams Lane

FCL "Friends of Cams Lane" AGM meeting:

Thank you to those who attended the meeting. We had a summary from the Chairperson and the Treasurer with overview from last year and the school events. We had some effective events such as the assault course at Easter. I would like to thank Joanna and Beth who are **both ex -parents** - who pretty much ran the FCL single handed last year with no other actual parents from school significantly supporting the group. We really need more parents this year to help if FCL is to be successful. Thank you to Nicola and Samantha for attending this week's meeting.

Joanna has agreed to continue to be Chairperson for this year, and also treasurer and secretary were appointed



Christmas Fair Planning:

We started to put together the skeleton details of the Xmas Fair;

Thursday 3rd December 3.45pm - 5.45pm

School based stalls

Father Christmas visits

Next planning meeting is next week - **Thursday 12th Nov 2.30pm - all parents welcome!!**



Celebration of Poppies with Hollybank Care Home: We had a small group of School Councillors who went to Hollybank to create art work with poppies and poppy wreaths to celebrate Remembrance Day . The children were also singing for the residents and also singing with one wonderful resident called Lilly. It was a super session showing warm and nurturing relationships between our young children and the fabulous older residents. The children were able to light up the afternoon for our neighbours. Mrs Whittles went for the first time and absolutely loved it. A super time had by all. Look out on our social media pages for the photos.

Poppy Appeal: We are still selling Poppy's and other poppy related goodies up to and including Wednesday the 11th of November, on behalf of the Royal British Legion.



School Trips: Payments for the trips below can now be made on Arbor



Y5 Imperial War Museum North, Thursday 11th March.

Y2 Eureka, Friday 19th March.

Y4 Tatton Park, Friday 30th April.

Reception & Y1 Smithills Hall Farm, Monday 10th May. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!

Pupil Voice – Year 5:

"It has been great in science because we have been making electrical circuits."
"The best thing about school is …. I don't know…. because everything is good about school!!"

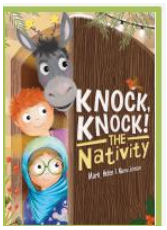


Parents That Lunch: **Year 3, Friday, 13th November 2026.** Please make your payment on the Arbor shop & email your dinner choice to the school office by 10am on Monday the 9th of November.

Open Day: We are holding an open day on Thursday the 26th of November 2026 for prospective new reception parents. Morning session is 10am – 11.30am and the afternoon session is 1.30pm – 3pm. If you are not able to come on that day, then please phone the office to make an appointment.

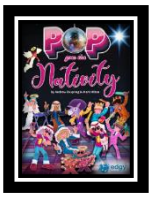
Christmas Performances: KS1 will be bringing ticket letters home today. The information is also on the website. Please hand your reply slips to Mrs Whittles.

KS1, (Reception, Y1 & Y2) The Knock, Knock! Nativity



Wednesday, 9th December at 2pm and Thursday, 10th December at 6pm

KS2, (Years 3 -6) Pop Goes The Nativity



Wednesday, 9th December at 6pm and Thursday 10th December 2026 2pm

Year 6 will be bringing home letters today and the rest of KS2 will bring them home next Friday.

Photos and Videos from Parents at Christmas Performances:
As I say to all audiences before a performance *" please keep any photos and videos for your own personal use only and* ***DO NOT UPLOAD THEM on any social media"***
This is **absolutely crucial** as otherwise this becomes a safeguarding issue for our pupils
If this is broken and we find any photos or videos on social media you are putting children at a safeguarding risk and we would have to a blanket ban on all photos and videos going forward.
You can take an individual photo of your children in their costume at home and use if for social media but not during the performance or in school.



Christmas Choir Visits: The choir will be attending three events during December.

- Trust Carol Concert at Bury Parish Church, on Tuesday the 1st of December, 1:30pm – 3.30pm. More details to follow.
- Carols & Songs on Bury Market, on Friday the 11th of December, 10:30am – 11:15am
- Choir singing for the residents of Hollybank Residential Care Home.

Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day: Friday,11th December. Non-uniform day with children wearing Christmas jumpers in exchanged for £1 on Arbor for Save The Children.
This day will also be Christmas Dinner Day.
If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner then please book on School Grid by December 5th. Please be aware that orders for Sandwiches & Jacket Potatoes also need to be ordered by this date. If you have not placed your order by the 4th December you will need to provide a packed lunch. We will let you know when school grid menu has been amended for you to order.



Reminders:

PE Kit and School Uniform: Please ensure that PE kit which is worn to school for the day follows the school uniform policy which is on the website
It should be navy blue/black shorts and a white tee shirt. Please avoid sports brands and football shirts
For colder weather please wear plain sweatshirts and jogging bottoms

Arriving to school: Please ensure that children do not arrive early in the mornings at the school gates as this is not safe – we have some older children gathering before 8.30am!

The school premises are open at 8.40 and school doors open at 8.45am. From 8.40 there is a member of staff on the KS2 yard for the children to go to if needed.

BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS: The recent expansion of Free School Meals to include families in receipt of universal Credit means more people may be entitled to Free School Meals. If you have not already done so then please click this link new online OFSM system and complete a quick form to check if you are entitled to free school meals. You could be saving up to £551 a school year.

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.

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.

Diary Dates

Thursday 12th November	**FCL Planning Meeting In School 2.30pm All Parents/Carers Welcome**
Friday 13th November	**Nasal Flu Vaccinations**
Friday 13th November	**Children In Need Non-uniform- optional donation on Arbor Shop**
Thursday 26th November	**Open Day for Prospective Parents 10am – 11:30am 1:30pm – 3pm**
Tuesday 1st December	**Trust Carol Concert for the Choir**
Thursday 3rd December	**Christmas Fair 3:45pm – 5:45pm**
Tuesday 8th December	**Pantomime in School More details to follow**
Wednesday 9th December	**Christmas Shows KS1 – Afternoon KS2 - Evening**
Thursday 10th December	**Christmas Shows KS2 – Afternoon KS1 - Evening**
Friday 11th December	**Choir Singing On Bury Market 10:30am – 11:15am Christmas Jumper Day Children can wear their festive jumpers in exchange for £1 on the Arbor Shop Christmas Dinner Day Book your childs meal on School Grid Cut off date for ordering is December 4th**
Wednesday 16th December	**Choir Singing at Hollybank**
Friday 18th December	**School Closes for Christmas at 2pm (NO TC'S PM)**
Tuesday 5th January 2026	**School Re-opens**



VOLUNTEE_

What's missing?

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We currently only have a handful of active members on our committee. We urgently need more volunteers to help plan and manage events. Please consider joining Friends of Cams Lane this year and make a vital difference in our school community!

Come to our Planning Meeting for the Christmas Fair
Thursday 12th November 2026 at 2:30pm
All welcome



Parentkind

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



<u>The poster above shows what percentage attendance means to your child in terms of *lost learning*.</u>

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.

<u>80% attendance over 5 years = 1 whole year of education lost.</u>

<u>Just a couple of minutes late each day = Lost Learning</u>

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

Bury Council

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**

3 **A PENALTY FOR EACH CHILD**



+£160 **+£160** **+£160** **+£160**

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