NEWSLETTER

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Anti-Bullying Poster Competition Winners: There was such a high calibre of entries that it was hard to just choose 2 so we chose 7. See below for the winners

Netball Match: The netball team put on a great performance with real determination & resilience at the away match against All Saints Primary in Whitefield. Despite the cold weather, they tried their best. The final score was 7-3 to All Saints. The team are getting better each time they play. **Well Done**

Chocolate & Toy Donations: A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone for the generous donations of chocolate & toys for the tombolas.

Pupil Voice – Year 4:

"We have amazing first-aiders in the staff who are very caring."

"It's an amazing school and the teachers are very kind."

Job vacancy - Midday Supervisor

Please see our website or Greater Jobs for details of our current Midday Supervisor vacancy. If you or anyone you know is looking for a part-time role at lunchtimes then please consider applying to join our team.
Application deadline is 6th December. Midday Supervisor — greater.jobs Bury

Congratulations!

Golden Book Award: **YR:** Gabriella **Y1:** Vaani **Y2:** Scarlett

Y3: Thomas **Y4:** Phoebe **Y5:** Efe **Y6:** Lola

Anti-Bullying Poster Winners: Tawaf **Y2** Lilly **Y2** Joel **Y5**

Akhyar **Y5** Nancy **Y5** Lily G **Y5** Hanna **Y6**

Lunchtime Awards: Hashir **Y1** Tom **Y3**

Attendance Awards: **Y1** 97.3% **Y5** 99.3%



Friends of Cams Lane

Christmas Fair
Thursday 3rd December
3:45pm – 5.45pm

Choir singing in the courtyard from 3.15pm

Santas Grotto – Reminder to book your slot on the Arbor School Shop

Raffle prizes needed:
Please ask any local businesses you may have connections with if they might consider supporting our raffle by donating a prize!

We URGENTLY need helpers! Can you volunteer some time to help at the Christmas fair?

It's lots of fun and a lovely way to contribute to your school community. Please email fcl@camslane.bury.sch.uk to sign up to volunteer.

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!

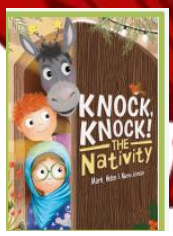
School Nurse Visits:



Reception class eye tests. Monday the 14th of December at 9.30am. Letters have been sent home.

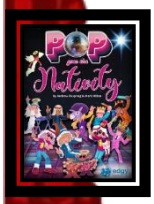
National Child Measurement Programme – This is for Reception & Year 6. The letter has been sent out via ARBOR & is also available on the website on the Letters home page. This will take place in January. The date is yet to be confirmed

Christmas Performances:



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 at 2pm

Please be in your seats at least 10 minutes before the performance begins as latecomers may be refused entry.

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 have 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.

Footlights Theatre Presents – Aladdin: we have booked a Pantomime by the Footlight Theatre company to come and do a show for the whole school on Tuesday, 8th December. To cover the cost of this we are asking for a donation of £2 per child, payable on the ARBOR School Shop.



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. Letters have been given to the choir.
- *Carols & Songs on Bury Market, on Friday the 11th of December, ***10:00am – 10:45am**
- Choir singing for the residents of Hollybank Residential Care Home.
  ***Please note the change of times!**

Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day: Friday,11th December. Non-uniform day with children wearing Christmas jumpers in exchange for £1 donation 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 of December you will need to provide a packed lunch.



Christmas Parties: Letters will be sent home from the classes regarding the parties. Please see the Diary Dates for more information. Letters will be sent home from classes soon.

Reminders:

School Grid: Please ensure dinners are pre-ordered & paid for weekly or termly. If your child does not have a pre-ordered dinner then they will only be offered a choice of sandwiches.

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.

Times Tables Rock Stars; Please keep practising times tables at home with your child.

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

Tuesday 1st December	**Trust Carol Concert for the Choir**
Thursday 3rd December	 **Christmas Fair** **3:45pm – 5:45pm**
Tuesday 8th December	**Pantomime in School** **Footlights Production of** **'Aladdin'** **£2 donation on ARBOR School Shop**
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** **10:00am – 10:45am** **Christmas Jumper Day** **Children can wear their festive jumpers in exchange for £1 donation for Save The Children on the Arbor Shop** **Christmas Dinner Day** **Book your childs meal on School Grid** **Cut off date for ordering is December 4th**
Monday 14th December	 **Reception Eye Tests** **Years 3 & 4 Christmas Parties**
Tuesday 15th December	**Years 5 & 6 Christmas Parties** 
Wednesday 16th December	 **Choir Singing at Hollybank** **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2**
Friday 18th December	**School Closes for Christmas at 2pm** **(NO TC'S PM)**
Tuesday 5th January 2026	**School Re-opens**


Cams Lane
Primary School
Christmas Event
Thursday 3rd December
3.45pm – 5.45pm
Toy Tombola
Chocolate Tombola
Guess the Weight of the Cake
Name the Teddy
Xmas Lego Crafts
Meet Father Christmas
A Raffle
Games
Plus... the School Choir will be performing!

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.

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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