



# NEWSLETTER

## 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 Issue 7

We have finally got there – it has been a very long first half term. Enjoy your week off and half term holiday. Have a great time during Halloween and don't eat too many sweets! Please as usual stay safe especially as the evenings are getting darker a lot earlier now. See you back in school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.



**Harvest Assembly:** Thank you for the generous donations. These have been collected by Porch Boxes who support local families.

**Halloween Bingo:** A fabulous night – thank you for all the wonderful costumes and the fun that was had by all!



**Staffing:** After October half term, Mrs Statham will resume her substantial role at Cams Lane five days a week and will no longer be at Whitefield. This is to support the new leadership roles in school.

For the remainder of the Autumn term Miss Partington will be Acting Deputy Head.

After a recruitment process which has taken place this half term, ready for January 2026 onwards, we have appointed two Assistant Headteachers who will work together – Miss Partington and Miss Rosario. We are very pleased to continue to work with our internal strengths in amongst our staff. Miss Robinson will continue as full time Year 6 teacher

Huge congratulations to Miss Mawdsley who will start her maternity leave – we wish her all the very best!

Miss Gilfedder will now work full days and cover this leave – we are very pleased to have her join the full time staff.

### FCL (Friends of Cams Lane)

#### **AGM Meeting**

This will be held in school at 3.15pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
All parents are welcome.

#### **Non-Uniform Days for Contributions:**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Toys

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Chocolate for the Christmas Tombola



Poppy Appeal: We will be selling Poppy's and other poppy related goodies all next week, on behalf of the Royal British Legion. We have; Snap Bands - £1.50 And Adjustable Wristbands - £1 & keyrings for 50 pence each.

**Tiger Club – Ofsted Report:** On the 25<sup>th</sup> of September, Tiger Club had an After School Provision Ofsted Inspection looking at the quality and standards of early years provision.

The report has now been published, and the grading system is either **Met or Not Met**

We are incredibly pleased to say, and with no surprises, **that TC's received a grading result of "MET"**. A huge well done to all the staff and children in TC's! These are just a handful of positive comments from the report.

"Children really enjoy accessing the provision"

"Staff place children's individual needs at the heart of this provision"

"Safeguarding arrangements are effective"

The report can be found on the school website under Tiger Club.



**Colouring Competition for RDA Riding School:** Thank you to all the entries – they were fabulous! The winners were: Zack – Year 4 and Fatima – Year 2

We raised **£45**. Many thanks to everyone who took part.

**House Research homework Y1- Y6:** All the amazing work is on display in the school hall Thank you to all 12x pupils who completed the research which was presented in assembly on Monday. All 12 x pupils who entered have received prizes! Well done!

**Times tables – A PRIORITY:** In Year 4 there is a Statutory test called the Multiplication Timetables Check (MTC) There will be a Parental Leaflet coming out soon with more information on for Year 4 parents from Miss Partington our Maths Lead in school.

Children need to have instant recall of the answers – within 5 seconds.

This is both a Trust and a School priority for this year. We are having daily inputs of timetables in every class from Year 1 upwards. This may be using a variety of methods from rhymes, raps, songs, learning by rote, or on the computer. Some classes have already used a free app called Blooket to devise timed tests to practice on.

We ask all parents to engage with the practice times tables at home and to raise the profile of times tables with all children. We ask you to engage with them helping them to have instant recall at any point in the day. Children **MUST** be practicing them at home and in school to improve their instant recall.

Times Tables are of huge importance in many aspects of maths and will help children throughout their education and lives.

**Open Day:** We are holding an open day on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 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.

**Parents That Lunch:** We are again hosting parents that lunch. Here is a date for your diary:

Year 3, Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November. Details of how to book nearer the time.



**Artist and Trust Event:** Belinda, the Trust Artist came into school this week to work with a handful of children from Year 3 and Year 4. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves! Well done to Ava, Rory, Lily A, Tina, Theo, Phoebe  
 All the artist children from the Trust schools will be meeting at an event on 12<sup>th</sup> November to see how all their art work collectively comes together to form one piece at the Trust's Office site at Whitefield



**Tesco Blue Tokens for Schools – Help Raise Funds for our Forest School:**  
 The blue tokens for Cams Lane Forest School will be at Tesco Express, Radcliffe. Tesco express, Kearsley and Farnworth Superstore. The tokens are available now until 31<sup>st</sup> December. If you are shopping there, please pop your tokens in to help boost our fundraising! You may have to ask staff for the tokens as on several occasions they have not been out.



**RISE:** See information below about a mental health drop in session from our MHST nurse Nicole

**RISE**

Emotional health and wellbeing support

Referral process: Drop in

Age: 5-17

Criteria: Must be registered to a Bury GP



**CAMHS**

Mental health support and neurodevelopmental diagnoses

Referral process: GP or professionals

Age: Up to 18

<https://www.penninecare.nhs.uk/burycamhs>

**Bury Council**

Childcare and support  
 Early Help

<https://www.bury.gov.uk/sociabare-and-support/child-care-and-support/early-help>

[earlyhelp@bury.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@bury.gov.uk)

**and so many more!**

**PE kit on PE day:** We have currently Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 who come to school in their PE kit on their PE day.

**For a trial basis next half term (Autumn 2) – we would like to offer this to the whole school Please refer to the Uniform policy for PE kit on the website**

It may reduce anxiety around PE, increase attendance on PE days, increase PE lesson time. We will review it in December – and we welcome parent viewpoints on this. Thank you.

**UNICEF Rights Respecting Award: This term we are working towards our Silver Award.**

In January our school will be assessed for the silver UNICEF rights of the child (RRSA) award. We were really excited when we achieved the bronze award. The assessor will be asking the pupils what they know about the rights of the child, looking at how these have been included within our curriculum and how the rights of the child are promoted throughout school and to parents. There is a different right on each newsletter to parents. Please try and discuss this at home with your child/children each week. Thank you.

***Article 28 Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free. Secondary education must be available for every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.***

***Article 29 Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.***

**Diary Dates**

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>School Re-opens</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Reception Class Vision Screening</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Non-uniform in exchange for Toys</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Open Day 10am – 11.30am and 1.30pm – 3pm</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Non-uniform in exchange for Chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola</b>

**PE Days**

***(Reminder PE kit is dark PE shorts, black or navy, plain white t-shirt and pumps/trainers. KS2 need plain joggers and jumper for winter)***

<b>Years 3, 4, 5, 6</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>
<b>Reception, Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b> <b><i>Children in these classes are to come to school in their PE kits.</i></b>

# 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



+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

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### FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+£160



+£160



+£160



+£160

4 children &  
2 parents =  
£1,280

Reduced to £640 if paid  
within 21 days

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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