



NEWSLETTER

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Advent:

Welcome to the first week of Advent – we will be lighting our Advent Wreath each week



FCL (Friends of Cams Lane)

Christmas Fair Today, Frida, 5th December 3.30pm – 5.30pm

We hope to have a great turn out as parents and children can come into the fair straight after school.

SAFEGUARDING & ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

It is crucial that these messages are reinforced at school and at home:

- Remember the legal ages of social media such as **WhatsApp is age 13 years old**
- If you wouldn't say something face to face to a pupil then don't type it online
- Once posted online – it is available for everyone and anyone to see
- Inappropriate behaviour, language, swearing, bullying, should NOT be happening in any online forum
- Parents should always be aware of what children are putting online and there should be complete transparency
- If any online bullying is encountered then show parents, screen shot it, block them, come off the group, report it.

Thank you for your parental support in this matter

Congratulations!

Golden Book Award: YR: Urwah Y1: Elyana Y2: Robin

Y3: Phoebe Y4: Marlowe Y5: Indie Y6: Harry

Lunchtime Awards: Y4 Marlowe Y1 Daniel

Attendance Awards: Y1 87.9% Y4 95.4%

Upcoming Events (Check the Diary Dates)

Footlights Pantomime: Footlights are once again visiting school with the pantomime Snow White. We are asking for a donation of £2 per child to cover the cost of this event. Please make your payment on Scopay.



Christmas Performances: Tickets have now been distributed.

KS1, (Reception, Y1 & Y2) The Very Special Spider



Wednesday, 10th December at 6pm and Thursday, 11th December at 2pm

KS2, (Years 3 -6) The Groovin' Nativity



Wednesday, 10th December at 2pm & Thursday, 11th December at 6pm

Photos and Videos from Parents at Xmas 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 it for social media but not during the performance or in school.



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

Parental Questionnaires and Xmas Hamper Raffle: As you may recall, we have always asked parents to complete a paper questionnaire at the Christmas Performances, and this is then entered into the free raffle for a Christmas Hamper.

This year we will be asking you to complete a questionnaire online on a simple online form. Your name will still be entered into the raffle for the hamper.



Christmas Choir Visit: We will be visiting Bury Market with our school choir on Wednesday, 10th December for Christmas carols and songs. We will also be visiting our neighbouring care home HollyBank on Wednesday 18th December, to sing for the residents bringing cheer to their Christmas festivities.

Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day: Friday, 12th December. This year we will not be collecting for Save The Children but please feel free to donate directly to them. This is because we have chosen to support Bury Hospice this Christmas with the sponsored Reindeer Run.

It will still be a non-uniform day with children wearing Christmas jumpers.



Parent Governor: We would like to welcome Luke Green – parent of Ginny in Reception – as a new Parent Governor. Many thanks for your time and volunteering for this role. We look forward to working with you.

And we would like to thank Mel Higgens for her term of office and all her hard work.

Successful Recruitment: We would like to welcome Mrs Wallwork and Mrs Woinson as part of our Teaching Assistants team of staff. They were both successful at interview last week.

Our TAs are generally based in classes – working with the whole class, in small groups and also on a 1:1 basis. We match the strengths of our staff to meet the needs of the children. Here is our team as from January:

Mrs Ashworth

Miss Aspden (HLTA)

Mrs Booth

Miss Gilfedder

Miss Hardman

Mrs Mir

Mrs Rhodes

Mr Richards

Mrs Thompson

Miss White

Mrs Wallwork

Mrs Woinson (covering Miss Mawdsley's maternity leave)



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 31st 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



Forest Schools: Take a look at “Nature Wild” Facebook and Instagram pages – there are some great photos of our children thoroughly enjoying themselves!

If there is anyone out there with any experience or knowledge of Forest Schools who would like to volunteer – please get in touch with the school office and we will put you in touch with Tamsin.

Donations – one of the highlights of a Forest School session is making smores around the campfire with chocolate digestive biscuits and marshmallows.

Please can anyone donate a packet or two of chocolate digestives – just to help to keep the stocks up and not to disappoint the children. Thank you so much!

A reminder also that children need warm clothing, waterproof coats, boots or wellies. And their uniform and shoes to change back into.

After School Clubs: Now the clocks have gone back and the nights are darker, Y6 children will have to be collected from after school clubs. They will not be allowed to walk home alone from clubs. Please can all parents collecting children from clubs wait at the bottom of the steps as in the darkness you cannot be seen when waiting at the top.

Attendance: As a team of staff we have been looking at other ways to reward/treat good attendance – we already have the two awards each week in Golden assembly. However we would like to reward them further – ideas so far: craft & arts afternoon, extra Forest School session, an extra sports session – per class or per individual.

Please let us know your thoughts – thank you.



Online Safety: “Web Safe” we are reminding children to be Safe, Appropriate, Friendly and Educational.

In assembly we talked about scenarios about talking and meeting “someone” from online. We also discussed scams and sharing personal information.

We also talked about being unkind online and how it should always be friendly.

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.

Earrings: Please remember that only stud earrings are allowed and not hoop earrings. Also for PE lessons the stud earrings need to be removed or covered.

Hair style Reminder: Part of the school uniform policy is that there should be no tram lines or patterns shaved into hair.

Also please ensure long hair is ALWAYS tied back

Pupil Voice – Year 5:

“I like Forest School as you can be creative with anything.”

“I think the School Council is a great idea and can do lots more to help school.”

New ideas we are going to try:

Friendship Award - One great idea a Year 5 pupil has had is to introduce a Friendship Award – this was after a discussion with Mrs Statham on how to get along.

Attendance Termly Awards - If a class attendance is 96% or above at the end of the term – there will be brand new attendance treats/rewards

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)

All children to wear PE Kits to School on PE days

Reception, Y1 & Y2	Tuesdays
Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Wednesdays

Diary Dates

Tuesday 9 th December	Pantomime In School £2 Donation On Scopay
Wednesday 10 th December	 Choir Singing On Bury Market 10.30am
Wednesday 10 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm 
Wednesday 10 th December	 Reception & KS1 Performance 6pm
Thursday 11 th December	Reception & KS1 Performance 2pm 
Thursday 11 th December	 KS2 Christmas Performance 6pm
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner Day Book your child's meal on School Grid Cut off date for ordering is December 5th
Monday 15 th December	 KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 Christmas Parties Y3 & Y4 AM Y5 & Y6 PM 
Friday 19 th December	School Closes for Christmas at 2pm (NO TC'S PM)
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	School Re-opens

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



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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

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