



NEWSLETTER

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Forest School “Nature Wild”: We have started with the Year 3 and Year 4 classes last week and they have thoroughly enjoyed themselves in our Forest School site with Tamsin. Take a look at Nature Wild’s Facebook & Instagram for lots of photos!

British Values:

Respect, Democracy, Tolerance, Rule of Law, Liberty

These are the five fundamental values taught in all UK schools.

We have been looking at how Respect and Tolerance ties in with our School Vision & Motto. One of our schools 5R’s is Respect. This is a golden thread throughout the whole school in everything we do.

School Meals: Here is the link for the school meals survey for parents & children. Don’t miss the opportunity to have your say on school meal menus!

[School Meal Service Feedback – Fill in form](#)

Online Safety/Safeguarding: Safer Internet Day is Tuesday 10th Feb -This year’s campaign focusses on the rapid rise of AI and its impact on young children.

Currently there are also discussions in the media regarding The House of Lords backing a move to ban under-16s in the UK from social media platforms. The Government have indicated it will hold its own consultation on a potential ban. It is argued that there is overwhelming evidence about the damage caused by teenage social media use - for example linking to mental health problems Please help to reiterate to our children that social media and chat forums can prove problematic. For example, the use of inappropriate language & swearing and then picking on children leading towards online bullying.

The message we always reiterate in school is “if you can’t or won’t say it to a person face to face then don’t say it online”

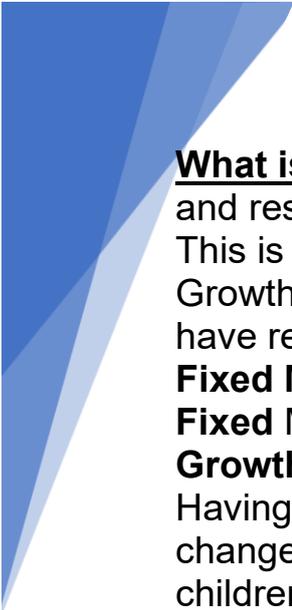
Congratulations!

Golden Book Award: YR: Zach Y1: Jacob M Y2: Nico

Y3: Elijah Y4: Kian Y5: Dalton Y6: Elliot

Lunchtime Awards: YR Annie Y4 Emily & Ava

Attendance Awards: Y2 95.7% Y5 98%



What is Mindset? “A mental attitude that determines how you will interpret and respond to situations”

This is an ongoing theme through school and our Teaching and Learning as Growth Mindset ties in with Resilience – another one of our 5R’s and we have recently covered this in some of our assemblies.

Fixed Mindset v Growth Mindset

Fixed Mindset: Intelligence is a fixed trait.

Growth Mindset: Intelligence is a quality that can be changed and developed. Having a fixed mindset means you can’t do something and your brain can’t change. By the age of 10 years old a fixed mindset can take hold and children can sometimes default to fixed mindset. But this is quite normal, not something which is bad. Quite often we hear children say “I can’t do maths!” .They may even have heard their parents say this.

We can help our children to transform their thinking to a Growth Mindset by understanding that the brain is malleable and can grow. Intelligence isn’t fixed and we are not just to accept with what we think we were born with. With practice and not giving up, and with resilience children can make progress and improve. The brain is like a muscle that gets stronger and works better the more it is exercised. Every time you work hard, stretch yourself and learn something new your brain forms new connections and over time you actually become smarter. Never give up and always try and try again, learning from mistakes.

Worries v Anxiousness: We will be exploring this more in “**Mental Health Week**”

w/c 9th Feb “This is my Place”

Children are sometimes mentioning they feel anxious or worried. Here is a summary to help you and your child at home.

Key differences:

Worry is a thought; Anxiety is a feeling and physical response

Worry is in the head; Anxiety is in the head and body

Worry is manageable; Anxiety feels out of control

Worry passes and temporary; Anxiety persists or worsens

Worry often ends when situation managed; Anxiety lingers even after a trigger passes

Attendance and Punctuality: We have had some pupils arriving late after 9am – please make sure pupils arrive on time so no crucial learning is missed at the start of the day.

Upcoming Events

(Check the Diary Dates & Letters to Parents on the Website)

Parents That Lunch: Year 1 Friday 30th January.



Y5 Bikeability: There is a learn to ride session for children who cannot ride a bike on Monday, 26th January and then the sessions continue for the rest of the week with the rest of the class. Please note that unfortunately we do not have the space to store bikes in school overnight.

Drop in for Year 5 Parents: Apologies - the Drop in session for Year 5 had to be postponed due a bereavement and is now on **Tuesday 27th Jan 3.30-5.30**

Year 6 SAT Information Parent Meeting: A letter has gone out regarding this meeting for Y6 parents/carers

Y6 Parent Evening: Monday 2nd March 2026 2pm – 7pm Bookings will be via scopay. We will let you know when this is available.

Y4 & Y5 Swimming: A letter has been sent out regarding swimming for Y4 & Y5.



Pupil Voice – Year 5:

“I like science as I like learning about the planet.”
“I enjoy reading ‘Tom’s Midnight Garden’ –
I like the mystery of it!”

UNICEF Rights Respecting Award: Good luck to all our pupils and Miss Weall who are being assessed next week for the Silver

Article 15: Every child has the right to meet with friends and join groups



School Trips

Y1 Pizza Express – Wednesday, 4th February 2026



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

Ear Rings: Please remember to provide micropore tape or plasters to cover ear rings during PE lessons. Only stud ear rings may be worn to school.

Diary Dates

Monday 26th January	Y6 SAT's Parent/Carer Meeting 6pm
Monday 26th January	Y5 Bikeability for Non-Riders
Tuesday 27th January	Y5 Drop In for Parents/Carers 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 27th – 30th January	 Y5 Bikeability
Friday 30th January	Y1 Parents That Lunch 
Monday 2nd February	 Y4 Swimming All Week
Wednesday 4th February	Y1 Pizza Express Trip
Monday 9th February	Y5 Swimming All Week 
Friday 13th February	School closes for half term
Monday 23rd February	School reopens
Monday 2nd March	Y6 Parents Evening 2pm – 7pm

Bury's Essential Parent App

Briefing Sessions

Come along to find out more about how you can support anyone caring for or supporting babies, toddlers, children or young people to have free access to evidence-based health and parenting information.

Wednesday 21st January 12:30–1.15pm

Thursday 22nd January 9.30–10.15am

Tuesday 27th January 12.30-1.15pm

All briefings are via M.S. Teams.

Please contact t.coatman@bury.gov.uk for the link



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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

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