



NEWSLETTER

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UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award:

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our children and Miss Weall as we have been awarded the **Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award**.

Mrs Weall and the children have put lots of hard work into this.

Celebration of Reading: This week we have been finding out the children's likes all about reading through Pupil Voice. Next week it is **National Story telling Week** See letter all about "**Book Swap**" to mark this National Story Telling Week.

New Parent Portal:

We have recently moved our MIS to Arbor and we're excited to soon be launching the Arbor Parent Portal. Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and will gradually replace Scopay as we start using it for messages, trips, clubs and parents evening.

We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and invite all our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below.

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

We will send further communication on the parental app and how to register next week, please look out for this information and register your child when prompted.

Congratulations!

Golden Book Award: YR: River Y1: Penny Y2: Noah

Y3: Ilyza-Lea Y4: William Y5: Isabella Y6: Evie

Lunchtime Awards: Y2 Hunter Y6 Elena

Attendance Awards: YR 96.3% Y6 97.2%

SEND/Mental Health Information

Mental Health Week, w/c 9th February 2026

On Monday the 9th of February, Nicole our MHST mental health practitioner will launch the week with an assembly.

Nicole will follow this up with a workshop in Years 3 & 5 on Friday 13th February

What do we offer for Social, Emotional mental health in our school?

- The green Room is open for everyone!
- Pastoral Sessions
- Mental health practitioner, (in school weekly).
- Friendship & social skills group.
- Classes use 'My Happy minds' – this is a great resource for parents too!
- Zones of Regulation used in every class!

Save The Date: SEND Coffee Morning, Friday 13th March
Times to be confirmed



Subject Ambassadors Y6 : A selection of our ambassadors went on a visit organised by the Trust to Unsworth Academy to find out more about their role and also about the high school.

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

Medical and Allergies letter: There will soon be a letter coming out to you regarding medical conditions and allergies – we will be reviewing and updating medical care plans.

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)

Reception – Stay & Play: Session on Monday 2nd February

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



FCL Meeting: Thursday, 12th February at 3.15pm. Everyone is welcome to attend

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

Pupil Voice – Year 4:

“The teachers help us when we need help, especially in Maths & English.”

“We have been learning about the ‘Rights Of The Child’ and how we can help them.”

“Forest School is really fun!”



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 2nd February	Y4 Swimming All Week	
Monday 2nd February	Reception Stay & Play 9am – 10am	
Monday 2nd February	Whole School Book Swap	
Wednesday 4th February	 Y1 Pizza Express Trip	
Monday 9th February	Y5 Swimming All Week	
Thursday 12th February	FCL Meeting 3.15pm In school	
Friday 13th February	School Closes for Half Term	
Monday 23rd February	School Re-opens	
Monday 2nd March	Y6 Parents Evening 2pm – 7pm	
Friday 13th March	 SEND Coffee Morning Times TBC	

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