



## Bury C of E Primary School Newsletter

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***This week's Collective Worship theme is Friendship – "A friend loves at all times" (Proverbs 17:17).***

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! Thank you for your patience, as we started the term with technical issues which meant that we had limited access to our pupil database and difficulty in sending emails reliably. We hope that these issues have now been resolved but if you are still experiencing any problems with using the My Child At School (MCAS) app or do not appear to be receiving emails (you will receive at least one weekly email – the newsletter on a Friday), please let us know as soon as possible.

It has been wonderful to see our new Reception children settling into class this week with a little help from the adults and some of our older children! They all seem to be enjoying their new surroundings, making friends and investigating their classroom and the resources and activities on offer.

Mrs Case presented a talk on reading with Reception parents/carers this morning – a copy of the presentation will be posted to the school website in due course. Thank you to those who attended – we hope you found this useful and enjoyed spending time with your children at lunchtime. The children always enjoy showing their grown-ups how things work and how they are expected to behave in the hall at lunchtime!

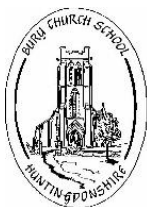
Reception children will start attending Celebration Worship on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, along with the rest of the school. If your child has any outside achievements they wish to share with the school (certificates/badges/awards etc.), please encourage them to bring them into class on a Friday morning and hand them in. The child will be called up to the front of the hall to say a few words about their achievement and so parents/carers may wish to attend to see their child.

Children in the other year groups have returned to school refreshed, revitalised and ready for a fantastic year – it's been good to see them, though scary to see how much some of them have grown over the last six weeks! I'm glad to hear that they have had a lovely summer with holidays and activities aplenty.

Year 6 had fun at their Grafham residential trip this week – there were some exciting activities on offer which, I believe, they took part in with great enthusiasm. Thank you to all of the adults who accompanied the children on this trip.

It was lovely to receive positive feedback on the email which was sent out yesterday regarding our reviewed school vision and values. Thank you for your continued support.

You will see below that we have quite a lot of information to share with you. We would urge you to read the newsletter each week as this is our main form of communication. We have several dates for forthcoming events which we will be sending out on next week's newsletter, so do look out for that. These may be provisional (and we will update you if dates change) but we would like to give you as much notice as possible so that you can be prepared!



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And finally, we are sad to have said goodbye to Mrs Phillips who has left us recently, but would like to extend a very warm welcome to Miss Korosec who is teaching Year 5 this year, and a massive congratulations to Mrs Jackson (was Miss Hawthorn) who got married last weekend.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Heanes

Headteacher

### Logins:



Year 1 will receive login details for Numbots next week. If any children in other year groups do not have their login details for Numbots/TT Rockstars/Complete Maths, these will be shared with them again next week.

### Flu vaccinations:



Flu vaccinations will take place in school next Thursday (18<sup>th</sup> September). More information is available in the letter emailed out earlier this week. Please ensure you have provided your consent via the following link:

<https://bed.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/cambsandpeterborough>.

### Front of school:



May we ask that you ensure that your children are not throwing or kicking the gravel or riding their bikes/scooters at the front of school – thank you.

### Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) scheme - wellies:



The children will be going outside in all weathers and accessing more of the playground as part of our OPAL scheme. Please therefore send your child in with a named pair of wellies to keep on their class welly racks. You may also choose to send in waterproof clothing for your child to wear outside (this is optional) – these items must be named and sent in a named bag to keep on their pegs. If you have any spare wellies to donate, these can be sent in via the office.

### Nut-free school:

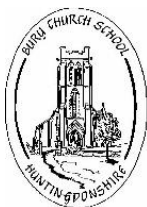


A reminder that we are a nut-free school. Please do not send in any packed lunch/snack items with any nuts in (e.g. Kinder Bueno, Nutella etc.).

### Friends of Bury School (FoBS):



We have upcoming vacancies on the FoBS committee for the roles of Chair and Secretary. We would be really grateful if anyone would like to put themselves forward to take on these roles – if you would like any more information, please contact Tracy Hickman (current Chair) through the Friends of Bury School Facebook page, or via the school.



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### Secondary School applications (2026-2027):



Applications are now open for all Year 6 pupils moving to secondary school in September 2026. The deadline to submit applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. All applications received on time will be allocated a school place on National Offer Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026. See flyer at the bottom of this newsletter for more information.

Dates for secondary school open evenings across Cambridgeshire are now available on the Cambridgeshire County Council website ([www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions)). Each school should also have more details on their own website.

### Lines of Communication:



As we have new members of staff and parents joining our Bury family, we would like to remind you of the procedures for contacting school. If you have any queries or concerns about your child, in the first instance please contact their class teacher via the office email (all emails are forwarded promptly to the relevant member of staff). Following this, if you require further assistance, please contact Miss Jones. If you reach this stage and are not satisfied that your queries have been resolved, please contact Miss Heanes (via the office email). You may prefer to put your query in a Word document, rather than in the body of the email.

Please contact Mrs Coulston for queries relating to special educational needs or family support - again, these should go to the office email and will be redirected as requested. Please note, her working days are Tuesday and Wednesday.

We will endeavour to respond to emails within 2 working days.

All communication about school matters will come directly from school. Please also contact the school directly if you have any queries (not other parents/Governors – they may not always have the most up to date information and information may be conflicting). We are here to help and will deal with all queries in the strictest of confidence.

### Urgent messages:



Due to the high volume of emails we receive each day, please call the school office (01487 813784) if your message is urgent. Answerphone messages will be checked through the school day.

### Going home:



If your child is going home with a different person (not on our Authorised Adults list), please let us know by **3.00pm** in order for messages to be passed on before children leave the classroom.

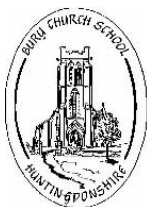
Please ensure your child knows where you will be picking them up from and that they know which gate to leave from (front or back) – you do not need to let school know, as long as your child is aware!

### Wraparound care:



Please book your Wraparound Care sessions via MCAS in advance. Payment for each session is required in advance but you do not have to pay for all of your booked sessions in one go.

Please email [wraparoundcare@bury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:wraparoundcare@bury.cambs.sch.uk) if you have any queries regarding booking/payment. We do accept tax free childcare vouchers (provider name Bury CofE Primary School – postcode PE26 2NJ).



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### Dinner monies:



For children in KS2 (Years 3-6) please remember that school meals are charged at £3 per meal and are payable in advance. We are not allowed to hold debt as a school. Payment should be made via your School Grid account. We recommend setting up a direct debit to prevent your account going into debt.

### Smartlog:



We use an online system called Smartlog which records any injuries incurred by your child whilst at school. Your child's priority 1 contact will receive an email to inform them of the injury and any treatment given. Please contact the office if you require this contact to change to an alternative parent/carer.

### Medication:



If your child requires medication to be kept in school permanently (e.g. inhaler/antihistamine), please could you ensure that you keep a note of its expiry date before handing it into school and replace it when necessary. All long-term medication should have been listed on your child's medical form and must have been prescribed by a doctor (unless otherwise discussed and agreed with the school). Ad-hoc medication (e.g. antibiotics) may be handed in and collected from the office daily and school staff can administer this to your child. We will ask you to complete a form on the first day the medication is required.

### Attendance Policy – unauthorised term time leave (includes holiday):



We would like to remind you that term time holidays are not authorised and if permission for leave is not granted but the child is absent, or no authorisation is sought, this may result in a Penalty Notice. **Absence from school is detrimental to your child's education and we strongly discourage term time holidays.**

### PE days and uniform:



PE days are as follows:

YR – Friday

Y1 – Wednesday

Y2 – Wednesday

Y3 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Y4 – Monday and Tuesday

Y5 – Monday and Tuesday

Y6 – Wednesday and Friday

PE uniform consists of royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece (this can be their school top), black/blue shorts (as close to knee length as possible) / jogging trousers, plain t-shirt (no branding/logos/slogans) – this can be white or house colour – and plain coloured trainers, preferably black or white. Hoodies and football kits should not be worn. Parents/Carers will be contacted if PE uniform is not appropriate – e.g., shorts are too short.

### Pre-loved uniform:



We have had plenty of donations of pre-loved uniform already this year – thank you! We do not currently have any space for any more donations but will let you know when we are running low and in need of more.



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### Ear piercing:



A reminder of our policy regarding pierced ears – earrings are permitted but must be one small stud per ear. Earrings should **not** be worn on PE days. If they are worn to school, they must be removed for PE. If your child is not able to remove their earrings for any reason, they will be asked to take part in lower risk, simplified PE activities on their own (stretching/jogging on the spot/star jumps etc.) but will not be allowed to take part in the full PE lesson with the rest of the class. Children will not be allowed to tape earrings in order to take part in PE.

### Music lessons in school:



For those children who have music lessons during school time (see the school website for details of lesson providers), a reminder that it is the parents/carers' responsibility to advise the music tutor if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason (illness/school trip/sporting activity) on the day of their lesson.

### Bury Church News:



#### Services:

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Holy Cross Day)**

11.15am – Holy Communion with children's groups

#### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

11.15am – Sunday Praise

#### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

11.15am – Sunday Praise





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# Apply now

## for a Secondary school place for September 2026

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 0345 045 1370

If your child will be aged 11 by **31<sup>st</sup>  
August 2026**



**Apply by  
31<sup>st</sup> October  
2025**

For further information please visit  
or contact your local School

[Secondary school admissions - September 2026 | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

ALC2605, New Shire Hall, Emery Crescent, Enterprise Campus, Alconbury  
Weald, PE28 4YE  
or email [admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)