



Summerseat Methodist Primary School Newsletter



9th January 2026

Head of School's Message....

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed the slower days for a couple of weeks. I always think the Christmas break is the hardest one to come back to school from as it is so dark and cold, and because I love the extra time I get with all my family together in one place over Christmas. That said, it has been lovely to be back in school and welcome all the pupils, staff and families back - although the weather has made it a little tricky!

As I mentioned before Christmas, the staff had already been working hard making plans for this term ahead. The children have already enjoyed a cricket workshop on Tuesday and this will be happening every Tuesday all half term. Acorn class have loved playing outside in Copse Corner with the snow and ice. We are looking forward to seeing 'Forest School' start again next week too.

Please do continue to read for a lot more information about the term ahead!
Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Brown



Let's Get Back Into Routine – Spring Term Attendance

ATTENDANCE



As we begin the new spring term, we want to make sure every child has the best possible start. Regular attendance is so important – it helps children learn, feel confident, and stay connected with their friends.

To support a smooth return to school, here are some helpful tips:

Getting back into bedtime routines

After the holidays, it can take time to re-establish routines. Aim for a regular bedtime and wake-up time to help children feel rested and ready for school. Turning off screens at least an hour before bed and introducing calming activities like reading a story or having a warm bath can make a big difference. A consistent "wind-down" routine – bath, story, lights out – helps children settle and sleep well.

Planning ahead

Please avoid booking holidays or appointments during school time, as every day counts for your child's learning. Our term dates are available on the website.

Talking about the exciting things ahead

Help your child look forward to school by talking about the fun activities planned this term – whether it's trips, projects, or special events. Please see the class information pages to see what your child will be learning.

If you need support, we're here to help

If you're facing any challenges that might affect attendance, please let us know as soon as possible. We want to work with you to make sure your child doesn't miss out.

Every day in school matters, and together we can make this a fantastic start to the year. Thank you for your continued support in making attendance a priority.



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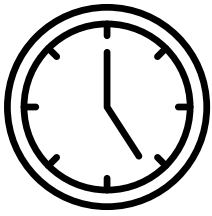
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SCHOOL START TIME

Gates open at 8.40am
Staff will be ready to welcome pupils into school at 8.45 am.
At 8.55am the gates close and the registers are taken in each class.

Classroom staff are then busy starting lessons and office staff are busy around school.
If your child arrives after 8.55am then there may not be a staff member available to welcome them and you may have to wait at the gate to be buzzed in.
It really does help your child have a smooth and positive start to their day if they are in class with their peers by 8.55am.
Thank you for your support with this.

Forest School

As part of our 'Feel Good Friday' offer last term the children all had 'Wellbeing through sport' sessions. This term we are excited to see the re-launch of of Forest School sessions. This will start next week with our Oak class led by Mrs Oakes (funny!) Details will be emailed.



The other classes in school will have slots later in the year. We will also be reintroducing 'Relax Kids' in the summer term. Wellbeing through sport, Forest School and Relax Kids all seek to support our pupils emotional wellbeing and are an important part of our week.



LEARNING FOR LIFE & WORK
LET'S DO IT!

Would you like to be able to:

- Learn how to stay calm in an **emergency**?
- Perform **CPR** on an adult, child or infant?
- Gain the **confidence** to be able to deal with a variety of childhood **accidents** and **illnesses**?
- Apply a **bandage** correctly and safely?
- Respond to a **seizure** or **choking** scenario?

Come along to our **free** 5-week course

FAMILY FIRST AID FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

for parents, grandparents and carers of children under 17

Starting on Friday 16th January, 10:00-12:00



Please call **0161 253 5772**

to book a place on the course at
Bury Adult Education Centre
18 Haymarket Street, Bury, BL9 0AQ

PE DAYS

Acorn - Friday

Oak - Mon and Fri

Beech - Mon and Fri

Ash - Thurs and Fri

All classes Tue cricket.



Litter

We have had a concern raised by a local resident about more litter appearing on the roads outside school. We know many of our pupils are great litter collectors as part of our sustainability club.

Please let's all do our bit to keep Summerseat litter free.



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Attendance Every Day Counts!

This week's winners are...



Your paragraph
text

	Acorn	Oak	Beech	Ash
% this week	99.3	92.2	89.4	97.6

Diary Dates

13 th Jan	Cricket workshops
14 th Jan	Writing workshop Beech
16 th Jan	Shine assembly 9am
20 th Jan	Cricket workshops
26 th Jan	Panathalon some KS2 pupils
27 th Jan	Cricket workshops
End Jan	KS2 assessments

This Week's Awards

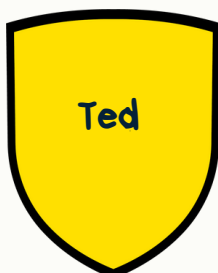
Who has been shining at Summerseat this week?

Shine Award	Value Award
Acorn (Nursery & Reception) Eli	Acorn (Nursery & Reception) George
Oak (Year 1 & 2) Teddy	Oak (Year 1 & 2) Ettie
Beech (Year 3 & 4) Milly	Beech (Year 3 & 4) Arthur
Ash (Year 5 & 6) Rory	Ash (Year 5 & 6) Lucas



Remember, you are always welcome to join us for our Friday Shine assembly. It is an open invitation. If your child is going to receive a reward, you will get a message on Thursday via the Parent App.

House Captain Awards



Hoyle



Hamer



Rogerson



Bury Football Development



In association with First Kick Football

WE HAVE TWO SEPARATE VENUES RUNNING IN YOUR AREA.

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:

Mondays @ Woodhey High (BLO 9QZ)

Starting 26th Jan (Sports Hall)

School years - Rec & Y1	6:00pm-6:45pm
School years - Year 2 & 3	6:45pm-7:30pm
School years - Year 4,5,6	7:30pm-8:30pm

OR

Mondays @ Hazel Wood High (BL9 7QT)

Starting 26th Jan (Sports Hall)

School years - Rec & Y1	6:00pm-6:45pm
School years - Year 2 & 3	6:45pm-7:30pm
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Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course at either Woodhey High School or Hazel Wood High School both on Monday evenings, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a ball per player for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals and trophies awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY & A MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:

Ben

0161 302 2510 or 07514 316 534

www.firstkick.co.uk

We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks.
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked.



If your child would like to participate but the cost is of a concern, please speak to Mrs Brown.