



Summerseat Methodist Primary School Newsletter



23rd January 2026



Head of School's Message...



I hope you are all well now we already half way through Spring 1 half term. It is certainly starting to feel a little more like Spring at times too with the slightly longer daylight hours at the end of the day. Hopefully, soon the sunshine might make an appearance too! It has been a busy week as always in school. The dinosaurs continue to cause chaos in Acorn... ask your child about it! Phonics and spelling lessons are working so well first thing in the morning across school. Cricket workshops took place again on Tuesday which the pupils are really enjoying. Year 6 have been completing assessments and proving to us just how hard they are working. Each year Epworth Education Trust release a survey for parents, pupils and staff. We will be completing this in school with pupils but I would ask that you, as parents, do complete the survey (the link has been emailed to you.) Your voice as parents matters and it helps us as leaders in school to understand your view and to consider how we can make this special school even better.
Have a great weekend, Mrs Brown x

Attendance Matters



Attendance

Thank you so much for getting pupils to school on time. It has really made a significant difference to the start of the school day and means learning can commence calmly and quickly for all pupils.

You will be aware that Summerseat has an attendance policy in line with Epworth Education Trust which is, in turn, based on Government statutory requirements for schools in their document working together to improve school attendance.

Our current attendance figures as a whole school are below national average and our rate of persistent absenteeism is higher than national average. Both Bury LA and Epworth Education Trust are rightly looking at these figures and challenging me as to why this is. I am well aware there are many complex reasons behind attendance figures and am keen to work alongside families to support where I can.

I will be in touch with individual families via phone-calls and letters regarding attendance regularly. Please see our policy on the website, thank you.



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What is No Outsiders?

Our Vision: Inclusive education, promoting community cohesion to prepare young people and adults for life as global citizens.

We have run this program at Summerseat previously and are going to re-launch this half term. The program looks at diversity and celebrating difference within a modern world. There is also a focus on each of the 9 protected characteristics. The program will be covered at an age appropriate level in worship and in classes. This week we will be looking at 'disability'.

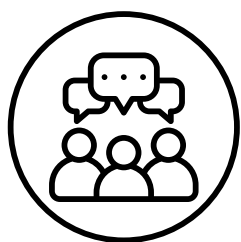


We are excited to announce that our school has been selected to take part in the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme!

From mid-January to the end of March, every time you shop at Tesco Ramsbottom Superstore (BL0 9AS), you can help us by choosing our school when you receive your blue token at the checkout.

Each token makes a difference and helps us fund projects and resources that benefit all our pupils. Please support us and encourage friends and family to do the same - together, we can make a big impact! Thank you for your support!

Miss Ward x



Parent Forum

Our first two parent forums have been really positive and successful. It is a good place to meet other parents, hear about school life and ask any questions you may have. We would love to see you there. And do let me know if you have anything you want to discuss.

Wednesday 11th February

5pm - 5.45pm
(time alters each time to accommodate all)

Bury Directory

I have completed some training this week and been introduced to the updated Bury Directory which has a wealth of support and information for families. Have a look!



Mental Health Support for Children and Young People

Explore a range of mental health support available in Bury



Children's Centres, Family Hubs, Early Help and Family Support Services

Bury Council is here to support families at every stage. Our Early Help and Family Support services provide practical advice and support to help you, and your family thrive.



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Attendance Every Day Counts!

This week's winners are...



	Acorn	Oak	Beech	Ash
% this week	98.5	95.3	95	95.8

Diary Dates

26 th Jan	Panathalon some KS2 pupils
27 th Jan	Cricket workshops
End Jan	KS2 assessments
28 th Jan	Oak leading worship 3pm
2 nd -13 th Feb	Green fortnight
3 rd Feb	Year 5/6 Athletics Cricket workshops
6 th Feb	Shine worship

This Week's Awards

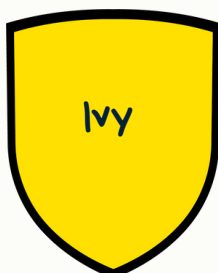
Who has been shining at Summerseat this week?

Shine Award	Value Award
Acorn (Nursery & Reception) Eva	Acorn (Nursery & Reception) Isla
Oak (Year 1 & 2) Jessie	Oak (Year 1 & 2) Elliot Z
Beech (Year 3 & 4) Beech Class	Beech (Year 3 & 4) Rosie
Ash (Year 5 & 6) Eleanor B	Ash (Year 5 & 6) Griff



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