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Headteacher Update

The final Year 11 whole cohort GCSE exam - Physics – take's place on Monday. It has been a long exam series and students are ready for some celebrations with their friends before their thoughts move to their next steps in their education journey. Following the morning exam, students will attend their leavers assembly, enjoy signing one another's shirt and have some time for music and an outside celebration – hopefully the weather is kind to us! Only a small number of examinations will remain after this.

It has been an absolute pleasure to watch our Year 11 students flourish during their time at Bury Church. They have shown great dedication to their studies and have worked diligently to fulfil their potential within our ambitious curriculum. We wish them the very best in the next stages of their educational journey and thank parents and carers for their continued support in helping them to achieve great things at Bury Church.

This week, Year 10 have also been in the midst of their mock examinations. These assessments provide us with a valuable opportunity to evaluate their current progress and to implement detailed plans to best prepare them for the year ahead. Heads of department will be using this data to ensure a robust curriculum is put in place for next year, bespoke to the needs of our students.

Our focus now turns to preparations the academic year ahead. As part of this, we are streamlining our systems to improve communication with students and parents. The Student Arbor App will be launched in the coming weeks, and we will be moving away from Satchel One. From September, all classwork and homework will be set through Arbor. We will ensure that time is dedicated in school to support students in accessing and becoming confident with the new system ahead of its full implementation. Please may I remind all parents that they should now be accessing the Parent Arbor App to view their child's school account and communications. If you experience any difficulties accessing the system, please contact the school office, who will be happy to support you.

Personal Development

On our last day of term we will be celebrating our great year at Bury Church with [illegible] providing a [illegible] to the celeb[illegible] never fail to [illegible] ahead!

Dr S Wrigley

Upcoming events

22nd June – Youth Voice Census 2026
23rd June - Year 6 to Year 7 transition Evening
26th June – Year 11 prom
1st July – Art, Design and Textiles Exhibition
8th & 9th July – Year 5 or 6 Open Mornings – Tours throughout the morning
13th July – End of year trip to Blackpool
17th July – Glasto-Bury whole school celebration

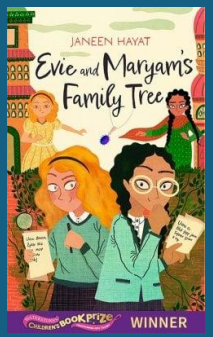
Online safety

To help keep your child safe online, please follow the guidance and helpful tips for parents and carers shared by the school. https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2025/12/cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf

Book of the week

Evie and Maryam's Family Tree
by Janeen Hayat

Voted as Waterstone's children's book of the year for younger readers. Evie and Maryam's Family Tree is a sensitive and engrossing story about identity, difference and personal history, Hayat's children's debut centres on two schoolgirls investigating their family trees who discover they have much more in common than they thought.



PSHCE Update – The week ahead

- **Year 7 – What laws do we have that protect people?** Pupils will explore how laws help keep people safe, including fire safety, water safety and basic first aid, while considering why rules and responsibilities are important in preventing harm.
- **Year 8 – Who can we rely on to keep us safe in the UK?** Students will learn about the different people and services that protect us, including emergency services, healthcare professionals, parents and safeguarding teams, as well as understanding concepts such as confidentiality and Gillick Competence.
- **Year 9 – What is sexual harassment and stalking?** Pupils will examine the law surrounding harassment and stalking, recognise warning signs of unhealthy behaviour, and learn strategies for seeking support and keeping themselves safe.
- **Year 10 – Youth Voice Census.** Students will complete the Youth Voice Census, providing valuable feedback about their experiences and views to help shape future support, opportunities and decision-making for young people.

Year 6 Enhanced Transition – Final Session

We were delighted to host the final session of our Year 6 Enhanced Transition programme for primary school single entrants this week. It has been fantastic to see the students grow in confidence and begin to form positive relationships ahead of joining us in September.

For our final session, students took part in a friendly rounders event, enjoying time outdoors together and celebrating everything they have achieved during the programme. Parents were invited to stay and watch, which made the occasion even more special. To mark the completion of the transition programme, each Year 6 student was presented with a medal – a well-deserved recognition of their commitment and enthusiasm.

We would like to thank all families for their ongoing support throughout the transition process.
We now look ahead with excitement to our Transition Evening on Tuesday 23rd June 2026, followed by Transition Day on Wednesday 24th June 2026, when our Year 6 students will officially begin their journey at Bury Church. We cannot wait for them to start their journey with us in September.

Year 8 World of Work Event

This week, all Year 8 students took part in an exciting '*World of Work'* event delivered by The Salford Foundation. The event gave students the opportunity to hear directly from professionals across a range of industries, providing valuable insight into future career pathways and the skills employers are looking for.

Guest speakers represented a variety of sectors, including Construction Recruitment, the Automotive Industry, the Civil Service, and Healthcare and Wellbeing.

Students explored different career journeys, learned about the qualifications and personal qualities needed for success, and asked thoughtful questions about the world of work.

This event was a fantastic opportunity to broaden horizons and inspire future aspirations. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all our visiting employers and careers partners for helping students make meaningful connections between their learning today and their futures tomorrow.

Youth Voice Census 2026 – Have Your Say!

The deadline for the **Youth Voice Census 2026** has been extended to **Monday 22nd June**, giving more young people the opportunity to share their views and experiences.

The Youth Voice Census is the UK's largest annual survey of young people. It provides valuable insights into education, careers, employment and the challenges facing young people today. The findings help organisations, employers and policymakers better understand and support the next generation.

The survey link will be shared with students via **Satchel One**, and we would be grateful if parents and carers could encourage their child to take part. By completing the survey, students can help shape future opportunities and ensure that the voices of young people are heard.

Further information can be found at Youth Voice Census 2026 – Youth Employment UK.

Drowning Prevention Week: 13th–20th June

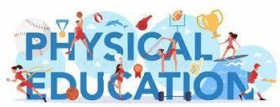
As the weather becomes warmer and more young people spend time around water, we would like to support Drowning Prevention Week (13th–20th June) and remind families of the importance of staying safe near water.

Drowning can happen quickly and silently, and many incidents are preventable. By working together, we can help ensure our young people enjoy the summer safely.

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) recommends that children and young people:

- Always swim in lifeguarded areas where possible.
- Never enter water after consuming alcohol or drugs.
- Avoid jumping into unknown water, as hidden hazards and changes in depth can cause serious injury.
- Stay away from the edges of rivers, canals and reservoirs, where banks can be slippery and unstable.
- Never swim alone and always tell someone where you are going.
- If you see someone in trouble, call 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service or Coastguard rather than entering the water yourself.
- Remember the Float to Live message: *If you unexpectedly fall into water, float on your back, keep calm, and control your breathing until help arrives or you can safely reach the shore.*

Parents and carers can find further advice, resources and water safety information from the Royal Life Saving Society UK at: Drowning Prevention Week

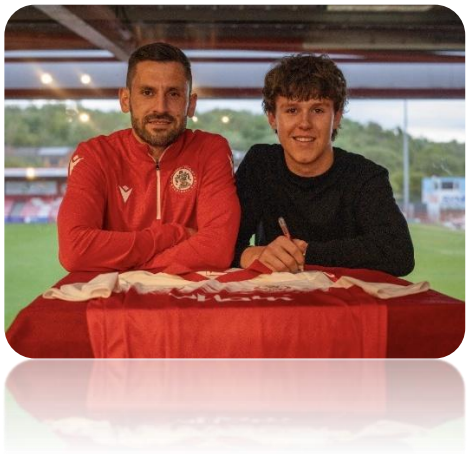


⚽ Year 11 Footballers Sign for Accrington Stanley FC

We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievement of Aidan T and Toby O'S in Year 11, who have both signed for Accrington Stanley FC.

Aidan and Toby are outstanding footballers, and this opportunity will allow them to continue developing their sporting careers alongside their studies as they move on from Bury Church.

This is a remarkable accomplishment, and a testament to their hard work, dedication and talent. Everyone at Bury Church is incredibly proud and wishes them every success for the future.



🏅 **School Games Mark – Platinum Award**

The PE Department at Bury Church of England High School is delighted to share that the school has achieved the prestigious **School Games Mark Platinum Award** – a truly outstanding accomplishment.

While most schools apply for Bronze, Silver, or Gold awards, all of which are externally validated each year, the **Platinum Award** is a much higher recognition. It is awarded by the Youth Sport Trust and reflects sustained excellence in Physical Education, school sport, and extra-curricular provision over a significant period of time.

To even be eligible, schools must have achieved the **Gold Award for four consecutive academic years**, making this recognition particularly special.

We are incredibly proud to be **the only high school in Bury** to receive this award, and one of only a small number of schools across the North West to do so.

A huge thank you to all staff, students, and families for your ongoing support of PE and extra-curricular sport at Bury Church.

Year 9 Boys Football Team Plate Final v Unsworth Academy

The Year 9 Boys Football team faced Unsworth Academy in the Bury Schools Plate Final on Thursday 11th June. Despite extremely challenging weather conditions, the match was an excellent contest.

Bury Church took the lead with a strong and composed finish from Shay C. Unsworth Academy responded well, equalising before half-time. The second half saw Bury Church perform impressively, creating several chances and unfortunate not to find a winning goal.

The match finished 1–1 and was decided on penalties, with Unsworth Academy narrowly taking the win.

Well done to all the players, who represented the school superbly, demonstrating excellent teamwork, resilience and positive attitudes throughout.

Player of the Match: Max T

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