SHINE newsletter

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Headteacher Update

The week began with a heartfelt farewell to our wonderful Year 11 students. Mr Jackson delivered a moving goodbye, accompanied by a video reflecting on their journey over the past five years. There were many tears as students left the building, marking the end of an important chapter in their lives.

Celebrations then continued on the tennis courts, where we were once again blessed with sunshine and music. Students enjoyed collecting their leavers' hoodies and sharing final moments with their teachers and friends. We wish them every success in their future endeavours and look forward to celebrating with them once more at next week's prom.

This week, we welcomed Year 5 pupils from St Luke's Church of England Primary School in Heywood. They spent the morning with us taking part in a creative, team-based Noah's Ark-themed activity, working together to identify missing animals and recreate records. The pupils rose to the challenge brilliantly, demonstrating excellent teamwork and creativity. It was an absolute pleasure to have them at Bury Church for the morning. Thank you to our student representatives that displayed brilliant leadership during the event.

Next week, we begin our full year group transition events to welcome our new Year 7 cohort in preparation for their official start in September. Our transition evening and transition day for all new Year 6 students will ensure that both children and their parents have the information they need for a successful start to the next academic year. We are looking forward to our students supporting their transition into school.

In other activities this week, our Year 10 music students took part in a trust-wide event at St James's, where they enjoyed a performance by the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra - an enriching and memorable opportunity.

During the World Cup, we recognise that some of the football matches are scheduled late into the evening, and we want to support families in ensuring students are attending school on time. To help with this, we have been showing match highlights during breakfast club, as well as at break and lunch times, so students can keep up with the action.

As ever, our students never fail to let their light shine, and it remains a true privilege to celebrate their achievements each week.

Dr S Wrigley

Upcoming events

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

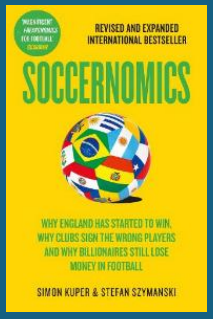
Online safety

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

Soccernomics
by Simon Kuper

If you're currently gripped by World Cup fever and all things football - this may be the summer read for you!
Fully revised and updated ahead of the 2026 World Cup, *Soccernomics* takes you behind the passion and into the patterns – revealing why your team wins, why it loses, and why the game you love doesn't always work the way you think it does. *Soccernomics* is essential reading for anyone in search of a more strategic, systematic perspective on the game, answering the questions that most consume football fans.



Personal Development

PSHCE Update – The week ahead

- **Year 7 – How do young people resist joining gangs?**
  Students will explore why some young people may be pressured into joining gangs, recognise warning signs of exploitation, and develop practical strategies to resist peer pressure and stay safe.
- **Year 8 – Who can we rely on to keep us safe in the UK?**
  Students will learn about the different people and services that help keep us safe, including the emergency services, healthcare professionals, safeguarding teams, parents and carers, and will be introduced to the concept of Gillick Competence.
- **Year 9 – NHS Survey and What are STIs?**
  Students will complete the NHS School Nurse Survey to help inform local health services before learning about sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including how they spread, common symptoms, treatments, and ways to protect sexual health.
- **Year 10 – Should 16-year-olds be given the vote?**
  Students will examine arguments for and against lowering the voting age to 16, considering rights, responsibilities, political participation, and the role young people play in a democratic society.

Farewell & Good Luck to our Year 11 pupils:

On Monday, we said a fond farewell to our fantastic Year 11 students as they left through the Bury Church gates for the final time. Students enjoyed a lovely leavers' assembly, followed by a relaxed get-together with music, photos and the chance to sign shirts and celebrate together. It was a lovely occasion, filled with laughter, a few tears, and a real sense of pride in everything they have achieved. Year 11 have been a wonderful year group - we are incredibly proud of them. We wish them every success in the future!

JD Group Work Experience Success

This week, four Year 10 students successfully completed a week-long work experience placement with JD Group at their national headquarters.

Throughout the week, students gained a valuable insight into the world of business, exploring a range of departments and learning about the many career opportunities available within one of the UK's leading retail organisations. They developed key employability skills including communication, teamwork, professionalism and problem-solving, while experiencing first-hand what it is like to work in a fast-paced corporate environment.

The students represented Bury Church exceptionally well, receiving positive feedback for their enthusiasm, engagement and conduct throughout the placement.

A huge thank you to JD Group for providing such a fantastic opportunity and helping our students take an important step towards their future careers.

Learning Disability Week – 'Do You See Me?'

This week, students across Years 7–11 took part in our *In the News* sessions focusing on Learning Disability Week 2026 and this year's theme, 'Do You See Me?'

Students explored what it means to have a learning disability and reflected on the importance of recognising people as individuals with their own strengths, talents and aspirations. Through discussion and real-life case studies, students considered the barriers that people with learning disabilities can face, including discrimination, stereotypes and a lack of understanding.

The sessions encouraged students to think about how they can create a more inclusive school and society by listening to others, challenging assumptions and treating everyone with dignity and respect. Students also learnt about inspirational individuals who are breaking down barriers and challenging perceptions of what people with learning disabilities can achieve.

The week provided an important opportunity to promote empathy, celebrate diversity and reinforce our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

#MyMoneyWeek 2026

This week, a group of Year 9 students participated in the #MyMoneyWeek 2026 LIVE National Money Assembly hosted by Martin Lewis CBE. The live-streamed event brought together secondary schools from across the UK to explore key financial topics including budgeting, saving, spending and making informed money decisions.

The session provided students with valuable financial education and practical advice to help them develop the knowledge and confidence needed to manage money effectively both now and in the future.