# SHINE newsletter

Let your light shine

**Headteacher Update**

This week has been filled with positivity, thanks to the many visitors who have spent time in our school. We have had several opportunities to showcase everything that makes Bury Church such a special place, and it has left us feeling incredibly proud of all that we have achieved together this year. There is a genuine sense of optimism and energy running through the school and our wider community.

Our Open Mornings provided a wonderful opportunity to share our journey with prospective parents and families. It was a pleasure to speak with them about our school, and the feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive. Many commented on how articulate, confident and friendly our students were. We also welcomed a professional photographer into school last week to update the images on our website, and once again our students were praised for being respectful, kind and courteous. Hearing such positive feedback from visitors is always gratifying and serves as a testament to both our young people and our staff.

This week, Mr Jackson received numerous messages from parents expressing their appreciation for the fantastic Wimbledon trip he organised. The feedback meant a great deal to him and to us as a school. Not content with that success, he then went on to organise the Year 5 World Cup, welcoming seven local primary schools to compete for the Bury Church World Cup. Holcombe Brook Primary School were crowned overall winners, but every team represented their school superbly and should be immensely proud of their efforts.

Work on the new canteen continues to progress well and remains on schedule for completion before our return in September. I would like to pay tribute to our catering team, who have done an outstanding job over the past few weeks. Serving meals to more than 900 students and staff while working around significant building works and coping with the recent hot weather has been no small task. Their dedication, resilience and flexibility have been truly remarkable.

Year 10 students have been on work experience this week, and we have received many positive messages from the employers hosting placements. Katie in Year 10 even hosted her own one-hour radio show on Bolton FM – a fantastic achievement. From everything we have heard, our students have been excellent ambassadors for the school, making positive contributions to their workplaces and the wider community. This reflects one of the key aims of our personal development curriculum and is something of which we can all be very proud.

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to welcome a film crew into school to create our new promotional video. We have so much to celebrate about our school, our students and our staff, and we felt it was important to capture the spirit of Bury Church in a short film that can be shared with others. We look forward to showcasing the many qualities that make our school such a special place to learn and work.

As always, it has been a privilege to celebrate the achievements of our students and staff this week as they continue to let their light shine each and every day.

*Dr S Wrigley*

## Upcoming events

13th July – End of year trip to Blackpool
14th July – Year 11 Art, 3D design and textiles exhibition and musical show case
17th July – Glasto-Bury - whole school celebration for years 7 – 10. Bring suncream, hats and some money for the ice cream van.

## Uniform

We have launched a new uniform supplier, Smart Start Schoolwear who are located in the Rock Bury. This is alongside our other suppliers, PT's School wear & Macron.

## Visit our Instagram page

Stay up to date with our latest news, updates, and announcements by following us on our Instagram page. https://www.instagram.com/burycehigh/

## Online safety

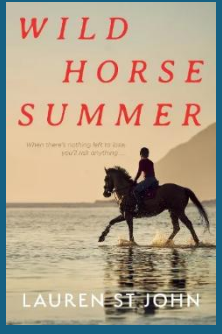
To help keep your child safe online, please follow the guidance and helpful tips for parents and carers shared by the school.
https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2025/12/cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf

## Book of the week

### Wild Horse Summer
By Lauren St John

**Wild Horse Summer** follows Morgan Taylor, an American teenager spending the summer in Britain while hiding a painful secret. After being rescued by surfer Cal Heyward, she finds comfort working with horses, particularly Night Dancer, a troubled horse with a past of his own.

A captivating teen story filled with mystery, adventure, friendship and self-discovery.



**Personal Development**

**PSHCE Lessons This Week**

- **Year 7** students will complete a questionnaire about their experiences of PSHCE this year, alongside an Enrichment Survey to help us continue to improve the opportunities we provide. This information is used when designing future PSHCE and Enrichment lessons and assessments to ensure the best experience possible for our students.

- **Years 8–10** students will complete the Sport England Active Lives Survey, which explores young people's participation in sport and physical activity, as well as our annual PSHCE pupil voice questionnaire.

**Sport and Physical Activity Survey for Children and Young People**

Our school has been invited to take part in the Sport England Active Lives Children and Young People Survey. This survey helps Sport England and schools better understand the sports and physical activities that young people take part in, both in and outside of school.

The information collected will be used to:

- Provide our school with a report that helps us understand our pupils' participation in sport and physical activity and identify ways to further support them.

- Help Sport England make informed decisions about investing in opportunities that encourage children and young people to be active.

Pupils will complete the questionnaire individually, alongside their classmates, during PSHCE lessons.

Before completing the survey, pupils will receive an explanation about the purpose of the research and what the questionnaire involves. Participation is voluntary, and if your child does not wish to take part, they can simply let their teacher know on the day.

If you do not wish your child to participate, please contact Mrs Shelmerdine as soon as possible. If you are happy for your child to take part, you do not need to take any further action.

The survey is managed by Ipsos, an independent research organisation, on behalf of Sport England. All information will be stored securely, treated confidentially and used only for research purposes.

**Year 10 Shine During Work Experience Week**

This week, our Year 10 students stepped beyond the classroom and into the world of work, completing a week of work experience with employers across Greater Manchester. Students gained invaluable insight into a wide range of industries, helping them to develop new skills, build confidence and explore future career pathways.

Placements took place across an impressive variety of sectors, including law, finance, engineering, education, healthcare, construction, hospitality, retail, manufacturing, creative industries, policing, property, sport and childcare. Students worked alongside employers including Farleys Solicitors, BDO, CGI, MBDA, Greater Manchester Police, Hays Travel, Bolton FM, The Met, De La Rue, Fabric Analytics, Severfield Steelwork, Watson Homes and many local primary schools, nurseries and independent businesses.

The feedback from employers has been overwhelmingly positive, with students praised for their enthusiasm, professionalism and willingness to learn. Many employers commented on how well our students represented the school, demonstrating excellent communication, teamwork and a positive attitude throughout the week.

Most importantly, our students truly embodied our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, embracing new challenges, stepping outside their comfort zones and making a positive impression in every workplace. They really did let their light shine, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

A huge thank you goes to all of the employers who generously gave their time to support our students and provide such valuable opportunities.

Looking ahead, on Friday 10th July, we officially launched the Year 10 Work Experience Programme for our current Year 9 students. We are excited to begin working with next year's cohort as they start planning their own work experience journeys and taking their first steps towards their future careers.

**Celebrate Our Students' Creativity – Year 11 Art Exhibition & Musical Summer Showcase**

We are delighted to invite parents, carers and members of our school community to our Year 11 Art, Textiles and 3D Design Exhibition, taking place on Tuesday 14th July in the Main Hall.

The exhibition will be open from 5:00pm–7:00pm, showcasing the GCSE work produced by our talented Year 11 students. Visitors will have the opportunity to view a collection of artwork, textiles and 3D design pieces, celebrating the creativity, skill and dedication our students have demonstrated throughout their courses.

As part of the evening, we will also be hosting our Musical Summer Showcase, beginning at 6:00pm, where our Music students will perform a variety of pieces to celebrate their achievements over the past year.

This promises to be a wonderful evening celebrating the fantastic achievements of students across our creative subjects. We look forward to welcoming families to join us in recognising and celebrating their hard work and success.

Miss Lloyd and Mr Connolly took a group of students to the Bury High Schools District Athletics competition. This was at the Bury Athletics track with all the high schools in Bury in attendance. All the students from Bury Church were excellent and a credit to the school. It was a fantastic day, and all our students enjoyed this event and enjoyed representing Bury Church. The following students achieved some individual success at the Bury High Schools District Athletics:

- Sebi C in Year 10 came 2nd in Bury in the 400 metres, also coming 2nd in Bury in the 1500 metres.
- Leon L in Year 9 came 4th in Bury in the Shot Putt.
- Tresor S in Year 9 came 3rd in Bury in the Javelin.
- Serena S in Year 8 came 5th in Bury in the 800 metres.
- Isabel G-H in Year 8 came 6th in Bury in the Discus.
- Freya S in Year 7 came 3rd in Bury in the 1500 metres.
- Roseanna G in Year 7 came 5th in the 800 metres.
- Cara P in Year 7 came 6th in the 200 metres.

**Year 5 Primary World Cup**

On 7th July, Bury Church hosted the inaugural primary world cup competition. Seven schools competed in a round robin competition ably officiated by our Year 10 work experience pupils.

After winning the group stage, Holcombe Brook went onto win the final against Tottington Primary 2-0. Following lots of positive feedback we hope this will become a regular additional to the school's calendar.

Well done to all involved.

**Bury Church Triumphs in Inter-School Chess Match**

On Tuesday evening, Bury Church School welcomed Derby High School for an exciting inter-school chess competition. After a series of closely contested matches, Bury Church emerged victorious by a single point, making it a memorable and hard-fought win.

The event showcased the skill, determination and sportsmanship of all the students involved, reflecting the many hours of preparation they dedicated beforehand. It was a fantastic evening of competitive chess, enjoyed by players and spectators alike.

Following the success of the match, discussions are already underway for a much-anticipated rematch next year at Derby High School. Congratulations to all the students who took part – you should be extremely proud of your efforts and achievements.

**New Uniform Supplier – Smart Start Schoolwear**

We're pleased to announce that we have partnered with a new uniform supplier, Smart Start Schoolwear in Bury.

Renowned for their quality products and excellent customer care, Smart Start Schoolwear will help ensure a professional and consistent look for all students. Their local presence also means greater convenience, improved support, and an easy ordering process for families.

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**BUSINESS HOURS**
**Monday – Saturday** - 9am – 17:00pm. **Sunday** – 11am 16:00pm

**<u>FREE</u> Summer Holiday Club**

Bury Church of England High School is hosting a *Summer Activity Week* from 10th–14th August 2026, free for Year 4 and 5 pupils from our feeder primary schools. Places are limited to 50 students. Please contact the school office for further information.

**Summer Netball Camp Opportunity**

We are pleased to share an exciting opportunity for our students this summer. A three-day netball camp will be taking place during the holidays, featuring high-quality coaching and an exclusive training session led by a Manchester Thunder player.

With many talented netballers in school, including our Year 7 league-winning team, this is a fantastic chance to develop skills, build confidence and enjoy the sport further. Our very own brilliant PE teacher – Miss Lloyd – will be helping to run the event. Please see the attached flyer for full details and how to get involved.