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Headteacher Update

It has been an incredible year at Bury Church, and I am immensely proud to be the Headteacher of this exceptional school. Together, our students and staff have achieved so much over the past year. It has been a year of many successes, including a fantastic Ofsted report, an expanded programme of trips and extracurricular opportunities, reading ages significantly above the national average, victories in local STEM competitions, outstanding performances of High School Musical, and success across a range of sporting competitions.

This week, I had the privilege of attending our annual Music Exhibition Concert watching our wonderfully talented musicians perform. Their confidence, dedication and passion shone through as the choir, orchestra and band took to the stage to deliver a fantastic programme of performances. A huge thank you must go to Miss Lythgoe for her hard work and dedication. The performance was the result of countless hours of rehearsal and preparation, and her commitment ensured that the evening was such a tremendous success. The concert was complemented by our Art Exhibition, which showcased the outstanding work of our talented Y11 art students. The exhibition was a wonderful celebration of creativity, featuring an impressive collection of pieces that reflected both the skill and individuality of our young artists.

Our staff are what make this school so special and I am incredibly thankful to have so many talented staff. Their high-quality teaching, alongside exceptional pastoral care, ensures that Bury Church is a place where every child can thrive. We are always striving to strengthen ensuring that our Christian faith remains at the heart of all we do. In September, we are delighted to welcome Mrs McDonald as our new School Chaplain and RS teacher. Her wealth of experience will further enhance the spiritual life of our school community. To strengthen our inclusion provision, we also welcome Mrs Griffiths as Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion. She brings significant experience in delivering evidence-informed practice and improving outcomes for all students. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Conroy as a Science teacher, who has delivered exceptional outcomes in previous schools, and Mr Brown as Technical Innovation and Trust Lead for Computing. Based at Bury Church, Mr Brown will play a key role in further developing our computing curriculum and opportunities for students. We also welcome Ms Edwards, as a Catering Assistant, bringing additional expertise and capacity as we prepare to transition to our new canteen facility. We are excited for the contribution these new colleagues will make to our school moving forward.

Today we announced our Year 11 senior prefect team for next year. From an incredible group of students, Peter was named as Head Boy, Charlotte as Head Girl, Noah as Deputy Head Boy and Dochanel as Deputy Head Girl. We also have Maisie, Lucy, Bella, Katie, Emily and Tobias as senior prefects. A huge congratulations to all these students – We are incredibly proud of you!

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break. As always, thank you for your continued support. We are incredibly fortunate to have such supportive parents and carers in our school community, and we truly value the partnership we share.

Dr S Wrigley

Upcoming events

20th August 2026 – GCSE Results Day -10am-12pm
2nd September 2026 – Year 7 begin school at 8:40am and Year 8 – 11 at 10:30am.
7th September 2026 – Year 11 Individual Photographs
18th September 2026 – Year 7 Individual Photographs and Year 11 Group Photographs

Transport Buses 2026-2027

Please find a link below to our website to view the new school bus timetables from September 2026

Bury CE High School - Transport & Buses

Visit our Instagram page

Stay up to date with our latest news, updates, and announcements by visiting our Instagram page.

https://www.instagram.com/burycehigh/

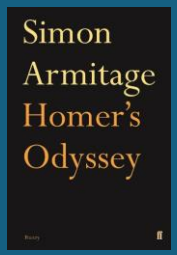
Online safety

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

Homer's Odyssey
by Simon Armitage

With Christopher Nolan's adaptation of the classic text due to be one of the box office hits of summer, it may be the best time to look into this epic tale if you have not done so before. In *Homer's Odyssey* by Simon Armitage, one of the nation's most treasured poets breathes new life into a classic. In this verse adaptation, originally commissioned for BBC radio, Simon Armitage has recast Homer's epic as a series of bristling dramatic dialogues.



Personal Development

PSHCE – A Fantastic Year!

As we reach the end of the school year, congratulations to all our students for completing another important stage of our spiral PSHCE curriculum.

- **Year 7** have developed their understanding of healthy relationships, equality, the law and staying safe;
- **Year 8** have strengthened their knowledge of physical and mental wellbeing, drugs, careers and how justice works in a democracy;
- **Year 9** have demonstrated strong learning around extremism, mental wellbeing and sexual health.
- **Year 10** have explored complex issues including relationships, safety, British Values and politics. Assessment results across the year groups show that students are building secure knowledge and are increasingly able to apply the **3 Rs – Respect, Responsibility and Resilience to real-life situations.**

A huge **thank you to all parents and carers who joined us for PSHCE for Parents** this year. Your involvement is greatly valued, and please look out for further opportunities to join us at events next year. We are also delighted that the school's Personal Development provision was judged Strong by Ofsted – a fantastic recognition of the curriculum, opportunities and support provided for our young people.

Your Summer Challenge – 60 Days, 60 Tasks!

To keep wellbeing, curiosity and kindness going throughout the holidays, why not take on our **60 Daily Tasks Summer Challenge**

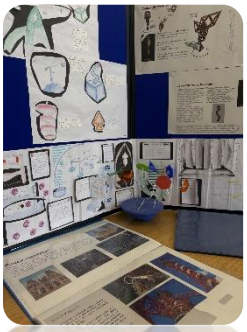
There is something different to try each day – see how many you can tick off before September!

Have a safe, happy and well-deserved summer!

A Celebration of Creativity at Our Art, Textiles, 3D Design Exhibition & Summer Musical Showcase

On Tuesday evening, we were delighted to welcome parents, carers, students and members of our school community to our annual Art, Textiles and 3D Design Exhibition, alongside our wonderful Summer Musical Showcase.

The exhibition celebrated the outstanding creativity, talent and dedication of our GCSE students, with a display of artwork, textiles and 3D design pieces showcasing the breadth of skills they have developed throughout their courses. Visitors had the opportunity to explore a wide range of imaginative outcomes, reflecting months of hard work and artistic achievement.



The evening was made even more special by our talented Music students and Choir, whose performances during the Summer Musical Showcase provided a wonderful soundtrack to the event. Their confidence, enthusiasm and musical ability were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

A huge thank you goes to our Art, Textiles, 3D Design and Music staff for their dedication in preparing students, curating the exhibition and organising such a memorable evening. We are also incredibly proud of every student who exhibited their work or performed, demonstrating the passion, commitment and creativity that make our school community so special.

Finally, we would like to thank all of the parents and carers who attended the event. Your continued support and encouragement mean so much to our students, and it was wonderful to celebrate their achievements together.

It was a fantastic evening and a fitting celebration of the incredible talent within our Creative Arts department.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

📺 **National TV Spotlight for Eva**

Well done to Eva T-P in Year 7 who plays for Bury FC Under 13's Girls team and who attended the Rico Lewis Football Camp on Sunday 12th July.
It was a great opportunity for Eva and her team mates to attend a Football camp with the Manchester City Star Rico Lewis. In addition to meeting and playing Football with Rico Lewis at the camp, Eva also met and played Football with Rico's sister Sacha Lewis who also plays for Manchester City Ladies and Derby County Ladies.
Finally, Eva was picked to be interviewed for North-West Tonight following England's World Cup victory over Norway and appeared on national TV - this was excellent and well done to Eva. (To view the full video click here BCEHS #Insta

FREE Summer Holiday Club

Bury CE High School are delighted to welcome Year 4 and Year 5 pupils from our local primary schools for an exciting Summer Holiday Club full of games, teamwork, sport and fun! 🎉 ⛹️ ⚽

🏐 **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 geAs your Year 6 pupils begin to think about their transition to secondary school, we would like to offer the opportunity for our Headteacher, **Dr Suzanne Wrigley**, to visit your school and speak with your Year 6 cohort about life at **Bury Church High School**.

The presentation would provide pupils with an introduction to secondary school life, help address any questions or concerns they may have about the transition process, and give them an insight into the opportunities available at Bury Church High School. We hope this will help pupils feel more confident and excited about the next stage of their education.

Looking for something to do over the summer holidays?

A range of **free activities for young people aged 11–19 (up to 25 for those with SEND)** are taking place across Bury this summer. Opportunities include park-based games, youth club sessions, accredited first aid courses, and the **Feel Good Fest** on 18 August, which focuses on wellbeing through yoga, mindfulness, breathing techniques and other relaxing activities. Families are encouraged to take advantage of these fun, supportive and engaging opportunities throughout the summer break.

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Bury Youth Service – Summer Activities 2026

Looking for something fun to do during the summer holidays? Bury Youth Service has organised a fantastic programme of activities for young people throughout August, including First Aid training, Games in the Park, Youth Club sessions and the Feel Good Fest wellbeing retreat. These activities provide opportunities to learn new skills, stay active, make new friends and support wellbeing in a fun and welcoming environment. Many sessions are free to attend, with booking information available via the QR codes on the flyer. Don't miss out on a summer packed with fun, skills and community!

Feel Good Fest – Tuesday 18th August

Join us for **Feel Good Fest** on **Tuesday 18th August from 1:00pm–3:30pm** for an afternoon dedicated to wellbeing, positivity and community connection. The event offers a fantastic opportunity to explore a range of activities, information and support designed to help you feel healthier, happier and more connected. Scan the QR code to find out more and secure your place.

Date: Tuesday 18th August
Time: 1:00pm–3:30pm
Venue/Details: Scan the QR code for further information and registration.