



10th September 2025

Guardian Angels' RC Primary School Newsletter

Dates for your diary

Monday 8th September: Week 2

- Monday 8th September: Bury Music Service demonstration assembly and extra-curricular clubs to begin

Monday 15th September: Week 1

- Monday 15th September: Red Tiger Karate Club demonstration assembly
- Thursday 18th September: Year 5 attending apple pressing workshop at Diggle Lane Allotments and Year 5 Playleader training in the afternoon

Monday 22nd September: Week 2

- Friday 26th September: 8.45am Coffee Morning in aid of Bury Cancer Support Centre – everyone welcome

Monday 29th September: Week 1

- Thursday 2nd October: 9.30am Mass in church for Guardian Angels' Feast Day – everyone welcome
- Friday 3rd October: Mad Science Assembly

Monday 6th October: Week 2

- Monday 6th October: 8.45am CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day – Year 3 assembly – parents welcome
- Thursday 9th October: John Hunt Photography in school for individual photographs, therefore please send your child to school wearing full school uniform.

Monday 13th October: Week 1

- Wednesday 22nd October: 3.30 – 6.30pm – Parents Evening
- Friday 17th October: 8.45am Show Racism the Red Card – Year 4 assembly – parents welcome

Monday 20th October: Week 2

- Thursday 23rd October: 3.00pm School closes for half term
- Tuesday 4th November: School reopens Week 1

Message from Mrs Sly

Welcome back to all our children and their families- and a very warm welcome to our new nursery and reception children. We also welcome Mrs Chappell who works in our school office, Miss Ashworth who has joined Miss Davenport in the nursery, Miss Harms our new Year 5 teacher and Miss O'Donnell who has joined us as a lunchtime supervisor. We are very pleased to see our school community back together; everyone safe, well and ready to learn. We have had a great first week back at school with the children settling into their new classes and looking very smart in their uniforms. There are many exciting events planned for our first term. All diary dates will be updated on the weekly newsletter and on the website school calendar. You can keep track of the children's activities on Seesaw, Twitter and on the class pages.

I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and in this year of the Jubilee, we will pray that all of our school family love, learn and grow together.

We follow in the footsteps of Jesus to love, learn and grow
Federation of Guardian Angels' and Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary Schools



Communication

We have an open door policy at Guardian Angels' and if you have any questions or concerns, please do come and speak to someone in school so we can hopefully answer or resolve any problems. Working in partnership with parents and carers is essential and we are very grateful for the strong partnerships we have. The easiest way for you to contact your child's class teacher is via Seesaw. Seesaw is where your child's class teacher will share important information (such as timetables, homework grids and spelling lists), class updates and photographs, celebrating work in lessons or special events. If you do not have access to the application, please email or telephone the School Office who will forward your message on so we can get you set up. Class Teachers are also on the playground at the end of the day and available to speak to parents. We do understand many children attend Little Angels and you may not be there to see the teacher so, if you wish to speak to a member of staff in person, please contact us to arrange a meeting. We also share information on our school website and on the class pages.

For any safeguarding concerns or issues, please speak to Mrs Scully, Mrs Sly or Mrs Leigh.

Email: GuardianAngels@bury.gov.uk Telephone: 0161 764 4014

Extra-Curricular Clubs

The Extra-Curricular Club Timetable and the link to the booking form were sent out last week. The booking form is now closed because most of the Clubs are either full or nearly full - but if you would like to enquire about a place for your child, please either call or email the School Office. We still have some spaces in our after school KS2 drama club run by Karen Ryder, in our KS2 homework club with Mrs Scully and our lunchtime Spanish club with Mrs Birtwistle. There are waiting lists for some of the clubs and any children on them will be given priority next term.

Parking

As we start the new school year, please can we remind parents and carers about driving slowly around the school area and the risks of dangerous parking. We have many children and their families walking to school and we do all we can to make it safe, especially with having Mrs Travis on School Street every morning. When parents park on the double yellow lines or park on the pavement, it hinders our families' journey to school and could potentially cause accidents. Cars that go too fast will cause an accident. The gates are open between 8.20-8.30am, giving a ten minute window which should reduce the volume of cars for parking. Please look after each other and think carefully about where you park and how you drive.

Little Angels

If you have not filled in a form for Little Angels and still require a place for your child, either before or after school, please contact Mrs Leigh. Payments need to be made in advance and any unpaid sessions must be settled before a place will be guaranteed. Remaining places are very limited.



School Uniform

We would like to remind all parents and carers that for Health and Safety reasons we **do not allow children to wear jewellery**. The exceptions to this rule are stud earrings in pierced ears. Children are required to remove stud earrings during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. **Make up, nail vanish and temporary tattoos** should also not be worn in school.

PE and Forest School

Children can come into school dressed in their PE kits and Forest School clothes on their timetabled days. Below is a list of when each class will be taking part in those subjects.

	Week 1	Week 2
Nursery	Tuesday- PE Friday- Forest School	Tuesday- PE Friday- Forest School
Reception	Tuesday- PE Thursday- Forest School	Tuesday- PE Thursday- Forest School
Year 1	Wednesday- Forest School Friday- PE	Wednesday- Forest School Friday- PE
Year 2	Wednesday- Forest School Thursday- PE	Wednesday- Forest School Thursday- PE
Year 3	Wednesday- PE Thursday- Forest School	Wednesday- PE Friday- PE
Year 4	Monday- PE Friday- Forest School	Wednesday- PE Friday- PE
Year 5	Wednesday- PE Friday- PE	Wednesday- PE Friday- Forest School
Year 6	Wednesday- PE Friday- PE	Monday- PE Thursday- Forest School



Lost Property

Please can we ask that all school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name so that misplaced items can be returned to the correct person. Any items that are not labelled are placed in lost property which can be found in the uniform shed. Please contact your child's class teacher on Seesaw if your child has an item of clothing missing so that the classroom can be checked in the first instance.

Break Time Snacks

The children in KS1 are provided with a fruit snack at lunchtime, if they would like to bring in a snack for break time they can bring in one of the following items – fresh fruit or vegetables, a tube yoghurt, string or cubed cheese. Please remember we are a nut free school therefore cereal bars and trail mix are not permitted.

Robinwood

Our Year 6 residential trip to Robinwood is taking place on Friday 21st November until Sunday 23rd November. Letters about the trip and how to pay were sent out during the summer and via Seesaw. If you have any questions about the trip or payments, please contact the School Office. Miss Mulkeen will be inviting parents in for an information meeting once numbers have been confirmed.

New Playground Equipment

You may have noticed our new climbing frame and shelter (outdoor classroom) on the playground since returning to school. The children have enjoyed climbing on the new frame and entertaining their friends in the shelter at break times which has been wonderful to see. We ask that children, including younger siblings, do not go on the play trail or new climbing frame before or after school for safety reasons.

Transfer to Secondary School

Our Year 6 children are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2026. Parents have been emailed a letter this week with all information needed to apply. Bury Council's admissions system is now open and is the quickest and easiest way to start the application process. You will find a copy of the link below.

The deadline for applications is 31st October 2025

www.bury.gov.uk/admissionssecondary

Change to Contact Details

This year, due to an imminent change in our main school management information system, we will not be sending out the Student Update Form. If you have changed your address or telephone numbers over the summer holidays, please would you email any changes in to the main office (email: GuardianAngels@bury.gov.uk). It is very important that we have your up to date information in case we need to contact you in an emergency.



Wednesday Word

If any of our families do not have access to the Wednesday Word leaflet and would like to see a copy and share it with your children, please use the link below:-

[Wednesday Word](#)

News from your child's class - Please see Seesaw for this week's messages

Take a look at our class pages from the website here

[Class Pages | Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Primary School, Bury](#)

This Newsletter is also available on our School website www.guardianangels.bury.sch.uk. Our website is full of lots of important information so please take a look and learn lots of things about our wonderful school. Please note that paper copies of the Newsletter or anything on our website is available from the School Office.

Attendance

Guardian Angels' RC Primary School firmly believes that Great Achievement can only happen if we have Great Attendance. Below you will see this week's attendance figure for each class.

Reception	100%
Year 1	94.76%
Year 2	99.17%
Year 3	97.84%
Year 4	95.97%
Year 5	97.03%
Year 6	97.44%



ATTENDANCE

Bury
Council

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.

Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.

The fine is £160 but if you pay it within 21 days it will be reduced to £80

£160



2

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution

1 day = 2 sessions

A PENALTY FOR EACH CHILD



+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

4

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+£160

+£160

+£160

+£160

**4 children &
2 parents =
£1,280**

Reduced to £640 if paid within 21 days

5

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

SECOND TIME

2 parents and

1 child = £320

2 children = £640

3 children = £960

4 children = £1,280

No discount for early payment



THIRD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000