4th February 2026

Guardian Angels' RC Primary School Newsletter

Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd February: Week 2
Friday 6th February: NSPCC Number Day and Year 2's Class Assembly at 8.45am- parents welcome
Monday 9th February: Week 1
Monday 9th February: Year 4 swimming every day this week 1pm-2pm, Children's Mental Health Week and Year 3 are having an Italy Day!
Tuesday 10th February: Safer Internet Day. Year 1 and 2 wellbeing workshops with our emotional worker
Thursday 12th February: Choir at Co-op Arena for Young Voices
Friday 13th February: International Book Giving Day! Children to bring a book to school to swap with a friend.
Friday 13th February: Our local PCSO to visit nursery and reception
Break up for half term at 3pm

Monday 23rd February: Week 2
Monday 23rd February: School reopens
Tuesday 24th February: Reception eye tests taking place in school (am)
Wednesday 25th February: Year 3 and 4 Bee Proud Multi-Skills Festival
Friday 27th February: 8.45am- Year 1's class assembly for Bury Hospice- parents welcome
Monday 2nd March: Week 1
Monday 2nd March: 8.45am- Year 3's Lenten Prayer and Liturgy- parents welcome
Wednesday 4th March: 7pm- Parents meeting at Guardian Angels' Church for children making their First Holy Communion
Thursday 5th March: World Book Day! More details to follow about dressing up.
Saturday 7th March: 5.30pm- Presentation in Mass at Guardian Angels' Church for children undertaking the Sacramental Programme
Sunday 7th March: 9.15am- Presentation in Mass at Guardian Angels' Church for children undertaking the Sacramental Programme
Monday 9th March: Week 2
Monday 9th March: 8.45am- Year 4's Lenten Prayer and Liturgy- parents welcome
Friday 13th March: 8.45am- Receptions Mothers' Day Assembly- parents welcome
Monday 16th March: Week 1
Monday 16th March: 8.45am- Year 5's Lenten Prayer and Liturgy- parents welcome
Friday 20th March: Year 6 on Crucial Crew trip (am)
Monday 23rd March: Week 2
Monday 23rd March: 8.45am- Year 6's Lenten Prayer and Liturgy- parents welcome

Message from Mrs Sly

This week is **National Storytelling Week**, and we began on Monday with a special assembly exploring the history of storytelling and the many benefits it brings, such as enhancing cognitive development and developing empathy and communication skills.

We enjoyed some fantastic storytelling together, with different children adding to the story along the way. It was full of action and a lot of humour! Each class has been busy retelling stories in their classrooms and taking part in creative workshops with the National Literacy Trust. Our Reception class even had a visit from a character in their story, Goldilocks, and have been busy making porridge. Activities will continue throughout the rest of the week.

I have also challenged the children to write their own story, and anyone who would like to take part in the competition is invited to bring their story to me by Friday morning. I am very much looking forward to reading them and giving out prizes for effort and creativity in the celebration assembly.

Change to the gates being opened in the morning

Thank you for your cooperation with the change in time to the school gates opening in the morning. The gates will continue to be opened just before **8:20am**.

Year 3 Swimming Programme

On Monday, Year 3 began their swimming programme at Castle Leisure. They are thoroughly enjoying their lessons and have already made brilliant progress. Mrs Dalton has praised the children for their outstanding effort and fantastic behaviour, so a big **well done** to Year 3

Year 4 Swimming Programme

On Monday 9th February, Year 4 begin their one week swimming programme. The lessons are part of the National Curriculum and all children take part. All lessons begin at 1pm and finish at 2pm. The children will have a slightly earlier lunch in school and will be transported by coach to the leisure centre. The children should wear their school uniform each day to school.

Please ensure that your child has their swimming costume or swim shorts and towel with them every day. Children are welcome to bring goggles if they have them. It is a good idea to bring either a large plastic carrier bag or black bag for your child to put their wet clothes into after their lesson. The leisure centre advise that using one of the larger reusable supermarket bags also works very well to keep each child's belongings together and this also avoids clothing getting mixed up.

Anti-Bullying Workshop for Year 6

On Tuesday afternoon, our school's emotional worker, Miss Gibson, worked with Year 6 to develop their understanding of bullying. The session explored what bullying is, the impact it can have on wellbeing, the difference between bullying and banter, the role of a bystander, and how to respond to bullying. Miss Gibson and Miss Mulkeen both commented on the maturity shown by Year 6 during the workshop, noting how respectfully pupils listened to one another and how confidently they could explain the impact that words and actions can have on others.

Year 2's Class Assembly and NSPCC Number Day

This Friday is Year 2's class assembly for their class charity, the NSPCC. Their assembly will begin at 8.45am and parents are welcome to attend.

Year 2 are asking children to come into school dressed as anything associated with maths and numbers as we are taking part in the NSPCC Number Day by 'dressing for digits' to raise money for the charity. A £1 cash donation is suggested for this importance cause. If your child has PE on Friday, they are welcome to come to school in sporty clothes with a number on so they do not have to get changed. Year 3 will be going swimming but they are still fine to come dressed up.

Year 3's Italy Day!

On Monday 9th February, Year 3 will be celebrating **Italy Day**, linked to their Geography topic *Wonderful Cities*. As part of their learning, the children have been focusing on Italy, particularly Rome and Vatican City, as they are at the centre of the Catholic faith. Throughout the day, the children will enjoy a range of Italian-inspired activities, including music, culture, geographical facts and food.

Children are invited to wear their own clothes with an Italian theme. This could include red, white or green to represent the Italian flag, or anything Italy-inspired that they feel comfortable wearing. They can be as creative as they like. In previous years, we have had children dressed as pizzas, footballers, with face paint, and even famous Italian characters such as Mario! Year 3 have already shared how much they are looking forward to what promises to be a fun and memorable day.

International Book Giving Day

On Friday 13th February, we will be celebrating International Book Giving Day where we aim to work together to get books into the hands of as many children as possible. We would like to invite children to bring in a book that they have finished reading, or have grown out of, to swap with another child in their class on this day. Reading for pleasure is incredibly important so during the day, children will be able to share their new book with a friend and will have the opportunity to discuss their favourite books and authors. If any parents would like to buy a book for their child's class as a gift, we would greatly appreciate any new additions to the class libraries.

Visit from our PCSO for EYFS

As part of nursery and reception's ***People who help us*** topic, they will be visited by our local PSCO on Friday 13th February. The police officer will talk to the children about the important job and the children will have the opportunity to ask questions about what it is really like to help people in our community.

Sacramental Programme 2026

Children in Year 3 will be invited to undertake the Sacramental Programme in the coming months. To make your First Holy Communion, children need to be baptised Roman Catholic. Letters will be sent out through Church over the next few weeks but we wanted to highlight some key dates for those children taking part in the programme.

Wednesday 4th March @ 7.00pm -Parents Information meeting at Guardian Angels' Church

Saturday 7th March at 5.30pm and Sunday 8th March at 9.15am - Presentation of children in Mass at Guardian Angels' Church

Sunday 12th July - First Holy Communions

For children who are not baptised in Year 3 and are wanting to be baptised and make their First Holy Communion, please contact the school office for further information. For children in Year 4, 5 or 6 who haven't made their First Holy Communion but would like to, please can parents contact the School Office for further information. We are looking forward to working with you and your children in preparing your children for their First Holy Communion.

Rock Steady Band Lessons

Our Rock Steady band lessons have been taking place in school since last half term and the children who take part are formed into bands and are doing such as amazing job at learning new songs. There are still places available for children to sing, play the keyboard, guitar and drums. Please follow the link below for more information and to sign your child up. It is fantastic that we have more than one school band and we are very much looking forward to the first concert which will be taking place on Thursday 26th March in school at 2.10pm.

Rock Steady Sign-Up

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	95.47%
Year 1	95.57%
Year 2	95.33%
Year 3	97.05%
Year 4	94.98%
Year 5	96.12%
Year 6	94.37%

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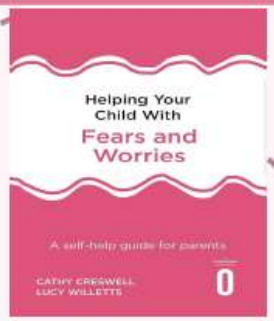
The Overcoming Programme

Group sessions to help parents support children experiencing anxiety.



What is the overcoming programme?

The Overcoming Programme involves **6 sessions** aimed at **parents/carers of children aged between 5 and 12 years old** where the main concern is **anxiety**. The programme uses a Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) based approach to focus on changing the way adults around the child respond to anxious feelings by problem solving and creating shared goals and rewards.
8-10 other parents will be in the group with you. There will be **five 2 hour sessions** over the six weeks.

Evidence behind the programme

The Overcoming Programme has strong evidence behind it and is based on the book Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries (Creswell & Willetts, 2019). You will be able to read (or listen to) this book to help you as you work though the programme

When & Where?

There are 5 separate overcoming programmes running in Bury throughout the spring and summer terms (the duration of all programmes will be 6 weeks):

Group 1: Morning, in- person sessions, commencing in March 2026.
Group 2: Morning, online sessions, commencing in April 2026.
Group 3: Morning, featuring a combination of in-person and online sessions, commencing in April 2026.
Group 4: Late afternoon, Online sessions commencing in May 2026.
Group 5: Late afternoon sessions, featuring a combination of online and in-person sessions, commencing in May 2026.

What to expect:

- An opportunity to meet other parents/ carers who are experiencing a similar situation and support from the group, as well as the Community Educational Psychology Service.
- Time to think about how you can best support your child at home and the strategies you can use to do this.
- 'Homework' between sessions (reading/ listening to part of the book, trying out new strategies with your child).
- Attendance at all sessions is really important. Both parents are welcome to attend, but it is important that one parent attends consistently

How to book on?

To book your place, please fill out the booking form using the link or QR code below:
Overcoming Parent Programme - Expression of Interest and Referral Form (Bury CEPS) – Fill in form

The sessions will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

If you have any further questions, please email ceps@bury.gov.uk , indicating your child's school, so your query can be directed to an appropriate member of the team.

What a line-up...
EDSTART CLUBS
Venues
Bury Grammar School
Clifford Billings Sports Complex, BL9 0HN
St Mary's Prestwich
Rectory Lane, M25 1BP
Higher Lane Primary
Egerton Street, M45 7EX
All staff are:
DBS checked
First Aid and
Safeguarding
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