

Chapelfield Primary School Newsletter December 2025

December has been full of festive fun, and it has been so nice to welcome so many of you into school for the various performances, plays and events. Amidst the tinsel and glitter the children have also worked incredibly hard, and it has been lovely to see the hard work of the classes reflected in their assessments. I know the staff are deeply appreciative of the kind words and gestures of thanks that many of you show at Christmas, but I would like to take a moment to thank you for your support; from remembering the many calendar dates that December brings, to practising play lines and attending events we couldn't do it without you! So, all that is left is for me to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We are looking forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 6th January.

Mrs Reed

The Christmas Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for the Christmas Fair and to the wonderful parents who stepped in to help make sure it could go ahead. We really appreciate your support. We also want to thank Cheryl Humphreys Rothwell who made a generous donation and to all the families who donated gifts and chocolates.



Thank you also for spending at Elfridges, between the two events we raised over £1500 for school funds.

Parent Hub Reminder

All school communications are now via Parent Hub or email. If you have any difficulty accessing ParentHub for your child please speak to Mrs Hannaby in the school office.



Term Dates

Our term dates are on our website for both this year and next. You can find them here: <https://www.chapelfield.bury.sch.uk/Term-Dates/> If you require a printed version please contact Mrs Hannaby in the school office.

School Uniform Reminder

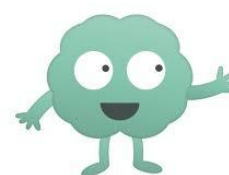
Please make sure your child is in **uniform and school shoes every day**. Children should be in **completely black** school shoes or trainers with no white or coloured soles or branding. We have seen an increasing number of children not in school shoes over the last few weeks. If you need any support in providing uniform please speak to Mrs McLoughlin.



Our full range of uniform is available from <https://myclothing.com/> If you need any support accessing the website please ask Mrs Hannaby in the school office

Spreading Happiness

This term saw our Happiness Heroes visiting a local care home to explain about Happy Breathing and tell the residents about how our brains work. Each Happiness Hero had made a card and gift for a resident. It was lovely to stand in the room full of intergenerational chatter as our Happiness Heroes learnt about Christmas of the past. A special thank you to Whitefield House for hosting us, we hope to be back soon!



Football Kit

A huge thank you to Barry from Chapelfield Cars for sponsoring our new football kits! The children are so excited about them and we are looking forward to showing them off at our next competition.

We have been really enjoying taking part in competitions with our footballers and thanks to Chapelfield Cars we will now look the part! We are so appreciative of the support from the team at Chapelfield Cars – thank you!



Support Over Christmas



We are aware that as although Christmas is a time of joy it can also present challenges for families. If you are in need of additional support over Christmas please see the signposting on our Parent Information page under Bury Useful Contacts on the school website.

Parents and Carers: Workshops to Empower You

Parenting is one of the most important—and sometimes toughest—jobs in the world. The Bury Parenting Hub workshops are there to support you, not judge you. Whether you're feeling overwhelmed, curious, or just want to connect with others, you're welcome. Please see the leaflet at the end of the newsletter, speak to Mrs McLoughlin or scan the QR code.



Family Help Drop Ins

The Family Help Team are offering regular drop ins at the Children's Centre to support you to get the right help at the right time. Please see the information at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Important Dates

Monday 5 th January	Staff Inset Day School is closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	School re-opens to pupils at normal time
Thursday 15 th January	Flu Vaccination Catch Up Session
Friday 16 th January	Reception Eye Tests

TERM DATES: 2025-2026

	Autumn Term 2
Close (normal time):	Friday 19 th December 2025
Christmas Holiday:	Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January 2026
	Spring Term 1
Staff Inset Day 3:	Monday 5 th January 2026 (school closed to pupils)
Re-open (for pupils):	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Close (normal time):	Friday 13 th February 2026
Half Term – School Closed:	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February 2026
	Spring Term 2
Re-open (for pupils):	Monday 23 rd February 2026
Close (normal time):	Thursday 2 nd April 2026
Easter Holiday:	Friday 3 rd April to Friday 17 th April 2026
	Summer Term 1
Re-open (for pupils):	Monday 20 th April 2026
May Day – School Closed:	Monday 4 th May 2026
Re-open (for pupils):	Tuesday 5 th May 2026
Close (normal time):	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Half Term – School Closed:	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2026
	Summer Term 2

Re-open (for pupils):

Close (normal time):

Staff Inset Day 1 & 2:

Summer Holiday – School Closed:

Monday 1st June 2026

Friday 17th July 2026

Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2026 (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 22nd July



FAMILY HELP DROP-IN SESSIONS

We know that every family faces challenges at different times – and that's completely normal! Sometimes these challenges can start to feel overwhelming, and asking for help might seem daunting or embarrassing, or you might simply not know where to turn.

That's why we've made it easier for you to get the right help at the right time, close to home.

From January 2026, our Family Help Team will be offering regular drop-in sessions at Family Hubs and Children's Centres across Bury.

These sessions are open to parents, carers, grandparents – anyone who plays a role in family life.

Come and chat with one of our trained practitioners for friendly advice, guidance, and support.

We can also signpost you to services that can help with more specialist needs.

What We Can Help With:

Parenting; Mental Health; Schools & Colleges; Finances;
Parental Conflict; Friendships; Sexual Health; Domestic Abuse;
Family Relationships & Difficulties
Substance Misuse; Housing; General worries or queries

When & Where

Venues: Family Hubs and Children's Centres

Frequency: Fortnightly sessions at each location

Format: In-person and virtual options to make it easier for you.

For details of times, dates, venues, and lots more information, follow us on **Facebook: Bury Family Help Service**



PARENTS & CARERS

You're Not Alone: Workshops to empower you

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Scan the QR code to visit our FB page for tips, events and more!

PARENTINGHUB@BURY.GOV.UK

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WHO ARE THEY FOR?

Our courses are open to all parents, carers, and guardians—whether you're new to parenting or have years of experience. Everyone is welcome.

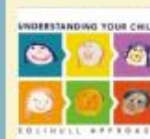
Friendly, relaxed sessions
No pressure to share
Free resources
Meet others and build support networks.
Led by trained Facilitators

REAL EXPERIENCES

The course is exactly what I needed to hear.

The things that I have learnt are helping at home.

I feel like I have permission to be secure in my own self, decisions, approach. The self-blame seems to have dwindled away.



OUR SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

Solihull 10 weeks

Are you seeking support with challenging behaviours or family stress?

Are you looking to better understand your child's emotional and developmental needs?



Understand how children grow and develop emotionally



Build strong, positive relationships with their child



Reflect on their parenting to support their child's wellbeing



Speak to your teacher or any other professional working with your family to make a referral.

Who's In Charge?



Who's In Charge? 9 weeks

Do you feel like your child's behaviour is controlling family life?

Do you sometimes feel afraid, intimidated, or powerless in your own home?



Learn how to regain a sense of control in your parenting.



Understand what's happening and how to respond safely and effectively to abusive behaviours in child/ren.



Supports you to break the cycle of guilt, fear, and helplessness



Speak to your teacher or any other professional working with your family to make a referral.



Stronger Relationships, Healthy Parenting 6 weeks

Are you struggling to co-parent effectively, whether you're together, separating, or already separated?

Do you feel stuck in conflict over parenting styles, routines, or decisions?



How to manage conflict in a way that protects your child's emotional wellbeing.



Skills to stay calm, listen actively, and communicate more effectively.



How to create a co-parenting plan that works for your family.



Anyone can make a referral.

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Triple P Teen 6 weeks

Are you finding it challenging to stay calm and connected with your teenager?

Are you looking for ways to build a stronger, more respectful relationship with your teen?



Positive parenting strategies to support your teenager's development.



Tools to manage challenging teen emotions and behaviour, calmly and consistently.



Ways to strengthen communication and build a better parent-teen relationship.



Speak to your teacher or any other professional working with your family to make a referral.