

25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

EAST WARD'S WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER



Miss Jarvis' Update

It has been another busy and positive week in school, and I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to all of our families for your kind donations and support for our Macmillan bake sale. It was wonderful to see so many help us to raise money for such an important cause.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about our expectations around positive behaviour and our Parent/Carer Code of Conduct, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day.

Our playground should be a welcoming, safe and respectful environment for everyone — children, parents, carers and staff. Please remember that swearing, aggressive or inappropriate language is not acceptable on the school site, particularly when children are present.

At the end of the school day, once a member of staff has handed your child over to you, your child is your responsibility. We ask that parents and carers supervise their children appropriately and ensure that they behave safely and respectfully while on the school premises. This is particularly important when moving around the playground and leaving the busy school site.

We know that our families share our commitment to ensuring that school remains a safe and happy place for everyone.

Find out what your child has been learning about this week on Instagram @eastwardprimary

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please call the school office on 0161 7646065 or drop in.

Spotlight On: Early Help Services

Every family experiences challenges from time to time, and sometimes a little extra support can make a big difference. Bury's Early Help service is there to support children, young people and families when difficulties arise, helping to provide the right support at the right time.

Early Help can offer advice and guidance around a wide range of issues, including parenting, children's emotional wellbeing and mental health, school and education, family relationships, finances, housing, friendships, parental conflict and domestic abuse. Support can be offered at different stages of a child or young person's life, from pre-birth through to adulthood.

At East Ward, we can help signpost you in the right direction for the support and may also be able to offer support from staff at school.

Remember, you don't have to wait until a problem becomes overwhelming before asking for help. Early support can help families to find practical solutions and prevent difficulties from becoming more challenging.

For more information about Early Help and the support available locally, please visit Bury Council - Early Help.



Lost Property

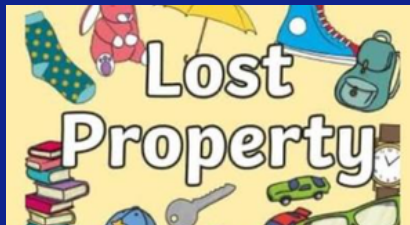
We are already finding that our lost property is becoming a growing problem, particularly with jumpers and cardigans being left unclaimed.

Please can we remind all parents and carers to clearly label all items of school clothing with their child's name. When clothing has no name in it, it can be extremely difficult for staff to identify the owner and return it to the correct child.

With the jumpers and cardigans being the same in school, this can be a very time-consuming task for staff.

A simple name label can make a big difference and helps us to reunite lost items with their owners quickly.

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep lost property to a minimum and ensuring that clothing finds its way back to the right child.



Parking



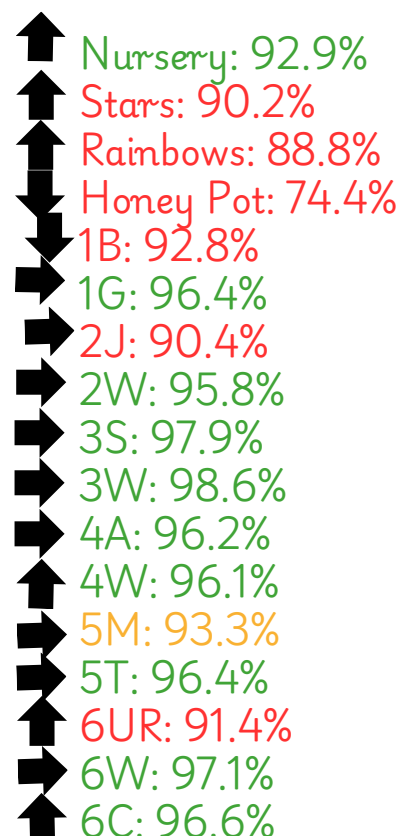
A gentle reminder to please park considerately and respectfully in the local area when dropping off and collecting children. We ask all families to be mindful of local residents, driveways, entrances and other road users, and to avoid parking in a way that causes inconvenience or obstructs access.

Thank you for helping us to maintain positive relationships with our local community and keeping the area around school safe for everyone.



Attendance Matters

Weekly Attendance

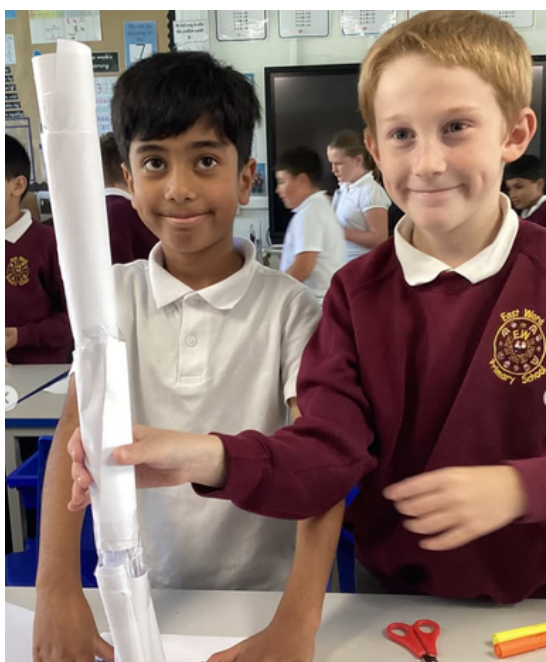


What has been going on at East Ward this week?



This week, 3W worked collaboratively in groups in the polytunnel, experimenting with clay and a variety of natural resources and objects they had discovered around the Forest School area. There was lots of conversation, curiosity and creativity as the children explored different ideas and created their own unique masterpieces. The children also had the opportunity to use some of the Forest School equipment, including enjoying the swing and learning how to saw wood safely with support from Lisa, our Forest School Leader. They also explored and used a range of other tools, developing new skills and confidence along the way.

Year 5 have been developing their teamwork skills in PSHE this week. The children took part in a fun and challenging activity where they worked in teams to build the tallest paper tower they could! The challenge required lots of careful listening, communication and cooperation, as well as plenty of resilience when things didn't quite go to plan. The children had to share ideas, listen to one another and work together to solve problems and improve their designs.



In Year 3's PSHE lessons they have been learning all about friendship. The children discussed the different qualities that make someone a good friend and explored why we enjoy spending time with certain people. They thought about the importance of being kind, caring, helpful, trustworthy and a good listener, as well as how we can show these qualities to others.

Last week, children from Year 1 through to Year 6 had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a TriKidz taster event, giving them a chance to experience what it is like to take part in a triathlon. The children took on a variety of activities inspired by the three disciplines of a triathlon — running, cycling and swimming — developing their fitness, determination and resilience along the way. It was wonderful to see children of all ages getting involved, challenging themselves and encouraging one another.



Safeguarding Update: No Phones In School

A reminder to all parents and carers that our school is a no-phone zone. This is an important part of keeping our children safe and protecting their privacy, wellbeing and learning.

Mobile phones can create a number of safeguarding concerns in school, including photography and filming, inappropriate online content, messaging and social media, and the sharing of images or information about other children. Keeping phones away helps us to maintain a safe environment where children can focus on learning and enjoy their time in school without the distractions and risks associated with mobile devices.

We understand that some of our older children may need to bring a mobile phone to school if they are walking to and/or from school independently. In these circumstances, the phone must be:

- Switched off before entering the school gate.
- Kept safely out of sight and stored in the main school office.
- Not used anywhere on the school site, including the playground.
- Only switched back on once the child has exited through the school gate at the end of the day.

Please support us by reminding your child of these expectations and discussing with them why they are important. We appreciate that phones can provide reassurance when children are travelling independently, but once they arrive at school, their safety and safeguarding must remain our shared priority.



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Rock musician of the week...

Michael Jackson

Music genre of the half term:



Diary Dates



Wednesday 30th September @ 8.50am
Year 1 Parent/Carer Phonics Workshop in the school hall

Thursday 1st October
Year 5 Trip to Jodrell Bank

Thursday 1st October
Year 2 to Year 6 Parent/Carer Reading Workshop in the school hall

Friday 2nd October
Year 4 Local Walk for Geography

5th October - 23rd October
Swimming Begins

Thursday 8th October
Reception Owl Workshop in School

Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th October
Year 6 Residential to Robinwood

Tuesday 13th October
Year 1 Walk to the Local Allotments