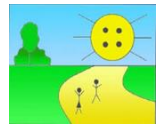


# BUTTON LANE NEWS



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

We have come to the end of another half term and as usual there has been lots going on! Enjoy the half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**.

## Half-Term

### Ghyll Head

It has been another successful residential at Ghyll Head for some of our year 6 pupils this week. They have had a brilliant week, taking part in a range of activities. We have been keeping track of their adventures on "X" and Ms Roberts and Miss Thomas went to spend the day with them on Wednesday. The children have really pushed themselves out of their comfort zone, shown great resilience and teamwork whilst making fantastic memories! A big thank you to our staff; Mr Pyne, Mrs Cullen, Mr Lancaster, Mr Bradley, Miss Abdelmawla and Miss Nedelova who have supported the children all week.



### 1G Class Assembly

On Thursday 1G delivered their class assembly. Their assembly was planned by the children to showcase their favourite learning so far in year 1. There was singing, dancing and they even did a live science experiment. It was a brilliant assembly and the children were fantastic throughout. Thank you to all the parents/carers/family members who came to watch and show their support.

Well done 1G on a super assembly!

**Assembly**

### Mr Walker's Sports News

On Tuesday, four year 6 children got to experience a new sport; New Age Kurling. This is a sport we are sure everyone is familiar with, due to it featuring at the Winter Olympics in Milan. The children's game was not played on ice but everything else was the same. The children loved playing with their stones battling it out with other schools. They had a really good time and came back to school with a nice medal.

**SPORTS NEWS**

On Thursday, a group of children from years 3 and 4 were selected to take part in a dodgeball competition at Hopwood Hall College. They battled hard and played really well as two teams, qualifying for the semi-final, it was a close battle to the end but they lost out by one player!

### Children's Mental Health Week

Children's mental Health week will take place from 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February. The theme for 2026 is 'This is my Place' and the aim is to raise awareness of children and young people's mental health and ensure voices are heard. It focuses on the importance of belonging, feeling accepted and valued in friendships, schools, families and communities. The campaign is to create nurturing environments where all children can say 'This is my place'. We will be having an Open Morning for parents/carers on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am, which will be linked to this campaign. We hope you can join us. More information will be sent out nearer the time.



### Nursery Open Afternoon

We are holding a Nursery open afternoon on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 3.00pm – 4.00pm, for children who are due to start Nursery in September. The open afternoon is your opportunity to come and have a look around our Nursery, meet our Nursery staff and ask any questions you may have about your child starting nursery. Please tell your family and friends.



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### Dates for your diaries

## February

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Back to school

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – 1H Trip to the Lowry

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Open Morning – 9.00am

## March

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – St David's Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 3S Class assembly

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March – British Science Week

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 trip to Eureka

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Nursery Open afternoon – 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's Day

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 trip to the Aerozone

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – 4C Class assembly

### OPAL

To continue building on our already well established OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) scheme in our playgrounds, we have re-launched the OPAL loose parts bingo cards. Loose parts are any materials that can be easily moved, combined, and incorporated into children's free play. The items we are looking for will enable us to enjoy a wider range of play experiences during playtimes. If you have any of the items listed on the bingo boards please send them in, we are collecting items straight away. The first class to fill their board will win a special prize! Please drop any items of loose parts at the entrance to Forest School at the back of the Key Stage 2 building. If you know of any contacts who can source (and deliver!) bigger items such as pallets, cable reels, drainpipes, tractor wheels, scaffold boards etc, please get in touch! We will also be holding an OPAL Make a Difference day in the next half term holidays and will be looking for handy helpers from the school and wider community to come in and help us create and build different things!



### Arbor

You will have received an invite to sign up for Arbor this week. We will no longer be using Parent App after today. All communication will be sent out using Arbor from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February. If you are having problems signing up for Arbor, please contact the school office and they will be happy to help.

### Notice

Some of you may have noticed the temporary fencing that has gone up this week along the back of the KS2 building whilst we await work to be carried out to replace the windows there. We'll keep you posted on the timetable for this work once it's programmed in and we have a start date for it.

### Safeguarding Children

Every week we put on our newsletter the number for Social Services: 0161 234 5001. If you are ever concerned about any child, please report it to Mrs Bishop.

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is 97%.  
The top classes this week were 4C & 6P  
with 99.1%, well done!  
The year to date attendance is 94.0%



### Need Support?...some useful numbers

Women's Domestic Violence - 0161 636 7525  
Men's Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 80100327  
NSPCC 24 hour free phone service - 0800 800 500  
Childline - 00 1111  
Police (if not urgent) 101  
Women's aid 0161 660 7999  
For help with online safety NSPCC Advice Line for questions about parental controls, privacy settings, apps and social media. Call 0808 800 5002, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

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**Willow Tree – Loki**  
For amazing knowledge of phase 3 GPCs and segmenting and blending Well done Loki!

**Over and Above**  
Examples of children going “Over and Above”.

**5A – Elisar**  
For settling into 5A so fantastically and becoming a wonderful member of the class.

**All of Rainbow Class** for being super sensible and representing Button Lane so well on their Wander Wednesdays.

**All of Nursery and Little Buttons children** for being super friends to one another.

**3B – Nathan**  
For showing great improvement in all areas of school life.

**2F – Cody-Lea**  
For consistently making the right choice, really hardworking and being a kind, caring friend.

**2D – Esmae**  
For the positive change she has made. Her determination, hard work and growing confidence is something to be proud of.

**1H – Ozioma**  
For 100% effort in everything he does, he is a super role model.

**All of 6R** for an amazing week and brilliant behaviour around school this week.

**Palm Tree – Theo**  
For a fantastic improvement in his phonics.

**4B – Isla-Rose**  
For lovely creative ideas in her writing and taking care with her work.

**All of 1G** for an amazing class assembly.  
Well done everyone!

**4C – Charlie**  
For settling down to his work and ignoring distractions around him.

**5L – Alvie Joe**  
For staying focused all week and completing all his tasks to a good standard.

**All of 6P** for an amazing week and brilliant behaviour around school this week.

**3S – Daria**  
For writing an exceptional non-chronological report this week. Your handwriting is beautiful.