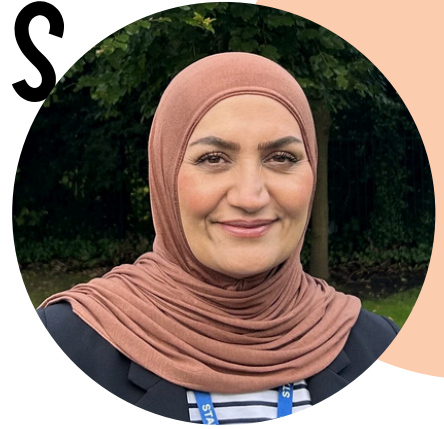


MILLWOOD NEWS

25 SEPTEMBER 2026



MESSAGE FROM FARZANA

Dear Parents and Carers

We have circulated information this week about an exciting parent/carer vacancy on our governing body. If you need any more information about this role, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

We enjoyed our first community club of the academic year this week, with bikes and trikes! Thank you to those who attended and look out for future events.

We welcomed some special visitors into school today! Firstly Ben Dunne Director of Education and Wendy Young, Head of Service for SEND with several Bury LA colleagues came to officailly open our new wing. They were impressed with the brand new facilities on offer for our families.

Followed by a visit from MP Christian Wakeford, George Wolstencroft from Bury Council and Jason McAleese from Modeshift. We have now been accredited with a Modeshift Achievement in supporting children with everyday travel journeys, 'Learn to Ride', class trips in the community, 'Wheels For All' and community events. We are well on our way for the next award.

Today is National Teaching Assistant Day, thank you to everyone who sent us comments about special TAs at Millwood – these were a delight to read and some extracts are shared overleaf.

And finally, we would welcome all parents and carers to the community walk and play on Sunday at Close Park. Meet at 2pm near the dinosaur statue.

Kind regards
Farzana



HEADTEACHER
AWARD

Bernadette H2 - For working hard on walking
nicely around school

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Communication with school

We welcome an open and transparent relationship with our parents/carers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact school directly to discuss.

Please note that social media is not an appropriate way to express concerns about school as we have no method to respond and discuss/address any issues you may have.

There are many means of communication with home and school including telephone, diary, Seesaw, email and face to face. Whichever method is used, the communication needs to remain respectful so we can continue to work together to provide the best outcomes for your child.

School phone number: 0161 724 2266 School email: millwood@bury.gov.uk
Seesaw message to your child's teacher or school office

Parking on site

At the start and end of the school day, please only enter and exit the school car park via Gate 3 - the first gate on your right as you approach school. The first two bays have been reserved for parents/carers, in addition to accessible bays if they are needed.

When parking outside of the school gates, please park respectfully, ensuring you are not blocking neighbour's driveways or causing obstruction or poor visibility by parking on corners.

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

NATIONAL TA DAY



Here is a small selection of comments received in relation to our wonderful TAs!

I genuinely don't think I could ever put into words just how grateful we are as a family for everything you have done for E and for the support you have given us along the way

Thank you to all the staff who have supported W so far

I hope every TA at Millwood feels recognised and appreciated because you all deserve to know just how important the work you do means to our children and their families

Some people come into a child's life and do a job. And then, very occasionally, someone comes into their life and leaves a mark on their heart forever, and for us this person is S.

The staff go above and beyond every single time

As a parent, there is no greater feeling than knowing your child is in safe hands, and with K, I have always had that reassurance.

VALUE OF THE TERM

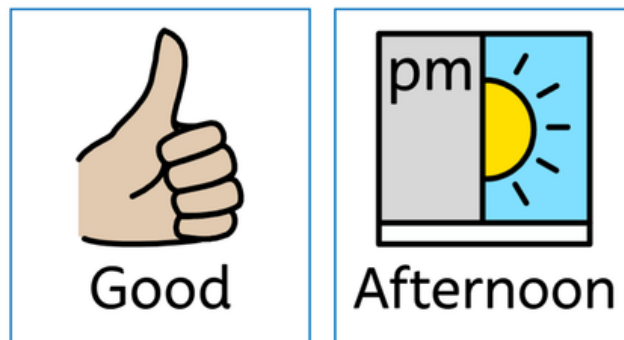
A student in Irwell 2 was in a quiet area of the room when another pupil approached them and offered their hand, they then walked to the tuff tray together and began to play alongside each other. It was beautiful to see them making sure they felt comfortable and as though they belong in the class



Elliott brightens up our school the moment he arrives, bringing a big, happy smile that shows just how much he feels part of the Millwood team.

Our hive 5 students are really showing they belong learning their way around all the new areas.

COMMUNICATION



This week's sign is Good Afternoon.

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sah pehr bakhair

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**MOMENTS
MATTER,**

**ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance

Our attendance target this academic year is 92%

This week's attendance is: 86.82%

Curriculum information – current topics

This is what we are learning this half term

Reception – Me and you

Years 1 and 2 – Here and there

Years 3 and 4 – Famous People

Years 5 and 6 – Journeys through time and space

FUNDRAISING AT MILLWOOD

Voluntary contributions to school fund

Each half term we send a link to make a voluntary contribution to school fund to provide additional and extra resources for school.

This is £1 per week.

You will receive a text from school money to enable you to make this payment online, but please note this is purely voluntary and there is no requirement or expectation to pay.

CHILD AND FAMILY SUPPORT



**Bury FC pan-disability
FA endorsed football sessions
at Gigg Lane**

THURSDAYS 5-5:45PM
COMETS (AGES 4-11) COMETS+ (AGES 12-17)

For more information email burycomets@gmail.com

THE HARRY HARNESSE

Family Fund
Helping disabled children
Grants • Information • Support

Great news!
Funding may now be available for your Harry Harness

Family Fund has agreed that we can let families know the Harry Harness can now be funded through their grant programme for eligible families.

The Harry Harness helps autistic children and adults, and those with additional needs who may bolt or need extra support, enjoy the freedom to get out into the community more safely and with less anxiety.

Family Fund may be able to help eligible families access a Harry Harness.

SAFETY
Helps keep your loved one safe in the community.

INDEPENDENCE
Encourages freedom, confidence and life skills.

CONFIDENCE
Reduces anxiety and helps every outing feel more positive.

MORE ADVENTURES
More everyday moments. More family memories. More together.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE HARRY HARNESSE
www.theharryharness.co.uk

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR A GRANT
www.familyfund.org.uk

Thank you to Family Fund for allowing us to share this information with our community.

Coming Up
AT TALLIE'S TALK GROUP

Connect • Chat • Support • Belong

WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER
Nervous System Remapping
with Emily from Embrace Your Freedom
A calming and informative session to help you understand your nervous system and learn tools to feel safer, calmer and more in control.

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
Radcliffe Readers
OUR FAB BOOK CLUB
New members welcome - come and join us for a relaxed and friendly chat about this month's book.

WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER
healthwatch
INFORMATION & SUPPORT SESSION
Healthwatch will be joining us to discuss and answer any questions you may have about health and social care. A great opportunity to share your experiences, raise any worries or concerns and get the information you need.

WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER
Social Night
AT ISTANBUL
WITH BOB MARLEY TRIBUTE
Join us for a fun night of great music, food and company. Booking tonight to please let me know if you would like to attend if you haven't already.

Women Supporting Women

info@gtc-centre.co.uk GET IN TOUCH Phone - 07963605283
Run by Volunteers for the community we live in.

Support for Parents/Carers of Neurodiverse Children / Young People

Bury Neuro Hub

This service is for parent/carers who would like support and advice around their neurodiverse needs. Your young person does not have to have a diagnosis to access this service.

Drop-in sessions are every Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am - 3pm

Evening sessions now available:

- Thursday 17th September 2026 3.30pm - 7pm
- Tuesday 13th October 2026 3.30pm - 7pm
- Tuesday 10th November 2026 3.30pm - 7pm
- Tuesday 8th December 2026 3.30pm - 7pm

You can drop in or bookable appointments are available on request if you prefer. This can be by Teams, Telephone or Face to Face.

Tel: 0161 762 1440
Email: jburns@buryneurohub.co.uk
Address: Phoenix House, 100 Brierley Street, Bury BL9 9HN

BURY AUTISM CONNECT EVENT

Connect with local services, discover what's available and have your say.

Meet local organisations and services, discover support and opportunities, and connect with people from across Bury's autism community.

There'll be information tables, a sensory space and opportunities to share your views about the future of autism support in Bury.

Monday 26th October
The Elizabethan Suite at Bury Town Hall
1pm - 3pm

Growing Together Radcliffe Support CIC

Westminster Ave, Radcliffe M26 3WD

WEEKLY ACTIVITY FLYER
WEEK COMMENCING 28TH SEPTEMBER

MON	NA	N.A 7 - 8.30 p.m (mixed group)
TUES	twinklLeBoost	Twinklboost sessions 9 a.m - noon Book via our website: www.twinklboost.com
WED	Milton Road Field consultation drop in	5 - 8 p.m
THURS	Radcliffe Veterans & community breakfast	9.30 a.m - 11 a.m
FRI	From noon main hall available to hire	noon onwards
SAT	Yoga (run by Help Yourself Yoga)	11 a.m - noon
SUN	Radcliffe Craft & Chat	12.30 - 3.30 p.m (adults)
	Alcoholics Anonymous	7 - 9 p.m
	Community cafe, advice & support, foodbank (referral only)	9 - noon
	Youth club run by Bury Youth Services	6 p.m - 8 p.m
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FOR YOUR DIARY..



October

Sunday 27 September - Millwood Family Community Walk and Play

Thursday 1 October - Stay and..... for Whitelow 1, Redvales 1, Irwell 1 and Hive 1

Friday 2 October - Harvest Festival

Wednesday 7 October - Shape day

Thursday 8 October - Stay and..... for Whitelow 5, Redvales 5, Irwell 5 and Hive 5

Friday 9 October - World Mental Health Day

October (date to be confirmed) - Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 13 October & Wednesday 14 October - School Photographer

Thursday 15 October - Stay and..... for Whitelow 6, Redvales 6, Irwell 6 and Hive 6

Friday 16 October - Millwood Big draw/Write day



MILLWOOD SCHOOL LENDING LIBRARY

We would like to introduce our Millwood lending library. Parents/carers can borrow a range of books and maths games to read or play at home, then return to school.

Please visit our school website or scan the QR code to view the range of books/games on offer and make a request to borrow an item.

<https://www.millwoodprimaryschool.co.uk/parents-carers-information/lending-library>



We would ask that the resource is returned within two weeks for another family to enjoy!

There is no charge, but if an item is not returned, or returned damaged so it cannot be re-used, we will make a £5 charge.



THIS WEEK IN HIVE 2 & WHITELOW 2

The Hive 2 children have settled into their new classroom beautifully. Together, we have become familiar with our new route to the Hive whilst still spending lots of time in the more familiar areas of Millwood.

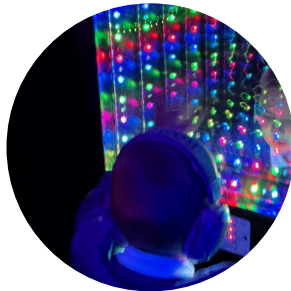
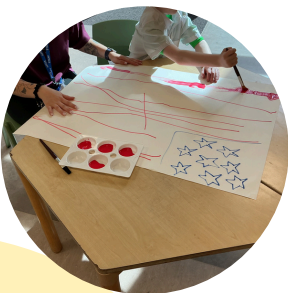
Our stories have all been big hits from 'Leonardo and the Flying boy' to 'Camille and the Sunflowers', with a little bit of one of favourites thrown in, 'The Gingerbread Man'. Through Maths lessons, sensory time and writing activities, we have brought all our stories to life. This week we created our own sunflowers during a mark making activity and explored real sunflowers during a Maths activity.

As always, our PE sessions have been fun and engaging. The children have shown lots of excitement and great understanding during the warm up PE game 'Go/Stop'.

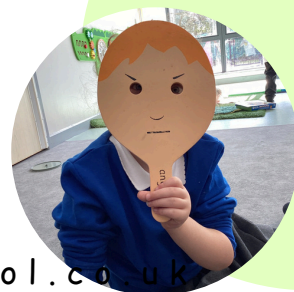
The children have worked hard with number quantity practice; counting cars, trucks, frogs etc. We also had some great messy sensory fun as we 'splatted' Five Currant Buns!

We have been enjoying our time visiting the different sensory rooms and had quiet time exploring books in the Hive library.

So far, a fun, engaging start to the school year.



Whitelow 2 have had a wonderful start to the year. We began with our story of the very hungry Caterpillar learning all about the days of the week and exploring different fruits. This week we moved onto our new story 'the tiger who came to tea'. In maths we have been working on one and lots through different exploration activities. For our afternoon topics we began by learning about our feelings and how to use the zones of regulation to tell people how we feel. We have some amazing actors showing happy and sad faces. This week in our topic we have been exploring the weather. The rain was definitely the favourite afternoon as we enjoyed listening to the rain sounds dropping popping candy in water and using spray bottles on our umbrellas



THIS WEEK IN REDVALES 2 & IRWELL 2



Redvales 2 have had a fantastic week! We have been having lots of fun with conkers and tube rolling them as we counted each one in maths. We have also been exploring the new hall space for our PE playing target games. We have been learning football skills with our Man City Coach too.

Our story of the week has been 'Where's my teddy?', it has opened up fantastic communication and language skills relating to size concepts.

Some have also had lots of fun learning new skills on bikes and trikes.

Well done Redvales 2!



This term Irwell 2 have settled well into class, welcoming new friends, and new staff into our classroom. We have had lots of fun exploring planets and space. We have enjoyed looking at the story of "whatever next" and taking some trips to space. We have packed our bags and a picnic and headed off to space in our own cardboard rockets. We have also been doing lots of work on numbers, counting, adding one and taking one away.

