



Newsletter

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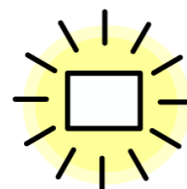


*He turned the desert into pools of water
and the parched ground into flowing springs.*

Psalms 107:35

Happy New Year!

We've had a really positive start to January, and it has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm. We were especially pleased that we were able to stay open during the recent snow. Our brilliant site team—particularly Mr Hurst and Mr Omotayo—worked tirelessly from 5:30am, clearing snow, gritting the pathways and making sure the site was completely safe for children, families and staff. Their hard work and dedication meant that learning could continue as normal, and we are incredibly grateful for everything they do.



We have lots of exciting things planned for the Spring Term, and we look forward to sharing these experiences with you and the children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Diary Dates

Friday 13th February – Times Tables Rock Stars Day

Friday 13th February – Last day of half term

Monday 23rd February – INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS

Thursday 5th March – Joanna Adeyinka-Burford (Cbeebies) Visiting School

Friday 6th March – World Book Day – Dress Up as a character from a book

Friday 27th March – Last day of Spring Term

Monday 13th April – First Day of Summer Term



All our term dates can be found on the school website [HERE](#).

Please note our INSET days for the academic year 2025-26 are as follows:

Monday 23rd February 2026

Friday 3rd July 2026

Friday 24th July 2026

Monday 27th July 2026

A Special Visitor!



We are delighted to announce that CBeebies TV presenter, Joanna Adeyinka-Burford, will be joining us for a special World Book Day Collective Worship on Thursday 5th March. Joanna has written an exciting faith based children's book, titled 'What's Up: 30 encouragements to fuel your faith'.

Not only that, Joanna will also be signing copies for children on the day who have pre-ordered a book - an opportunity not to be missed!

To order your signed copy of the 'What's Up' book you can log into your child's Arbor account and make a payment by no later than Wednesday 11th February. The books are £10 per copy.

Please see the below Youtube link if the children would like to learn the song before Joanna's visit so they can join in.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Wi-Ew64V6iQ&feature=youtu.be>

A colorful poster for an author visit. It features a central image of Joanna Adeyinka-Burford, a woman with long braids, smiling and wearing a red t-shirt with white stripes on the sleeves. She is standing in front of a stylized house with a rainbow roof. To her left is a red speech bubble containing the text 'JOANNA ADEYINKA-BURFORD' and 'WHAT'S UP' in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the image, the text 'Author visit' is written in large, bold, blue letters, followed by 'CBEEBIES Joanna Adeyinka-Burford' in smaller, blue letters. At the bottom, there is a yellow banner with two columns of text: 'Order your copy of What's Up through school by 11th Feb' and 'Get your book signed on the day!'. The website 'www.itsjoanna.co.uk' is centered at the bottom of the banner.

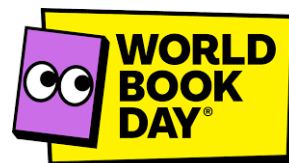
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World Book Day



We are excited to celebrate **World Book Day on Friday 6th March 2026**. Children are invited to dress up as a character from a book, and we can't wait to see the wonderful creativity and imagination that always shines through on this special day. It's a fantastic opportunity for everyone to share their favourite stories and characters, and to enjoy the magic that books bring into our lives.

Times Tables Rock Stars Day



We are looking forward to celebrating Number Day on **Friday 13th February 2026**! This year's theme is **Times Table Rockstars**, and the whole day will be filled with fun, high-energy maths activities. Children will take part in games and challenges focused on counting, times tables and number fluency, all designed to help build confidence and enjoyment in maths across the school.

To add to the fun, children are welcome to come to school dressed as a rockstar if they would like to. This is completely optional, and there is no expectation to buy anything new—creativity is very much encouraged! If you have any questions about the day or about what your child might need, please speak to your child's class teacher. We are excited for a brilliant Number Day full of learning, laughter and lots of counting!

New Staff



We are delighted to share that our new staff members have settled in exceptionally well this term. They have all commented on how warmly they have been welcomed by the children, families and wider school community, and it has been wonderful to see them quickly becoming part of the Bulwell St Mary's team. Their positivity, enthusiasm and commitment to our school values have already made a noticeable impact.

Mrs Oates has made a fantastic start in Year 5, Miss Fitzpatrick has settled brilliantly into F2 and is already doing a wonderful job as our new EYFS Lead, and Mrs Wren has brought warmth and energy to her role as our Nursery Teacher. We are really pleased to have them with us and look forward to seeing the difference they will continue to make across the school.

Thank you!

Thank you again for your continued support.



Mrs Burge and the Bulwell St Mary's Team

