



Lowercroft Primary School

WEEKLY NEW SLETTER

Week Beginning Monday 12th January 2026



EMPATHY



RESPECT



INDEPENDENCE



COURAGE



CURIOSITY

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another full and varied week at Lowercroft. Our pupil clinics have continued, giving children the opportunity to share their views and contribute to school life, while our Year 5/6 football team were back in action in a competitive fixture. We also saw an impressive example of learning in action, when one of our Year 2 pupils confidently applied first aid skills during an emergency a real reminder of the value of the practical experiences our children are gaining.

Key Dates & Information - Week Beginning Monday 19th January 2026



| Date | Event | Information |
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| Monday 19th January- 9:15am | Assembly- Black History- Martin Luther King Jr Day | Pupils only. |
| Friday 23rd January - 2:40pm | Celebration Assembly | By invite only |

Come and join the club - New clubs for this half term:

| Club | Day | Time | Who | Place | Information |
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| Lunchtime Clubs | | | | | |
| Podcast Club | Wednesday | Lunchtime | Mr Roberts | The Nest | |
| Crochet Club (Y6) | Thursday | Lunchtime | Mrs McGadie | Y6 Classroom | Please bring a crochet hook (size 5 or above) Wool provided |
| Boys Football (Y6) | Friday | 1 - 3pm | Mr Moss | School playground | Mr Moss will be supporting the coaches from 'Build a Baller' |
| Lego Club - KS2 | Thursday | Lunchtime | Ms Tattersall | Reception classroom | No need to sign up - just turn up |
| Indoor Athletics Trials | Friday | Morning | Mr Moss | School Hall | Preparation for an indoor tournament on 3/02/26 |
| After School Clubs | | | | | |
| Choir | Monday | 3:15 - 4:15 | Mrs McGadie | School hall | The first choir session begins this week (16th Jan) and will continue throughout the Spring term. |
| Y3 & Y4 Multi-skills | Tuesday | 3:15 - 4:15 | Sports Coach | School field | Please see letters sent home for more information about signing up. First session starts this week (13th January) |
| Pottery Club | Tuesday | 3:15 - 4:15 | Mrs Kay | Y4 Classroom | |
| SATs Booster clubs - Y6 only | | | | | |
| Reading Booster Club | Monday | 3:15-4:15 | Miss Savery & Mrs Parkinson | Y6 Classroom | By invite only. Please refer to the letter sent home for more information. |
| Maths Booster Club | Monday | 3:15-4:15 | Mr Roberts | TBC | |
| Maths Booster Club | Thursday | 3:15 - 4:15 | Mrs McGadie | TBC | |

COMING SOON

Samba Band Workshop – Music Comes to Life at Lowercroft

We are excited to be welcoming a Samba Band workshop into school on Wednesday 11th February. The day will begin with a whole-school assembly, followed by each class (Rec - Y6) taking part in a 40-minute hands-on workshop. Children will have the opportunity to experience the rhythm, energy and teamwork involved in samba music. The day will finish with a lively Samba Band performance, bringing everyone together to celebrate what they have learned. We hope these sessions will inspire some of our children to sign up for our Samba Band club, which will run throughout the summer term. We will be asking for a small voluntary contribution of £3 per child, or £5 per family for families with more than one child. Further details about making payments via the Bury Council account will be shared next week. A huge thank you to our PTA, who have very kindly funded the purchase of some instruments, ensuring this opportunity can continue beyond the workshop day. Their support helps music truly come to life at Lowercroft.





Let's Celebrate!

Football with Pride and Sportsmanship

Our Year 5/6 football team faced a tough challenge last week against Tottington Primary School. Despite a determined performance, the boys were narrowly defeated 2-0 in a competitive and well-fought match. While the result was disappointing, the way the team approached the game was something to be incredibly proud of. The boys remained disciplined throughout, worked hard to keep their positions and consistently encouraged one another. Their sportsmanship, respect and courage were clear for all to see.... a true reflection of our school values in action. It was a proud moment to watch the team represent Lowercroft with such maturity and positivity. Although they may not have won on the scoreboard, they were true winners in our eyes. Well done, boys – onwards and upwards! A special thank you to Ted's dad, who kindly refereed the match.

First Aid in Action in Year 2

This week we saw a wonderful example of learning being put into practice when one of our Year 2 pupils, Khaleesi, quickly stepped in to help a member of staff. When Ms Tyrrell began coughing, Khaleesi immediately recognised what she thought could be a choking situation and confidently attempted to administer first aid. Her quick reaction and calm response show just how valuable our first aid sessions are in teaching children important real-life skills beyond the curriculum. A huge thank you to Mrs Jones for delivering these sessions so clearly and effectively and well done to Khaleesi for being so alert and caring. We are pleased to report that Ms Tyrrell has fully recovered, although she did escape with a slightly sore back! A proud moment for everyone involved.



Pupil Leadership Team – Enrichment in Focus

This week, our Pupil Leadership Team led an assembly based on this term's pupil voice theme: Enrichment. They spoke clearly and confidently, using a presentation and resources they had prepared themselves, to explain the focus and encourage pupils to share their views. Throughout the week, the team have also been inviting pupils from across the school to attend lunchtime pupil voice sessions, giving children the opportunity to talk about enrichment activities and clubs. Their thoughtful questions and organisation ensured everyone felt listened to. It is always valuable to hear directly from our pupils and the feedback gathered will help us continue to develop enrichment opportunities that reflect their interests and ideas. ...although I will need to think about a suggestion of darts!! Well done to the team!



| Attendance | |
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| Whole School | |
| 96% | |
| Y2 | 99.3% |

| Gold Coins Winners | |
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| Y2 | |
| House Points | |
| Neptune | |

| Award Winners | |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Rec | Nova |
| Year 1 | Reggie & Mia |
| Year 2 | Margot & Poppy |
| Year 3 | Forest School |
| Year 4 | Daisy & George M |
| Year 5 | Max & Sebastian |
| Year 6 | Ethan, Oliver & Gabriel |

Autumn Term House Winners – Mars

At the end of each term, we total up all the house points earned by pupils, with the winning house receiving a special reward. For the autumn term, we are delighted to announce that Mars were our overall winners. To celebrate their success, pupils in Mars enjoyed a well-deserved ice-cream treat, complete with a choice of sprinkles. Despite the icy weather, there was plenty of excitement and enthusiasm as the children proudly collected their reward. It was a lovely way to recognise their hard work and positive attitudes. A big thank you to Miss Savery for organising the treat and making it happen. We're already looking forward to seeing which house will come out on top this termand who knows what this term's reward might be!



School Meals – Moving to School Grid

We will soon be moving to School Grid, an online system used to manage school meal choices and payments. Parents will be able to select meals in advance, view menus and manage payments all in one place. We are aiming to go live after half term. We will share full instructions and login details well in advance to ensure a smooth transition for families.

Thank you for your continued support. It has been encouraging to see our pupils taking responsibility, sharing their views and applying their learning in meaningful ways. We look forward to the weeks ahead and continuing to build on this positive start to the term.

Mrs. McGadie

& The Lowercroft Team