



Week Beginning Monday 19th January 2026



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Lowercroft has been full of purposeful learning and positive engagement across school. Our Reception children have been busy taking part in the Big Bird Watch, while Year 6 pupils have been developing their creativity through sculpture work. We also have more sporting events to look forward to, giving pupils further opportunities to represent the school and build on recent successes as we continue through the spring term.

Key Dates & Information - Week Beginning Monday 26th January 2026



Date	Event	Information
Monday 26th January- 9:15am	Assembly- Black History- Burns Night	Pupils only.
Monday 26th January -	Pentathlon Multi-Skills Event	Information has been sent out to parents of children involved
Friday 23rd January - 2:40pm	Celebration Assembly	By invite only

Club	Day	Time	Who	Place	Information
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	Choir 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	Mr Roberts - Study	
Maths Booster Club	Thursday	3:15 - 4:15	Mrs McGadie	Y6 Classroom	

Upcoming Multi-Skills Pentathlon Event

Next week, a group of our pupils will be taking part in a Pentathlon multi-skills event at Bury Grammar School. This event forms part of the Panathlon Challenge, which offers inclusive sporting opportunities for children. The Pentathlon involves a series of fun, team-based multi-skills activities designed to develop coordination, confidence, teamwork and enjoyment of sport in a supportive environment. It provides children with the chance to experience competition in a positive and encouraging way. Mrs Jones is currently awaiting confirmation about whether parents will be able to spectate at the event. We will share an update with families as soon as this information is confirmed. We look forward to celebrating their achievements next week.



Let's Celebrate!

Year 6 Sculpture – Venetian Masks

Our Year 6 pupils have been exploring sculpture through the creation of Venetian masks as part of their art unit. The children have learned about the history and purpose of Venetian masks, traditionally worn during festivals and celebrations, and how they are designed to be bold, decorative and expressive. Using a range of techniques, pupils have been developing their skills by layering, folding and curling different materials to create texture, shape and detail. The care and creativity going into each piece has been fantastic to see, and the masks are already taking shape beautifully.

George, Luca and Millie were delighted to share their work in progress. Although the masks are not yet finished, they already look impressive – and we can't wait to see the final designs. A brilliant example of creativity and craftsmanship in Year 6.



Pupil Voice Update – Enrichment Feedback

Following our recent pupil clinics, we have now gathered and reviewed the feedback shared by children across the school. Our Pupil Leadership Team will be sharing a summary of this feedback in an upcoming assembly.

Overall, the responses showed that children really value the Enrichment afternoons, particularly activities that help them develop practical, real-life skills. Some pupils shared thoughtful reflections, including: "I enjoy the activities that help us in life" and "I enjoyed drama as it taught me how to actually act." Children also offered suggestions for future clubs – including (as anticipated!) darts, cricket and a quiz club – and a number of pupils even suggested that the enrichment sessions should be longer. This feedback is incredibly helpful and will support us in shaping how we continue to develop enrichment opportunities for our children.

A big thank you to Ted, Bella, Millie and Ethan, who gave up part of their lunchtimes to conduct the survey and gather pupils' views so thoughtfully.

Award Winners

Rec	Mabel
Year 1	Bodhi & Michael
Year 2	Mabel & Jesse
Year 3	Forest School
Year 4	George H & Enid
Year 5	Whole Class
Year 6	Millie & Leonardo

Gold Coins Winners

33

House Points

Neptune

Attendance

Whole School

97%

Y4

99.1%



Samba Band Workshop – Payment Update

Following last week's announcement, the [payment link](#) via Bury Council for the Samba Band workshop on Wednesday 11th February is now available. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 per child or £5 per family, and we thank parents for their support.



Reception Take Part in the Big Bird Watch

Our Reception children have been taking part in the Big Bird Watch, a national initiative that encourages people to observe and learn more about the birds found in their local environment. As part of this activity, the children have been carefully watching for birds around the school grounds and talking about the different species they might see. To support their learning, the children also made their own bird feeders and explored how birds and other animals survive during the winter months, when food can be harder to find. This hands-on experience helped them develop a deeper understanding of seasonal change and the importance of caring for wildlife. It has been a lovely opportunity for the children to combine outdoor learning with curiosity about the natural world.

Playground Safety Reminder

Please note that balls are not permitted on the playground when younger children are outside. As many families use the playground for drop-off and pick-up, often with small children and babies in pushchairs, we have noticed some heavy balls being kicked or thrown, which could cause accidents. Thank you for your support in helping us keep the playground a safe space for everyone.



Thank you for your continued support as we move through another busy and productive week at Lowercroft. From pupil voice and enrichment to upcoming sporting events, it's encouraging to see our children continuing to engage so positively with school life. We wish our Pentathlon team the very best of luck as they prepare to represent the school next week.

Mrs. McGadie

& The Lowercroft Team