

Bury Council

## Department for Children and Young People

### For information

### Schools Balances

Schools Balances brought forward from 2024-25 totalled £2.484m. At the end of the 2025-26 financial year, Schools Balances totalled £2.290m, a total reduction of £0.194m. These numbers do not include academies that the Local Authority does not report on.

The outturn position is split as follows:

<b>2025-26 Closing School Balances £</b>	
Nursery	114,016
Primary	78,820
Secondary	1,167,823
Special	929,193
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,289,852</b>

Included at Appendix 1 is the School Balances detail per Bury School.

It should be noted that, as shown at Appendix 1, the number of schools which are in a deficit position has reduced from 12 at the end of 2024-25, to 9 at the end of the 2025-26 financial year.

#### Other areas to note

All schools are facing increasing cost pressures, particularly in relation to staff, energy costs and high needs support. Many Primary schools are facing additional pressures due to a reduction in pupil numbers. Academy schools, that have recently converted, are still included if the balance at conversion has not yet been finalised. However, academies funding is not included in the Council's figures once the balances at conversion are finalised. The surplus balances, for schools that converted late 2024-25 or in the 2025-26 financial year, were transferred to the academy trusts after finalisation of the accounts in accordance with Department for Education (DfE) guidelines. These were:

Old Hall Primary	Parrenthorn High School
Greenmount Primary	Spring Lane School (now Ash Grove)
Sedgley Park Community Primary	

There are 7 schools with a surplus above the recommended maximum percentage of 8% for Nursery, Primary and Special Schools and 5% for High Schools. These schools are shaded blue.

9 schools ended the year with a deficit, and these schools are shaded red. Schools are required to adhere to their budget limits but, in the event of an unplanned deficit occurring, this will be deducted from the following year's budget share. Schools that aren't able to produce a balanced budget for 2026-27 can request approval to set a deficit budget by submitting a deficit recovery management plan to the Executive Director of Children and Young People. The deficit should normally be recovered within two years.

Of the 12 schools that ended 2024-25 with a deficit:

3 recovered the deficit in 2025-26;

7 have an approved deficit recovery plan;

1 has yet to agree a deficit recovery plan;

1 planned to balance in 2025-26, but still ended the year with a deficit.

Of the 9 schools ending 2025-26 with a deficit:

7 already have an approved deficit recovery plan, 2 of which are subject to review;

1 plan is currently being prepared before submission for approval;

1 is converting to academy status during the summer term.

The Director of Education has introduced Finance Improvement Group meetings with schools facing challenges in setting a balanced budget.

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Costc	School Name	Revised	Amount	2025-26 Balance	% Balance	£ Above Maximum Threshold	2024-25 Balance
DH40050	Manchester Mesivta	1,790,732	1,790,610	122.21	0.0%	0	75,216.31
DH40070	The Derby High	7,644,089	6,435,659	1,208,430.24	15.8%	826,226	876,786.58
DH40040	The Elton High	7,505,913	7,546,643	-40,729.29	-0.5%	0	-31,353.37
DN10030	Hoyle Nursery School	899,447	785,431	114,016.27	12.7%	42,061	81,824.83
DP30170	All Saints C of E Primary Stand	1,325,323	1,143,072	182,250.56	13.8%	76,225	165,294.54
DP33490	Bury and Whitefield Jewish Primary	759,663	1,257,677	-498,013.66	-65.6%	0	-349,871.57
DP20130	Chantlers Primary	1,749,853	1,693,414	56,438.82	3.2%	0	45,604.87
DP20450	Chapelfield Primary	1,788,261	1,725,026	63,235.33	3.5%	0	33,176.57
DP30160	Christ Church Ainsworth C of E Primary	1,196,769	1,167,661	29,107.20	2.4%	0	-22,509.87
DP33300	Emmanuel Holcombe C of E Primary	728,061	848,870	-120,809.47	-16.6%	0	-116,199.86
DP20060	Fairfield Community Primary	1,669,157	1,560,198	108,958.60	6.5%	0	137,489.71
DP33200	Guardian Angels RC Primary Bury	1,352,168	1,384,620	-32,451.41	-2.4%	0	-29,314.37
DP20420	Holcombe Brook Primary	1,452,091	1,409,504	42,586.98	2.9%	0	49,078.07
DP20460	Hollins Grundy Primary	1,157,831	1,105,061	52,770.15	4.6%	0	2,167.94
DP33360	Holly Mount RC Primary Bury	1,408,690	1,386,303	22,386.73	1.6%	0	14,142.66
DP20200	Lowercroft Primary	1,275,085	1,415,126	-140,041.16	-11.0%	0	-157,627.77
DP20290	Mersey Drive Community Primary	1,588,528	1,563,659	24,869.33	1.6%	0	16,625.40
DP33370	Our Lady of Grace RC Primary	1,487,660	1,545,915	-58,255.22	-3.9%	0	-104,121.29
DP33280	Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary	1,355,621	1,338,135	17,486.12	1.3%	0	-46,903.82
DP33460	St Andrew's C of E Primary Radcliffe	1,534,224	1,486,923	47,300.06	3.1%	0	25,857.83
DP30180	St Andrew's C of E Primary Ramsbottom	1,083,658	1,056,186	27,471.81	2.5%	0	-15,105.31
DP33480	St Hilda's C of E Primary	1,122,231	1,103,020	19,211.54	1.7%	0	11,620.01
DP33520	St John with St Mark C of E Primary	2,261,240	2,074,136	187,104.45	8.3%	6,205	233,262.54
DP33530	St Luke C of E Primary	2,651,164	2,753,420	-102,256.02	-3.9%	0	-50,502.01
DP30150	St Margaret's C of E Primary	1,259,409	1,329,746	-70,337.06	-5.6%	0	-72,853.20
DP33240	St Marie's RC Primary Bury	1,537,963	1,472,443	65,520.12	4.3%	0	21,600.83
DP33320	St Mary's C of E Primary Hawkshaw	571,260	653,938	-82,678.20	-14.5%	0	-61,366.58
DP33340	St Mary's C of Primary Prestwich	1,344,569	1,198,885	145,683.39	10.8%	38,118	58,743.61
DP30060	St Peter's C of E Primary	1,537,950	1,446,669	91,280.72	5.9%	0	77,194.95
DS70090	Cloughside	1,803,769	1,397,779	405,990.35	22.5%	261,689	398,516.23
DS70100	Millwood Primary Special	5,852,699	5,329,497	523,202.43	8.9%	54,987	483,025.01
	<b>Total Balances</b>	<b>60,695,079</b>	<b>58,405,227</b>	<b>2,289,852</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>1,305,509</b>	<b>1,749,499</b>

School Revenue Balances	2,289,851.92	1,749,499.47
Elton High already put to capital unapplied re 3G pitch	105,000.00	80,000.00
Total School Balances (CFR)	2,394,851.92	1,829,499.47

Deficit	9	12
Deficit £	-1,145,571	-1,057,729
Surplus	22	19
Surplus £	3,435,423	2,807,228
Net Variance	2,289,852	1,749,499

Nursery	899,447	785,431	114,016	12.7%
Primary	32,315,911	32,474,055	-158,144	-0.5%
Secondary	16,940,735	15,772,912	1,167,823	6.9%
Special	2,882,519	2,645,555	236,964	8.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,038,611</b>	<b>51,677,952</b>	<b>1,360,659</b>	