

Bure Park Primary School Newsletter

5th June 2026



Welcome back and I hope you had a lovely half term break - the weather was glorious!

This last term is action packed, with lots going on - please see the dates at the end of the newsletter for information on sports days, arts fortnight, summer fayre and Year 6 leavers productions and assemblies.

On Thursday, Year 5 and 6 had a visit from a local children's author Fiona Dixon and she was very inspiring.

Next week, we have a boys football final against St Edburg's on Thursday and a mixed team semi final against Chesterton on Friday. Our football teams have done very well this year in the local leagues - many thanks to Miss Worsfold, Mr Davis and Miss Hunter. We also have the Buddies Comedy night on Friday evening - hosted by Lone Wolf. There are still a few tickets available.

The county council has asked me to share information about water safety, due to the deaths of some young people over the half term break. This information is contained in the newsletter. We will be doing some teaching about water safety through our assemblies this term.

One of our TAs Mrs Green is running the Race for Life, if you would like to sponsor her please use the following link: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/emmas-race-for-life-32746570173755226393>

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Moon

Head Teacher

Water safety advice.



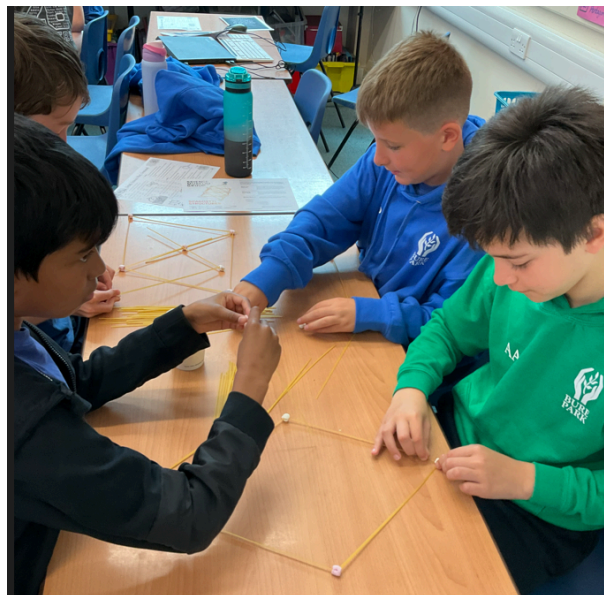
Spending time near water can be fun, especially in warm weather, but open water can be dangerous even if you are a strong swimmer. Rivers, lakes, canals, quarries and reservoirs can be much colder than they look, with hidden hazards and strong currents.

- Do not jump, dive or swim in open water unless it is a supervised, designated place.
- Never go near water alone - stay with friends and make sure someone knows where you are.
- Be aware that cold water shock can affect anyone, even strong swimmers, and can make it hard to breathe or move.
- Rivers, canals and lakes may have hidden dangers under the surface such as rocks, rubbish, weeds, fishing line or sudden drops.
- Do not take risks to impress others, including dares, bridge jumps or entering the water for social media content.
- If you fall in, try to stay calm, float on your back, keep your airway clear and control your breathing.
- If you see someone in trouble, call 999 or 112, shout for help, and throw something that floats. Do not go in after them.
- If possible, choose supervised swimming venues or pools instead of unsupervised open water.

Remember: Enjoy the good weather, look out for your mates, and stay safe around water.

Update from Year 6

As we start our final term, we want to say a huge well done to all the children for their fantastic hard work and determination during the SATs; their focus was truly admirable. We are now making the absolute most of ensuring they enjoy a memorable and fun-filled final few weeks with us. There was great excitement just before half-term when the Year 6 leavers' hoodies arrived, and the children absolutely love wearing them with pride on their PE days! We also had a brilliant time on Science Day. Our young scientists explored the fascinating world of neuroscience, engineered clever contraptions to land an egg safely on Mars, and built impressively stable towers using pasta. Rehearsals are now well underway for our end-of-year production, and the children are also busy finishing their final primary writing piece—a suspenseful story based on the short film Alma. We've got a busy few weeks ahead of us!



Focus on Reception

In Reception our new topic for this term is called 'Growing and Changing'. Our focus for this week has been on the lives of frogs with the transformation they go through during their life cycle. We were all very excited to go pond dipping in our back garden to see if we could find any tadpoles – luckily, we managed to find a few that we carefully brought into our classrooms to observe more closely.

We have also been thinking about all of the questions we want to find out about frogs, including *are frogs slimy?* and *can frogs jump higher than a person?* We will be using a non-fiction book to try and answer all of our questions in the coming weeks.

Everyone in Reception also created their own frogs using some paint, their finger prints and a black pen. These are all on show in our classrooms and look amazing!



Science Day

On the last day of term (Friday 22nd May) we held our annual Bure Park Science Day. The theme for this year's Science Day was **Curiosity: What's your question?**

During the day we all became scientists including plenty of opportunities to ask questions and complete our own investigations. There was a buzz of scientific excitement throughout the school – a great way to end the term!

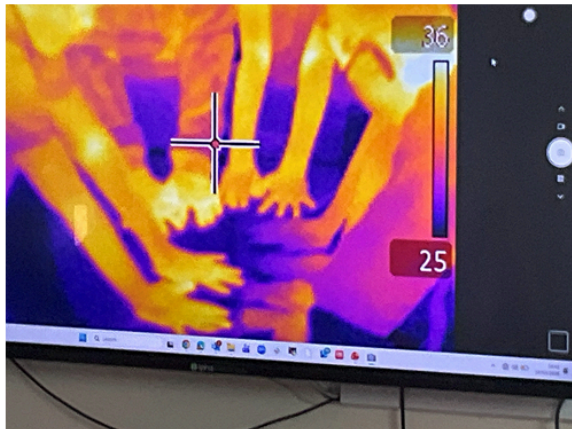
We were also very fortunate to be joined by Dr Ventress and Dr Frangou from our school community to share their science expertise and discuss their jobs in the science world. The children in Year 4, 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their visits and staff reported how in awe their classes were. A massive thank you to them both for taking their time to complete workshops with so many of our older children in school.

Here are some of the children's highlights of the day:

"I liked making boats out of different materials and testing them to see which was the best" - Emily (Year 1)

"Testing our nests was fun. We did a fair test" - Elodie (Year 1)

"I really loved Science Day. I loved making the paper boats to see if they could float. We used different materials." - Mercy (Year 2)



Author Visit

Year 5 and Year 6 had the wonderful opportunity to meet Fiona Dixon, author of *Crow Thief of Magic*. She was fantastic and delivered an engaging and inspiring assembly, where the children not only learned about her journey as an author and her exciting new book, but also began creating magical stories of their own.

It was a real treat for everyone involved. Our sincere thanks go to Coles Books and Fiona Dixon for making this memorable experience possible.



Makaton Sign of the Week



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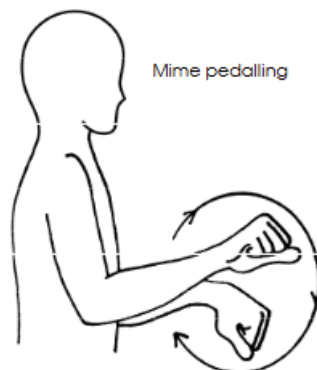
1st - 7th June 2026

This week's sign is '**Bicycle**'!

Join in with our Sign of the Week. Make and share your own video using the hashtag #WeTalkMakaton.



Bicycle



Mime pedalling

Bicycle

Buddies News

Our next big event is the Lone Wolf Comedy Night on Friday. Tickets are almost sold out. The last few are available here: <https://wegottickets.com/event/691914/>

For anyone driving, please note there will be no parking at the school site. Please also bring cash if possible to speed up the bar (although QR codes will be available).

We're also busy planning the summer fayre again - Saturday, July 11th from 11am to 2pm.

If you have a business or organisation that would like a stall at the summer fayre, please email bureparkpta@gmail.com

We'll be looking for donations of toys, books and teddies in the run up to it, plus volunteers to help run the stalls. Watch this space for more info!

We're also after donations of second hand uniform please (except white T-shirts). Please drop these off at the school office. Any branded items, greys or summer dresses will be gratefully received and especially PE T--shirts which we are always in short supply!

Here's a summary of dates for your diary:

- Friday, 12th June: Comedy night
- Wednesday, 17th June uniform sale (nursery / reception only)
- Thursday, 25th June uniform sale (main school)
- Friday, July 3rd - mufti day for donations of chocolate or sweets
- Friday, July 10th - mufti day for donations of bottles (wine, soft drinks, beer, bubble bath, tomato ketchup, anything goes!)
- Friday, July 10th - volunteers needed to help prep for the fayre
- Saturday, 11th July - summer fayre 11am to 2pm

Attendance Figures (%) Monday 1st to Friday 5th June 2026

Our **school expectation for attendance each week is 96%** to support the children's education, routine building and developing relationships.

Well done to Classes 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11 for hitting our target this week.

Nursery	83.84
Reception A	95.6
Reception B	93.65
Class 1	96.43
Class 2	91.9
Class 3	96.55
Class 4	93.1
Class 5	96.27
Class 6	83.91
Class 7	94.12
Class 8	86.43
Class 9	96.06
Class 10	96.94
Class 11	97.14
Class 12	89.86
School Total	93.36

Main School

- 8:35am – doors open
- 8:40am – learning Starts
- 3:15pm – learning ends and doors open
- 4:00pm – teacher led after school clubs' end

Reception

- 8:40am – doors open
- 8:45am – learning starts
- 3:05pm – Learning ends and doors open

Nursery

- 8:30am – doors open for AM nursery/8:50am for all day nursery
- 11.30am – AM nursery ends
- 3pm – PM nursery ends

Weekly Awards

Reading

Children who have read three times a week are entered into a reading raffle, where they can choose a book from the vending machine.

- Reception: Edith
- Key Stage 1: Albie
- Lower Key Stage 2: Sebby
- Upper Key Stage 2: Francis

Keep Reading!

Numbots Winners

This week's winners were the children who have the highest improvement in accuracy:

- Year 1 - 1st Maxi / 2nd Jacob Q / 3rd Lourenco
- Year 2 - 1st Uriel / 2nd Joshua H / 3rd Max T

Times Tables Rockstars Winners

This week's winners were the children who have had the highest improvement in accuracy:

- Year 2 - 1st Maks / 2nd Elspeth / 3rd Rodin
- Year 3 - 1st Thomas / 2nd Harry / 3rd Ronnie
- Year 4 - 1st David / 2nd Airyana / 3rd Luca
- Year 5 - 1st Wayde / 2nd Goncalo / 3rd Imogen
- Year 6 - 1st Ahnah / 2nd Nicolas / 3rd Elias

Dates for the Diary

- ❖ 12th June - Buddies Comedy Night
- ❖ 17th June - 2.30pm Year 2 Sharing Assembly
- ❖ 23rd June Sports Day (KS2 9.15am and KS1 1.15pm)
- ❖ 24th June -9.15am EYFS Sports Day and 2.30pm Year 3 Sharing Assembly
- ❖ 1st July - 1.45pm Year 6 Production
- ❖ 2nd July - 5pm Year 6 Production
- ❖ 7th July - 7.45pm Buddies Committee Meeting - Bure Park Farm Pub
- ❖ 8th July - 2.30pm Reception Sharing Assembly
- ❖ 11th July - Buddies Summer Fayre
- ❖ 16th July - 9.30am Y6 Leavers Assembly
- ❖ 17th July - School closes for Summer at 2pm



Bure Park Primary School

Learning, Caring, Sharing, Growing



FOUNDATION STAGE

OPEN EVENINGS

FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

Come and meet the early years team and see our fantastic learning environment

Each session will start promptly with a presentation in the school hall, followed by a tour around the school

Monday 19th October 5pm

Monday 16th November 4pm

To book a place please complete the form on the school website



Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

**Tooth-
brushing
toddlers,
we need
you!**

**Tell us about your
toothbrushing habits and
what help you need to
keep teeth healthy.**

(you can ask a grown-up to help...)



Project Yoga Oxon – New Monday Evening Class 🧘

Looking for a little more strength, flexibility and calm in your week?

Project Yoga Oxon is launching a new Monday evening class at Bure Park School. Our friendly and inclusive classes are designed to help improve strength, increase flexibility and calm that active mind through movement, breath

Whether you're completely new to yoga or have practised before, everyone is welcome. There is plenty of guidance and support, making the classes ideal for beginners as well as those looking to develop their practice.

📍 Bure Park School, Bicester

📅 Mondays

🕒 6.30pm – 7.30pm

We also run a regular Thursday evening class:

📅 Thursdays

🕒 7.30pm – 8.30pm

📍 Bure Park School

Take an hour for yourself, move your body, stretch away tension and leave feeling calmer, stronger and more balanced.

To find out more or book your place, please get in touch by email or phone.

Email: projectyogaoxon@gmail.com

Call Sam 07970 410806 or Amanda 07595 772003

We look forward to welcoming you to the mat! 🧘

IT'S A KNOCKOUT

@ BLOXHAM STEAM & COUNTRY FAIR

Round up your team and take on the chaos!

Date: Saturday 27 June
Time: 12 - 4PM

Teams of 6-10 people
Ages 18+ only
No additional fundraising required
Location: Smith's Fields, Bloxham, OX15 4HD

Cost: £600 per team (6-10 people)
Price includes entry to Bloxham Steam & Country Fair for all team members.



Scan the QR code to register

How your support helps Katharine House Hospice

£600 could cover the basic costs of our bereavement team for four days, helping provide expert support to people grieving the loss of someone close.

Registered Charity No. 297029

