

Bure Park Primary School Newsletter

17th July 2026



Well that is a wrap for the academic year 2025/6 and it has gone past really quickly. Today in the final assembly of term we looked at a review of each year group. The children have had so many experiences, learning opportunities and fun this year.

Many, many thanks to all who attended, set up, volunteered on stalls and cleared away last Saturday at our annual Summer Fayre. It was a very successful event. The Buddies Committee have been phenomenal this year organising a wide range of events and giving up their time freely for the school. I am very grateful for their support.

This week has been particularly action packed. We had a rock steady concert, big draw and colour run on Monday. Year 6 went to Ninja Warrior and Kate Freeman's piano and clarinet pupils performed in a concert on Tuesday. Year 3 held their sharing assembly and Year 2 had Bure Parkins day on Wednesday. Year 6 held their Leaving assembly on Thursday.

Today is Year 6's last day and a couple of other children who are moving to different schools. We wish them well and hope that they continue to be the best they can be and to live the school values of teamwork, honesty and kindness.

As the office closes at 2pm today - if you have any safeguarding concerns over the holidays please phone the MASH team on 0345 050 7666. They are open 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30 - 4pm on a Friday. There is an out of hours emergency team available, their phone number is 0800 833 408.

I hope you have a lovely and safe summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on 3rd September.

Best wishes

Sarah Moon

Head Teacher

Leavers 2026

As well as saying goodbye today to our Year 6 children and some of our children who are moving to other schools. We say goodbye to some very valued members of the staffing team.

Mr Gratwohl is leaving to take over the Headship at Chesterton Primary School. He has been instrumental in some fundamental changes at Bure Park, particularly family time. He has helped many children and families in his role as attendance lead, Deputy Safeguarding Lead, as well as teaching and leading Key Stage 2. He has been a great support to me as Head and I am sure you will join me in wishing him well in his first headship.

Mrs Harris is one of the founding members of Bure Park Primary School. She has been here from the very start, in January 2000, and has been instrumental in setting up and maintaining the excellent early years provision that we are very proud of. During her time at Bure Park, Mrs Harris has taught across Nursery and Reception. She has helped shape our youngest children and supported their families with endless kindness, patience and enthusiasm. Mrs Harris is a core part of the Bure Park family and will be incredibly missed but we wish her well on all her future adventures.

Mr Wickens, has been at the school since 2020 and was a formal pupil who became a TA, Nursery Lead and a Teacher. Supporting children to be the best they can be is the very core of Mr Wickens practice and all at Bure Park will be sorry to see him leave – but know he has will be brilliant working with children in specialist provision school. Thank you for all your work in the PE team, introducing WOW and Drumba to the school and organising our inaugural colour run this week, which was amazing!

Mrs Holland has worked at the school for over 20 years, supporting children and their families in her pastoral role. She also served as staff governor for many years. Her wisdom, kindness, care and support as changed and shaped so many children's and families lives for the better. We are grateful for all the work she has done in creating a pastoral curriculum – which will be the legacy of her time at Bure Park. She has been a huge support to staff as well and will be missed greatly by all. We wish her a very happy retirement.

Mrs Andrew has been part of the Bure Park family for over 20 years, firstly as a parent, then as a volunteer and then as a dedicated early years teaching assistant. She is a font of early years knowledge and has been incredibly supportive to many members of staff beginning their teaching careers. Mrs Andrew is passionate about nurturing curious young minds and so many children and their families have been lucky to experience this as part of their school journey. Mrs Andrew will be hugely missed from the early years and across the wider school but we wish her all the best for her future travels and adventures.

Miss Stanley started as a parent volunteer, lunch supervisor and eventually a teaching assistant – she has worked at the school for nearly twenty years. She has supported many children during her time at Bure Park. Her patience, kindness and sense of humour will be missed by all. She is a ray of sunshine and she will now have the opportunity to share her fantastic skills with some vulnerable pupils in an alternative provision unit.

Mr Webb is also leaving to work in an alternative provision unit. He has supported many children over the last four years in his role as a teaching assistant and lately as a part of the pastoral support team. His calmness and flexibility has made a big impact on the children he has supported. Thank you also for your support in leading health and safety over the last couple of years, not an easy task in a large and busy school.

Mrs Petsa is returning to be with family in Greece. She has supported many children and teacher throughout the school. Her smile, laugh and dry sense of humour will be missed as well her enthusiasm into throwing herself wholeheartedly into school events, particularly in the parental community. We wish you well... When can we come and visit?

Miss Mackney has worked with many children on a 1:1 basis. Her calm, kind manner has helped many children to reach their goals. She is completely unflappable in the midst of any situation, a quality we all admire. She has been a valued member of staff and we wish her well as she starts a new chapter of her life.

We look forward to welcoming new staff in September to the Bure Park family.

Colour Run

Intent: Increase our active minutes

This year as part of our initiative to increase the active minutes of all our pupils, the PE team has made cross-curricular links and organised active activities to support our learning. Earlier in the year, we taught the children about the Hindu festivals of Diwali and Holi. To celebrate this as well as close our arts festival, on Monday, we had lots of fun doing our **colour run!** Thank you to buddies for funding the colour powder for this event. It was enjoyed by all pupils and staff in year 1-6. EYFS did their own version of a colour which was enjoyed by all.

I would personally like to thank all the children for the enthusiasm they have given to all things PE and active lives related this year as well as the staff for their support in running these events. Never stop being active and keep developing your physical literacy. It has been a pleasure working with you all.

Mr Wickens



House Points

Well done to Lime House

House	End of Term 2	End of Term 4	End of Term 6	Total
Oak	1152	1266	1305	3723
Beech	1152	1430	1380	3962
Willow	1264	1346	1136	3746
Lime	1584	1701	1710	4995

Buddies News

Wow! What an amazing turnout for the summer fayre. A huge thank you to everyone who made the day such a success. We raised an amazing £4,500 which puts us well on track to fund a new outdoor learning lodge for the school - fantastic news!

Saturday's fayre draws to a close our fundraising this year. From the Christmas fayre, to school discos, the comedy night, school uniform sales and finally the summer fayre, it's been a really successful year. We raised an amazing £14,500 in total!! Of this, we've saved some for a new learning lodge and have also given over £10,000 to the school already. This has funded a range of things - library furniture, watches, musical instruments, books, arts week supplies, year 6 leavers' trip. fans for classrooms, guinea pig supplies, Young Voices travel costs, the colour run, and loads of other classroom learning resources. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this fantastic result.

Do look out for details of our AGM in September - we're always looking for more committee members, so get in touch if you are interested.

Makaton Sign of the Week



Sign of the Week

13th – 19th July 2026

This week's sign is 'Cow'!

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



Cow



Cow

We have provided you with these signs and/ or symbols free of charge. With your help The Makaton Charity can help more people communicate, please donate online at makaton.org/donate

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Attendance Figures (%) Monday 13th to Friday 17th July 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 3, 10 and 11 this week who have met or exceeded this expectation.

Nursery	77.39
Reception A	95.73
Reception B	90.95
Class 1	95.63
Class 2	94.81
Class 3	96.55
Class 4	94.4
Class 5	89.37
Class 6	91.96
Class 7	83.77
Class 8	86.11
Class 9	90.8
Class 10	97.22
Class 11	97.41
Class 12	95.7
School Total	93.2

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

Dates for the Diary

3rd September – Return to School



Be tick aware



1

Use an insect repellent that prevents ticks

2

Wear long sleeves and long trousers to prevent direct skin exposure

3

Keep to clearly defined paths and avoid brushing against vegetation

6

If you find a tick, safely remove it as soon as possible

5

When you're back indoors, check for any ticks on you, your children and pets

4

Check for ticks on young children, including around their heads and necks





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



School Uniform Event

MON 24 | AUGUST | 2026

9.30AM - 12PM

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED
JUST DROP IN AND BROWSE
OUR RAILS TO GET WHAT YOU
NEED FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

**CINCH SELF STORAGE
| ARKWRIGHT ROAD
BICESTER**





MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL – BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Dear Parents

We are delighted to be offering lessons in drums, piano, guitar and singing at Bure Park from September 2026.

If your child is in Year 2 or above and interested in learning, we are here to help!

The Musical Box is one of the longest-standing independent music schools in the country, celebrating our 20th anniversary last year. Our aim is to get as many people as possible, young and old, playing music and loving it. We offer so much more than just a music lesson – every student who joins us gains training in every aspect of being a musician.

What you need to know:

- Lessons are 30 minutes in length and are once a week during the school day.
- Students will receive a minimum of 11 half hour lessons per term (33 lessons across the year)
- All lessons are one-to-one so your child receives full attention and makes great progress.
- Lessons are delivered by our reliable, passionate team of teachers, who are all DBS-checked.
- Not only will they learn how to play an instrument and read music, but music is known to help with confidence, co-ordination and social skills as well as improving core subjects in school.
- We offer graded exams and our pass rate is 99.5%. We also offer our own developed course for those who don't want to take exams but would benefit from targets and recognisable milestones. Of course, students can also choose to learn just for fun too.
- We teach any ability from complete beginners to grade 8 and beyond.

The cost:

- Lessons are £29 per half hour including VAT.
- Your child will receive one-to-one tuition with one of our fantastic, highly trained teachers.
- We provide an annual written progress report, as well as regular feedback.

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- Our structured, pre-planned lessons are tailor-made for each student.
 - All lessons are paid by monthly Direct Debit across 12 months making payments easier.
 - Lessons are booked termly in advance.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR LESSONS

Visit <https://www.themusicalbox.co.uk/bicester/> and fill in our online booking form and direct debit mandate. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Once we have received your booking form, we will be in touch to confirm further details.

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Join the Activators this summer for free Park and Playzone sessions, with a different sport or activity each week

The sessions are available for 5-11 year olds, and new this year, 12-16 year olds too! The sessions are free and open to everyone, but please book in advance and cancel your place if you can no longer attend. Parents/carers must stay for the 5-11 year old sessions. Please wear comfortable clothing and trainers, and bring a water bottle.

WHERE YOU'LL FIND THE FUN

Bicester

Thursdays

23 July - Multi-skills 11am-12pm
30 July - Cricket Garth Park
13 August - Football 5-11 year olds
20 August - Tennis

23 July - Multi-skills 1-2pm
30 July - Cricket Spider Park
13 August - Football 5-11 year olds
20 August - Tennis

23 July - Multi-sports 2-3pm
30 July - Multi-sports Spider Park
13 August - Multi-sports 12-16 year olds
20 August - Multi-sports



FREE!



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P PERFECT PARKING PLEASE

