

Bure Park Primary School Newsletter

11th September 2026



It has been lovely to welcome the new cohort of Reception and Nursery children into the Bure Park family this week. They are enjoying making new friends and learning new routines. Welcome to our new families also. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us as we know that there is an overload of information in the first couple of weeks!

This week we were visited by OPAL, which is a new initiative we will be offering children to support play at breaktimes and lunchtimes. Mrs Lewis and a few parents from Buddies have started an action plan of how we can make this work at Bure Park. More information will follow when this has been completed.

We have had our elections for house and sports captains this week. Well done to all the children who put themselves forward and created presentations. The results were shared in assembly today and their names appear later on in the newsletter. I look forward to working with them all this year.

Next week we have a coffee morning for parents at 9am on Tuesday in the hall which will be led by the Mental Health Team. They will explain their role and how they can support children and families - please come along. On Thursday children from Reception to Year 6 can have a flu spray. You should have received information about this and given consent on-line. This is organised and managed by Oxford Health and not by the school.

Please remember when booking lunches, please order by the Wednesday before the week you are ordering as it closes at midnight every Wednesday for the following week.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Moon

Head Teacher

Mental Health Support Teams (MHST)



Support for children, young people and families in education settings



WHO WE ARE

- ✓ Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) are a new NHS service offering mental health support to children, young people and their families in education settings.
- ✓ In Oxfordshire we cover approx. 60% of schools. Each practitioner will be in their allocated schools consistently throughout the school terms.
- ✓ Our staff are trained in delivering cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT), which helps children and young people feel more resilient and cope with anxieties and depression.



WHAT WE DO

We work with new and developing mental health needs, focusing on the impact the mental health difficulty is having on the young person's life. For example, mild anxiety might affect one or more areas of life, such as school, but not every day.



SUPPORT WE OFFER

- Worry and anxiety
- Behaviour difficulties in primary-aged children
- Low mood in secondary-aged young people
- Simple phobias
- Psychoeducation and CBT-informed mental health techniques



HOW SUPPORT WORKS

Support offered to primary-aged children is with parents rather than the young person in the first instance. We can offer 1-to-1 work, group work, or parenting groups, and would normally offer appointments in the school setting.



Children and young people must be attending school for at least some of the week and be willing and able to attend sessions in a school.



WHEN WE CANNOT OFFER SUPPORT

- We are unable to work with children and young people who are at risk of harm from themselves or others, and/or young people and their families who are receiving support from child protection services.
- We are unable to work with children and young people who are currently receiving any other kind of psychological therapy.
- We do not diagnose or give advice and support on medication.



We can work with families receiving support from the Team around the Family, family help teams, or any local children's social services.

We look forward to meeting you on Tuesday the 15th of September at 9am.



Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

Focus on Year 6

What a start to Year 6 – we have been very busy!

Our History topic this term is World War Two, and the children have been incredibly interested in learning about the war, the countries involved and the key events that shaped this period. This week, we explored the main leaders of the Axis and Allied Powers and completed some fantastic work researching and learning about their roles during the war.

On our hook in day, we completed some WW2 pictures, based on the Blitz, using mixed media.



In Art, we are beginning a new unit focusing on activism through art. This week, we have been introduced to the work of artist Luba Lukova, who creates powerful visual art prints that communicate important political and social messages. The children have really enjoyed exploring how artists can use imagery to express ideas and make people think.



We were also incredibly proud this week to watch so many of our Year 6 children put themselves forward for House Captain roles. Each candidate had to stand in front of their house group and confidently persuade their peers to vote for them. They all did an incredible job, showing great courage, confidence and leadership skills.

We are delighted to announce our new Year 6 House Captains! A huge well done to everyone who took part – we are so proud of you all.

House Captains

Beech: Gersi/Maddie
Lime: Amelie/Ellie
Willow: Owen/Imogen
Oak: Rosie/Eric

Sports Captains

Tommy/Goncalo
Ruby/Noah
Zac/Isobel
Tobi/Alfie



Buddies News

Welcome back to the new school year! And a big welcome to all the new parents and carers joining the school community.

For those who don't know, Buddies is the school PTA and all parents and carers are automatically members. We have an active committee which is elected every year and meets once a month on Monday evenings, usually at the Bure Farm pub.

We usually raise more than £10,000 annually and give this money to the school to benefit the children. This covers everything from extra classroom resources to subsidising trips and buying things like trikes, skeletons, guinea pigs and maps. Our big fundraising target at the moment is enough money for a new outdoor learning lodge for the school.

We hold events such as a Christmas fayre, summer fayre, school discos, uniform sales, comedy nights and sometimes even host a circus on the school field (more on this to come for 2027!).

Our AGM will be on Monday, October 5th in the school hall. We'll have snacks and drinks available and the new committee for 26-27 will be elected. Come along to find out more about Buddies and offer any ideas for new events.

Please get in touch if you would like to join the committee - we're always after new members. You can find out more by emailing bureparkpta@gmail.com

Makaton Sign of the Week



Sign of the Week

7th – 13th September 2026

This week's sign is '**Teddy Bear**'!

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



Teddy Bear



Hands clasp
upper arms

Teddy Bear
(or any cuddly toy)

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 7th September to Friday 11th September

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

Well done to Reception, Classes 1,2,3,5,6,10,11,12 this week who have met or exceeded this expectation. **We also met the whole school target!**

Nursery	92.62
Reception A	98.52
Reception B	98.19
Class 1	96.3
Class 2	97.94
Class 3	96.67
Class 4	95.02
Class 5	96.81
Class 6	100
Class 7	91.01
Class 8	93.72
Class 9	92.78
Class 10	97.92
Class 11	99.6
Class 12	97.7
School Total	96.45

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

Please note that anyone collecting your child must be aged 16 or over

Weekly Awards

Hot Chocolate Friday with the Head

Children who have displayed exemplary attitudes to learning and behaviour are invited to have a hot chocolate with Head on a Friday. This week's attendees were:

- Year 1: Oscar and Lily
- Year 2: Rory and Elodie
- Year 3: Mercy and Evelyn
- Year 4: Matilda and Ronnie
- Year 5: Archie and Katie
- Year 6: Gersi and Victoria

Well Done to all!

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.

- ❖ Key Stage 1: Link
- ❖ Lower Key Stage 2: Eilidh
- ❖ Upper Key Stage 2: Esme

Keep Reading!

Dates for the Diary

15th September - 9am - Coffee morning for parents with the Oxfordshire Mental Health Team

17th September - Flu Sprays Reception to Year 6

5th to 9th October - Y6 Woodlands Residential

7th October - 2.30pm Y5 Sharing Assembly

13th October - School Photos

21st October - 2.30pm Y6 Sharing Assembly

26th - 30th October - Half Term

2nd November - INSET and Parents Meetings

4th November - 2.30pm Y1 Sharing Assembly

11th November - 2.30pm Y4 Sharing Assembly

13th November - Children in Need

16th November - Odd Socks day for Anti-Bullying Week and Early Years Open Evening for September 2027.

18th November - 2.30pm Y2 Sharing Assembly

25th November - 2.30pm Y3 Sharing Assembly

2nd December - 2pm KS1 Production

3rd December - 9.30am KS1 Production

8th December - 9.30am Reception Nativity

10th December - 9.30am Reception Nativity

15th December - 10am Nursery Carols and Cake

18th December - Close for Christmas holidays at 2pm

5th January 2027 - Return to School

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Oxfordshire

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

2027

Up to **3,000** words for adults & young adults
and up to **1,000** words for children.

The winning story in each category will
be published as an ebook for library
members to borrow!

ENTRIES OPEN: 14 SEPTEMBER
CLOSING DATE: 15 NOVEMBER

Adults: 18+
YA: 12-17
Children: 7-11

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition

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**OXFORDSHIRE
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AGED 7-18?

WANT TO PLAY IN A BAND?

JOIN OUR BRAND NEW WEEKLY SESSIONS IN BICESTER!

Tuesdays @ Glory Farm Primary School

AGES 7-11: 4.30-6.30PM

AGES 11-18: 6.45-8.45PM

FREE TRIAL SESSION!
Booking Essential



- All abilities welcome!
- Instruments can be provided
- Learn bass, guitar, drums or vocals
- Fill in our online enquiry form now (QR code) to be sent full info and then get booked in!
- Learn in your lessons - play in a band each week - gig for friends and family every July!

SCAN HERE
to fill out our enquiry form



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www.therockproject.com



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



Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) - Autumn term 2026

Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support Monday 14th September 2026 7-9pm Or Friday 13th November 2026 9.30 - 11.30am Online - via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person	Understanding Schemas Exploring patterns of play, understanding why children use schemas and how to support their play and learning Wednesday 16th September 2026 Online – via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
ADHD Understanding ADHD in young children and practical ideas to support them Tuesday 29th September 2026 10-11.30am Or Thursday 19th November 2026 7 - 8.30pm Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Gestalt Language Processing How to support early language skills for young children including Gestalt learners Wednesday 30th September 2026 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
Introduction to supporting children with Down Syndrome Understanding the needs of children with Down Syndrome and strategies to support them Friday 2nd October 2026 9:30am - 12pm Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	Introduction to Signalong Signalong is a sign supported communication system for children with additional needs, supporting the development of speaking and understanding. This course will introduce you to the Signalong and you will learn some everyday signs that you can use in your home or school/setting. This course is designed for beginners and those who may wish to attend the Singalong Foundation Course later in the Autumn term.

	Monday 5th October 2026 9:30-11:30am Online via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person
All Things Visual Strategies Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them? Friday 9th October 2026 10 - 11.30am Online - via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	All things sensory processing - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs Thursday 15th October 2026 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 
Supporting children with Bereavement and Loss Looking at the impact of bereavement and loss on young children and strategies to support them Friday 23rd October 2026 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Selective Mutism Understanding the causes of selective mutism (situational mutism) and practical strategies to support children in early years and primary Friday 6th November 2026 9.30 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person
All Things Sleep - Looking at the challenges around sleep and bedtime for autistic children / those with social communication difficulties, and practical strategies to support Monday 9th November 2026 7 – 8:30pm Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person	Signalong Foundation Course Signalong is a sign supported communication system for children with additional needs and supports the development of speaking and understanding. This accredited course will equip learners with the skills they need to use Signalong as a way of supporting communication skills for children and adults. Signalong is a CPD accredited course. Tuesday 10th November to Tuesday 8th December 2026 (5 consecutive weeks) 9am-12pm Online via Zoom £200 plus VAT per person

Promoting Positive Mental Health in Young Children	Understanding AuDHD Supporting children who have a dual
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Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma Thursday 12th November 2026 9.30 am – 12pm Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	diagnosis of Autism and ADHD with practical strategies to help. Wednesday 25th November 2026 10 – 11:30am Online via Zoom £28 plus VAT per person
All Things Behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children Thursday 26th November 2026 9.30am – 12pm Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person 	Autism and Girls Exploring differences and diagnosis . Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them Thursday 3rd December 2026 10 - 11.30am Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person
All Things Communication and Play: Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together Friday 4th December 2026 9.30am - 12 Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person	

Contact Jaci Smith or Nikki Duhig at allthingsautism ltd@gmail.com or 01896 649211 to book your place/s



GOAL KEEPER WANTED! U11 GIRLS

School years 5&6



Please come along to one of
our sessions.

Cooper School Astro Pitch
(Furthest pitch away)

Thursdays 5.45 - 6.45

Bicester Park FC U11's girls, are looking for a new goal
keeper to join now.

Girls in years 5/6 from Sept 2026
are welcome!

Games will take place on Saturday mornings.

For more info, please contact us:

Email: john_yazdi@hotmail.co.uk

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