

Bure Park Primary School Newsletter

18th September 2026



We have had a very active week this week, with the school cross country on Wednesday. Well done to all the children who completed the course and the top four children from each age range will go forward to the partnership meeting next week. We also had the flu sprays and a parental coffee morning with the Mental Health Team.

Next week our clubs begin, many thanks to all the staff for offering these and the wide range of opportunities children have this term.

Many thanks to you all for returning the Home School Agreements, if you have lost your copy - please ask your child's teacher for another one. We have updated our parents code of conduct and this is now on the website. Please remember when speaking and writing to staff we follow the three school values of teamwork, honesty and kindness.

The application window for Year 7 places is now open and Year 6 parents have until 31st October to apply for places - please use the following link:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications>

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Moon

Head Teacher

Spotlight on Year 5

We have had an active week in Year 5. Our Computing focus is filmmaking and we have spent time practising filming techniques both inside and outside the classroom. We had to think about close up shots, long shots, different camera angles and sound awareness. We are looking forward to planning our own short films and applying the new skills we have learnt.



In PE we have focussed on developing our fitness. We have learnt how it is important to warm our muscles up before engaging in any fitness activity. We have been working in groups developing our fitness through a variety of tasks, including skipping, throwing, catching and running.



On Thursday we had our whole school cross country event and we are proud to say that we all took part and enjoyed it.

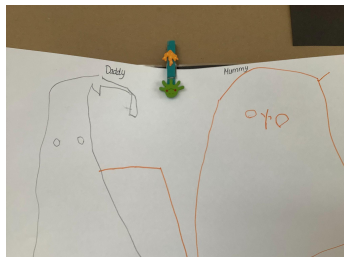


Spotlight on Reception

The Reception children have all settled really well into their early school life. They have been learning the routines of their school day and getting to know all of the adults in school. The children have enjoyed making and playing with their new friends in both Reception classrooms, as well as exploring the Early Years garden.

During their first few weeks in school, each child has drawn a photograph of themselves and their family. These are proudly displayed across our classrooms.

We are very proud of all the Reception children for how well they've adapted to school and welcome them and their families into Bure Park.



Cross Country

A huge well done to all of our children who took part in our cross country event this week! We were incredibly proud to see everyone showing our school values through their determination, resilience and teamwork.

It was fantastic to see children encouraging and cheering each other on throughout the event, celebrating one another's achievements and supporting their friends every step of the way.

Well done to our new Year 6 Sports Captains and everyone who took part — you represented our school brilliantly!

Congratulations to our winners as well:

Year 1: Jacob and Edith
Year 2: Billy and Artemis
Year 3: Ralph and Elspeth
Year 4: Isaac and Bella
Year 5: Luca and Bay
Year 6: Noah and Ruby



Buddies News

We've got a list of dates for big events this year - they are below. Please do put them in your diaries now as we would love your support!

We'll also be launching a direct debit regular giving scheme in the next few weeks. Please look out for a letter detailing how you can help support Buddies fundraising for the school.

A reminder our AGM will be on Monday, October 5th in the school hall at 8pm. We'll have snacks and drinks available and the new committee for 26-27 will be elected. All welcome! 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **AGM:** Monday, 5th October, 8pm
- **Halloween disco:** Friday, 16th October
- **Christmas fayre:** Saturday, 5th December
- **Comedy night:** Friday, 5th March, 2027
- **Circus:** Wednesday, 19th May 2027

Makaton Sign of the Week



Sign of the Week

14th – 20th September 2026

This week's sign is 'To Dance'!

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



To Dance



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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 14th September to Friday 18th September

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, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 this week who have met or exceeded this expectation.

Nursery	88.04
Reception A	95.09
Reception B	94.94
Class 1	96.3
Class 2	99.59
Class 3	97.41
Class 4	98.08
Class 5	94.98
Class 6	99.6
Class 7	89.89
Class 8	97.1
Class 9	90
Class 10	97.53
Class 11	94.05
Class 12	95.02
School Total	95.95

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: Milly and Jaxon
- Year 2: Artemis and Ayaat
- Year 3: Ruben and Aiden
- Year 4: Muhaimin and Finn
- Year 5: Kyran and Joshua
- Year 6: Maddie and Eva

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: Henry
- ❖ Lower Key Stage 2: Holly
- ❖ Upper Key Stage 2: Hannah

Keep Reading!

Dates for the Diary

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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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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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



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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What's the Rush?

Yiting Lee



Storytime and Drawing with Yiting Lee!

Join author-illustrator Yiting Lee for a fun reading of her book 'What's the Rush?' followed by an interactive draw-along session for kids!

Free event -
please
register at the
front desk.

Taking place on:

Saturday 24th October

11am-12pm



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VISITORS

Are you parked in our car park?

**Please note the gates will be closed
with restricted access between:**

8.30am – 9.15am

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Vehicle movement is restricted



**PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE BLIND BEND BY THE SCHOOL AS
WE HAVE HAD NEIGHBOURS COMPLAINING**