

Bure Park Primary School Newsletter

2nd October 2026



We ended the week with an addition to our usual celebration assembly from Rock Steady. Rock Steady offers music lessons every Monday and children join a band and learn either keyboards, drums, guitar or become the lead singer. The bands then perform three times a year for parents and the school community. Please see the information sent home if your child would like to begin sessions.

Next week our Year 6 pupils go on residential to Woodlands and we hope they have an amazing time. They will be canoeing, caving, completing a mountain walk and completing a high ropes course. We look forward to hearing about their adventures on their return to school.

Next Wednesday is also the return of our sharing assemblies and Year 5 will be the first to share.

We welcome two new Teaching Assistants, Ms Mel Jones and Mrs Ellie Mack. Ms Jones is very familiar with the school as up to today she was employed in the kitchen as the cook. We look forward to welcoming her to the other side of the school and she will be known as Miss Mel to help children with the transition.

Please don't forget to come to school on Monday evening for the Buddies (PTA) AGM meeting, it starts at 8pm in the hall and will last no longer than an hour. The Buddies have done some amazing things this year and raised a lot of money. Please come and celebrate their achievements and help plan some more events for this year.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Moon

Head Teacher

Cross Country - The Bicester School

Well done to all the children who took part in the next round of the Cross Country competition at The Bicester School last week.

We have now received the results and are delighted to announce that both our Year 3/4 Boys team and our Year 5/6 Boys team have qualified for the next round! We would also like to congratulate our individual runners in our girls teams who finished in the top 20 and have also qualified for the next round: Bella K, Bay and Ruby M. What a fantastic achievement!

If you would like to find out your child's individual position, they can speak to Miss Hunter, who will be happy to share their result.

A huge well done to everyone who took part. We are incredibly proud of you all!



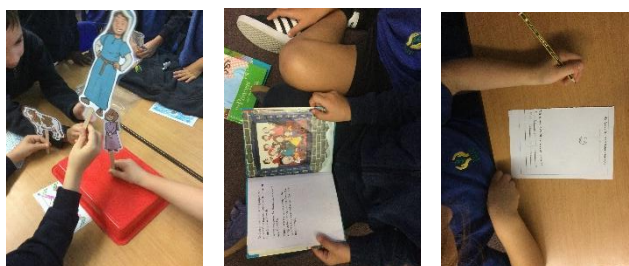
Focus on Year 2

What a busy start to the term it has been, getting to know (and establish) our new class families as well as new routines but the children have done incredibly well. Below is just a snippet of what we have done so far.

As part of our art focus, Explore and Draw, the children have been inspired by the environment and used a variety of media to recreate their ideas.



In English we are using traditional tales to reinforce understanding of word classes, expanded noun phrases and creating interesting sentences, ensuring that they are punctuating these correctly. The children have shared stories, retold stories and will be writing character descriptions.



Student Council

Dear all, Children in Need this year falls on Friday 13th November. To raise money for this worthy cause, the Student Council voted to have MUFTI Day (wear your own clothes) on Friday 13 November. We also voted to have some free play time. A link to make a voluntary payment of £1, or more, will be sent by Tucasi.

Also, the Student Council is hosting "**Bure Park's Got Talent!**" for KS1 and KS2. The Grand Final (best 12 acts across school) will take place on the afternoon of 13th November.

Auditions will take place by video. If your child chooses, and wishes to showcase a talent, please video (1 minute) and send to your child's teacher by 2nd November. Their Key Stage peers will vote for the finalists.

The talent must be able to be performed live on a small stage - therefore minimal props and not requiring lots of space. Maybe singing, dancing, small musical instrument, magic trick, jokes etc. You can be in groups up to 4.

Thank you, it should be really good fun!
Student Council

Buddies

Do you like drinks and nibbles? If so our AGM is for you! We would love to see some new faces so please do come along on Monday.

We'll start in the school hall at 8pm. 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. We'll also be planning the halloween disco.

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

We're also having a uniform sale later this month, on October 22nd.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **AGM: Monday, 5th October, 8pm**
- **Halloween disco: Friday, 16th October**
- **Uniform sale: Thursday, 22nd 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

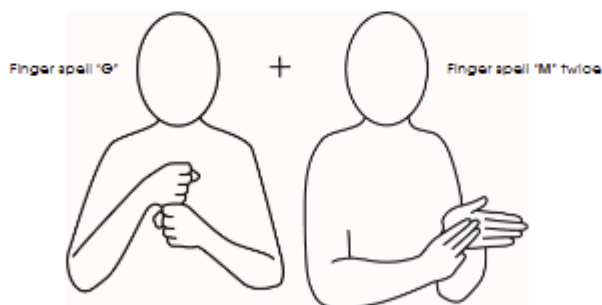
28th September – 4th October 2026

This week's sign is 'Grandma'!

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



Grandma



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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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Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'



SCHOOL HALL HIRE FOR CHILDRENS PARTIES

Are you looking for a venue to hold your child's birthday party? Did you know that we hire out our school hall?

You can hire the school hall, kitchen, community hall, toilets & car park for £25 per hour.

If you are looking to hold an outside party you can hire the field, toilets and car park for £10 an hour.

Please note we only hire the hall out during term time.

If you would like further details please come and speak to us in the School office.



Attendance Figures (%) Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October

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

Well done to Reception, Class 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11 this week who have met or exceeded this expectation. Class 2 made 100% - the first of the academic year! **We also made the whole school target!**

Nursery	93.15
Reception A	94.3
Reception B	97.41
Class 1	94.21
Class 2	100
Class 3	98.15
Class 4	98.08
Class 5	98.08
Class 6	98.85
Class 7	93.12
Class 8	96.62
Class 9	91.67
Class 10	98.04
Class 11	98.02
Class 12	96.93
School Total	96.94

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
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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: James and Sam Sam
- Year 2: Callum and Ivy
- Year 3: Zaiah and Elodie
- Year 4: Ivy and Teddy
- Year 5: Luna and Katie
- Year 6: Kit and Amelie

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: Isla
- ❖ Lower Key Stage 2: Thomas
- ❖ Upper Key Stage 2: Elyssia

Keep Reading!

Times Tables Rockstars Winners

This week's winners were the children who have played the most minutes in the last week:

- Year 6 - 1st Goncalo / 2nd Gersi / 3rd Owen
- Year 5 - 1st Pragati / 2nd Stefan / 3rd Elsa
- Year 4 - 1st Nikhil / 2nd Teddy / 3rd Ronnie
- Year 3 - 1st Miles / 2nd Lalalyn / 3rd Elspeth

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



Thank you to those of you who have already expressed an interest in supporting with reading at school.

The deadline for applications for these volunteering roles is:

Wednesday 21st October

Please collect an application form from the office.

Training will be arranged for the beginning of Term 2 and we will be in touch with all those who have expressed their interest to arrange this.

Many thanks!

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Mon: 6.45-7.45pm
Thurs: 7.30-8.30pm

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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



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 Signalong 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**