

Bure Park Primary School Newsletter

9th October 2026



It has been a strange week this week as our Year 6 have been missing as they have been on a residential to Woodlands, a centre I too went to when I was in Year 6!. It has been wonderful to see the pictures throughout the week of them literally having the time of their lives. I am certain that whilst they will have returned tired - the skills and challenges they have accomplished will be remembered forever. Many thanks to my amazing staff team of Mrs Colquhoun, Mrs Cowell, Mrs Hall, Mrs Lewis, Miss Worsfold, Mr Taylor, Miss Fagg and Mrs Hudson who accompanied the children on this adventure.

This week we had our first sharing assembly of this academic year, with Year 5 doing the honours. It was lovely to hear about your warm up exercises and listen to your character descriptions. Many thanks to the parents and family members who attended. We also had the Buddies AGM and it was lovely to welcome some new members onto the committee.

Next week we have School Photos on Tuesday and the Halloween disco on Friday.

If you haven't given us a follow yet, every Friday Mrs Lewis creates a post on our instagram page - [bureparkprimary](#). It gives the outside world the opportunity to see the wonderful things that go on in school on a weekly basis.

Mrs Wright, our EYFS Lead and EYFS/KS1 SENCo is running the Oxford Half Marathon on Sunday in aid of the Seesaw charity which supports young people with grief. If you would like to donate please use this link:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/charlie-wright-seesaw-2026?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional_-_donation_received_-_nth_donation&scrl_ybrkr=c5d7d8be

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Moon

Head Teacher

Focus on Year 3

Year 3 have started the academic year with a focus on volcanoes in our topic sessions. So far we have tried to make our own and succeeded in making them erupt. We have also been learning about some of the world's most famous volcanoes and locating them on a map.

We have also been learning about the different layers that make up the Earth and then used play dough to create our own models.

As part of our English focus we are developing our understanding and use of different word classes. This has included expanded noun phrases, powerful verbs and adverbs with the aim of creating some descriptive settings based around our text, 'When the Giant Stirred'.



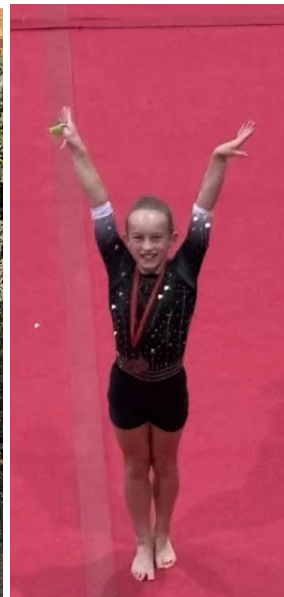
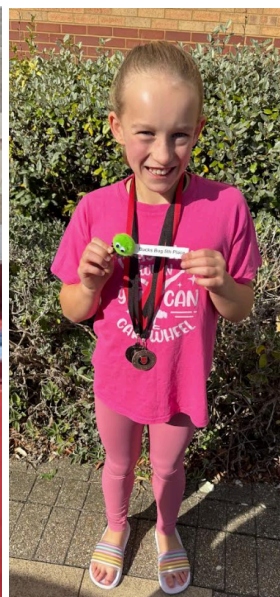
Focus on Reception:

This week in Reception we have been exploring Autumn. The children had a beautiful autumnal walk at the beginning of the week and enjoyed identifying some of the signs of autumn. We have definitely begun to feel like the weather is now feeling very autumnal too - which is excellent timing. Please encourage your little ones to talk to you at home about the signs of autumn that they know - especially if you are out and about over the week.



Classic Challenge Gymnastics Competition in Milton Keynes

Well done to Florence who took part in the Classic Challenge Gymnastics Competition in Milton Keynes last Sunday. She received two bronze medals for the vault and parallel bars and came 5th overall. Florence is a member of the Lace Hill Gymnastics Squad and trains with them Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday morning. She's put a lot of work in to get this far and has only been in their competition team for 8 months.



Buddies

The Buddies AGM was held on Monday in the school hall. Thanks to the support of the whole school community, Buddies raised over £15,000 last year - what a fantastic amount!

We used this money to fund the following:

Library furniture £1,735
Arts Week £1,000
Class resources £2,700
Class set-up 26/27 £1,500
Foundation learning resources £800
Yr 6 trip £610
Analogue watches and other educational supplies £714
Musical instruments £155
Young Voices coach £795
Classroom fans £443
House cup & Colour run resources £462

We also have some savings and the aim this year is to raise enough extra to buy a new outdoor learning lodge for the children.

We elected our new committee and planned the Halloween Disco, which is on Friday, October 16th.

There will be two sessions in the school hall:

- Years 1 and 2: from 4pm to 5pm. Book tickets here:
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/event/124435>
- Years 3, 4, 5, and 6: from 5.15pm to 6.15pm. Book tickets here:
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/event/124436>

Tickets cost £6 and include a drink, snack and treat. Children will not need to bring any extra money with them. Booking closes at midnight on Tuesday, October 13th.

Thank you to all who have generously signed up to our newly-launched direct debit giving scheme too.

Here's a few other 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

Details of the new committee can be found here
[Buddies Committee](#)

Makaton Sign of the Week



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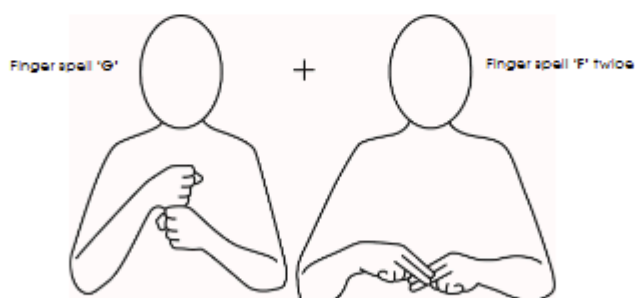
5th – 11th October 2026

This week's sign is 'Grandad'!

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



Grandad



Grandad

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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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 5th to Friday 9th 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 B and Classes 2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 12 this week who have met or exceeded this expectation.

We also made the whole school target!

Nursery	92.69
Reception A	94.07
Reception B	99.23
Class 1	95.06
Class 2	99.17
Class 3	99.26
Class 4	93.87
Class 5	95.79
Class 6	98.85
Class 7	92.06
Class 8	96.62
Class 9	93.33
Class 10	97.39
Class 11	100
Class 12	98.08
School Total	96.79

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:

- Reception: Zayan & Finn
- Year 1: Bellamy and Skylar
- Year 2: Daniel and Ranveer
- Year 3: Ruxi and Emilia
- Year 4: Judah and Charlotte
- Year 5: Kejsi and Elias

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.

- ❖ Reception: Melissa
- ❖ Key Stage 1: Adriano
- ❖ Lower Key Stage 2: Sophia
- ❖ Upper Key Stage 2: Hannah

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 Francis / 2nd Imogen / 3rd Amelie
- Year 5 - 1st Evie / 2nd Craig / 3rd Pragati
- Year 4 - 1st Mia / 2nd Judah / 3rd Isaac
- Year 3 - 1st Juan / 2nd Rodin / 3rd Eilidh

Dates for the Diary

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

Harvest appeal



****No pasta or cereals are needed****

Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 150 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

Tinned meat/fish

Tinned veg/fruit

Cooking sauces

Coffee

Milk (UHT)

Fruit juice (long-life)

Tinned puddings

Jam or peanut butter

Tinned soup

Hygiene products

info@bicester.foodbank.org.uk
www.bicester.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1132169)





FARM & FOREST HOLIDAY CLUB

@ WARRINER SCHOOL FARM

AUTUMN
HOLIDAY
CLUB

26TH - 28TH
OCTOBER

- Wild crafts
- Den building
- Campfire cookouts
- Meet the animals
- Tree climbing
- Rope swing
- & More!

9am to 4pm

half day sessions available

MON: KIDS (AGE 6-8)
TUES: TWEENS (AGE 9-12)
WED: TWEENS (AGE 9-12)

Email farm@warriner.oxon.sch.uk





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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Bure Park School
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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Bure Park Primary School

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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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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



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WE HAVE HAD NEIGHBOURS COMPLAINING**